

## Our Last Day at Bay Bayou RV Park

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Because we are on the road again tomorrow after a two-week stop over, our morning was spent cleaning and getting caught up on laundry. We have a European style [Splendide](#) washer/dryer on board and I do a small load of laundry daily, however when I do the bedding, I prefer to just wash a large load here and tumble dry it at a laundromat. Our machine doesn't tumble dry; it spins and uses heat to dry therefore large loads get very wrinkled. As one who lives in a motorhome, ironing isn't high on my list of priorities!

This afternoon we drove over to Indian Rocks Beach again to have a final fix of Guppy's on the Beach seafood chowder. It is just too good! Then Rick got a haircut and we worked our way back to Bay Bayou RV Park. It's a long drive with plenty of traffic so we try to take different routes home each time. This time we took US 19N and we stopped at a famous landmark to the religious and the curious. It seems on December 19, 1996, a women exiting a busy bank, looked up to notice a very defined image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, made of swirls in 9 large panes of black glass. Since then the bank has been purchased by [The Shepherds of Christ Ministries](#) and has become a shrine of sorts. Millions of people have flocked here over the past 7 years to view this image and pray and apparently some have been healed from various afflictions as a result. I have to say, it is very impressive, even from a non-religious point of view.

I spoke with a woman there who gave me a couple of cards with pictures of this on them and a website. For those of you who would like more information about this and the organization

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affiliated with it, you can go to [here](#). Here is the photograph I took.

Update: March 2, 2004 Vandals using possibly a slingshot, fired ball bearings at three of the panes, shattering the ones with the Virgin Mary's head. Click [here](#) for news article.