



The Fatima Project April 13-October 13

Please join the St. Teresa Parish
Family in a seventh month
pilgrimage to a Spiritual Fatima



A Journey of Sacrifice, Prayer, and Hope

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Event Calendar:

April 13th: Read the insert on the year 1916 in which the Angel appeared to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta and taught them to pray and sacrifice.

**Learn the Angel of Peace prayer*

**Have your children select sacrifices similar to the Fatima children as preparation for the journey.*

May 13th: Commit to a daily Rosary along with the Angel of Peace prayer. Read the insert on this first apparition. Continue sacrifices for Peace in the World.

June 6 8am Mass, First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart (#1)

June 13th: Introduce the Image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Explain the symbolism. Make a point of attending Mass on five consecutive first Saturdays as a Devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. Display an image of the Immaculate and Sacred hearts in your home. Read the insert of this apparition and continue to pray the Rosary.

July 4, 8am Mass, First Saturday Devotion (#2)

July 13th: Read the insert on this portion of the story. The children were shown hell and the poor souls in purgatory. Add the prayer for *poor souls in purgatory* to your daily rosary.

August 1, 8am Mass, First Saturday Devotion (#3)

August 13th: Read the insert on this portion of the story. The children were kept from their parents and did not see Our Lady on this date. Due to the local authorities, they spent it in jail. Perhaps use this time to pray specifically for those in prison, or isolated in any way. Continue to pray the Rosary and make sacrifices

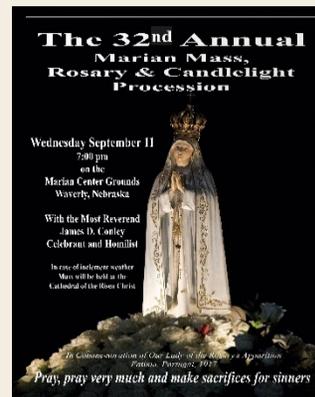
Sept. 5, 8am Mass, First Saturday Devotions (#4)

September 16th: Join us for the annual outdoor Marian Mass and Candlelight Procession held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center (near Waverly) with Bishop Connelly.

October 3, 8am Mass, First Saturday Devotion (#5)

October 10th-13th: Live performances of the play, *Fatima* by S.T.A.G.E. Theatre at St. Teresa's Kaczmarek Hall. See stage4kids.com or parish bulletins for details.

Concluding prayers to follow performances.



Join us in praying for conversion



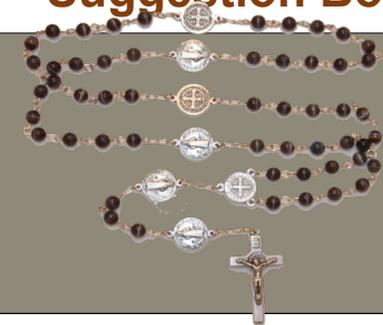
First Saturday Devotions

On December 10, 1925, Mary and the Infant Jesus appeared to Lucia at Pentevedra, Spain, where Lucia had been sent to the Dorothean Sisters to learn to read and write. Mary said that her heart was covered with thorns of ingratitude and blasphemies. She promised to assist us at our hour of death if we make reparation for those sins with the devotion of the First Saturdays.

On the first Saturday of five consecutive months, we are to:

- Go to Confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Say five decades of the Rosary
- Keep Mary company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary

Suggestion Box



Create a paper-bead rosary and attach it to a wall of your home like a timeline. Each bead will represent a day's walk to Fatima. As you make your journey say one Rosary per day. There are 59 beads per five-decade Rosary. If you place a bead on your timeline for each day's walk, you will reach Fatima in 177 days. Three full rosaries equals 174 beads. Begin your journey on April 13th, Easter Monday, and complete your journey on October 13th.

This photograph was taken on October 13, 1917 in Fatima, Portugal, where thousands of pilgrims witnessed The Miracle of the Sun.

The Fatima Year and Events

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The Angel of Peace Prayer

The Angel appeared before the children and taught them this simple prayer:

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You!”

Like the angel, teach your children this short and straightforward prayer as a means of honoring God and praying for others.

Other prayers the Angel taught:

“Through the infinite merits of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”

Before the Eucharist

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly, and I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the World, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference with which he himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of his most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners”.

April 1916

In March of 1916, in spite of an appeal by Pope Benedict XV for world peace, Portugal, led by the liberal non-Christian Republic, entered the great war. A few weeks later, the Angel of Portugal, appeared to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta on a small hill known as Cabeco. The brilliant figure of a young man, all in white, came as light and descended down upon a rock, saying: “Do not be afraid, for I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me. And kneeling on the ground, the angel prostrated himself saying, “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I

beg pardon of those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.”

As the Angel spoke these words, the children repeated them after him. He then rose and said, “Pray thus, the hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.”

He then disappeared as if dissolving into the sunlight.

The children remained kneeling for a long time, under the ecstasy of the moment. Lucia later stated, “It was so intense that we were almost unaware of our bodily existence for a long space of time.”

They repeated the Angel’s prayer over and over until they were exhausted. The children did not speak of this experience to anyone else.

The Angel appeared to them again a few weeks later.

“What are you doing? Pray, pray a great deal! The hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you! Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.”

Lucia asked, “How are we to make sacrifices?” The Angel replied, “Make everything you do a sacrifice as an act of reparation for sinners, and for conversion. This

will draw peace upon them, for I am the Guardian Angel of Portugal, the Angel of Peace. Above all, bear with submission the sufferings which the Lord will send you.” And thus the children were prepared a year in advance by the Angel. He taught them prayer and sacrifice so that they would be able to bear the hardships that came from the authorities and people of Fatima, and to also prepare them for their incredible encounters with OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.

Our Lady of Fatima Timeline

May 13, 1917-1st Message

Our Lady appears for the first time in the Cova da Iria/Message: “Visit me here for six consecutive months on the 13th at the same hour.”

June 13, Immaculate Heart

Our Lady appears for the second time and makes a request of the children: “I want you to come on the 13th of the month and recite five decades of the Rosary and learn to read. God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart.”

July 13, Children are shown Hell

Our Lady appears a third time: “Continue to come here on the 13th and to pray the Rosary for peace in the world. In October I will send a miracle.” Children are then shown hell where the souls of sinners go.

August 13, Children held in jail

A cloud (Mother Mary) is seen above the Holm Oak bush by pilgrims, but dissipates. There is no apparition because the children are not there. They are being held in jail by the Mayor of Ourem.

September 13, 4th Message

The children are returned to their families. Our Lady appears on September 13th: “Continue to say the Rosary, in October I will appear with Our Lord and St. Joseph. I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe.”

October 13, Miracle

Our Lady appears and performs the Miracle of the Sun to countless thousands.