



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. Begin watching *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*.

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)

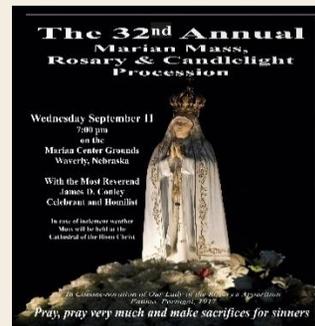
Sept. 5, 8am Mass, First Saturday Devotions (#4)

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

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 those who at the hour of death, make reparation for 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



Visit *Formed.org* and watch the following recommended documentaries on Fatima and Divine Mercy:

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told
Ten Episodes

watch.formed.org/divine-mercy-with-fr-michael-gaitley

Explanation of the Immaculate Heart

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immaculate_Heart_of_Mary

The Fatima Year and Events

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

“When you say the Rosary, say after each mystery...”

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins and save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need.”

The above prayer was taught by Our Lady of the Rosary to the three children. It has become a strongly-held tradition to pray it as part of the Holy Rosary:

An important element to the July 13th apparition is the revelation that prayer and sacrifice can alter world events for the sake of humanity. While the Fatima story affected events following WWII and led to the fall of communism during JP II’s pontificate, it is apparent we are still in need of Our Lady of “Mercy” to intercede on our behalf in our current world crisis.

Please commit to a daily rosary today.

July 13, 1917

The day after the June apparition, Lucia was taken to see Father Feherra, a local priest. Her mother was deeply annoyed at her child’s insistence on having seen the “Lady”.

“Don’t annoy me anymore! Tell the Prior that it was a lie, so that he can say on Sunday in church that it was a lie and end the whole affair!” Lucia’s mother demanded.

After hearing Lucia’s account, Father Feherra responded, “It may be a deception of the devil! We will see, we will see.” And so he left the matter saying he would take it up again later.

While Jacinta and Francisco assured Lucia it was not the devil, this all left Lucia terrified and gave her nightmares for weeks on end.

Due to this fear, as July 13th

neared, Lucia said she would not go to the Cova.

However, when the time came, she felt a strong urge to join her cousins on the hills of Cabeco.

The children were surprised to find a large crowd waiting. They had heard of the June apparition, and out of curiosity and hope, they arrived to see what would happen.

The children knelt and prayed the rosary and at one point, Lucia cried out, “Take off your hats, the Lady is coming!”

“What do you want of me?” asked Lucia as before. “I want you to come here on the thirteenth day of the coming month, and to continue to say five decades of the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war. For She alone will be able to help.”

Lucia responded, “I wish to ask you to tell us who you are, and to perform a miracle so that everyone will believe that you have appeared to us.”

“Continue to come here every month,” answered the Lady. “In October I will tell you who I am and what I wish, and will perform a miracle that everyone will believe. Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, O Jesus it is for your love, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate of Heart of Mary.” The Lady then opened her hands and poured down rays of light that penetrated the earth in which the children were shown hell. Lucia later wrote, “We saw a sea of fire and plunged in this fire were demons and souls, as if they were red-hot coals. They fell and lifted without equilibrium and shrieked with groans of sorrow and despair. It caused us to shudder in fear”

“You have seen hell, where

the souls of poor sinners go” she said at length. “To save them, God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If they do what I will tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end. But if they do not stop offending God, another and worse war will begin in the reign of Pius XI. To prevent this I come to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays. If my requests are followed, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not she will scatter here errors throughout the world, provoking war and persecution of the Church. But in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted and a period of peace will be granted.

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.