

Grace and Mercy

Devotional Calendar

1917

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial

Hail Mary,
full of grace

2017



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OUR LADY OF FATIMA

At the height of the Great War (1914 -1918) in 1917, Our Lady appeared to three little shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta at Fatima in Portugal. She brought a message of peace for a war-torn ravaged Europe and hope of salvation for mankind.

At Fatima Our Lady said that God wished to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, principally by these two means: the Consecration of Russia and the Communion of Reparation.

The message of Our Lady therefore, is a message of prayer, penance and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

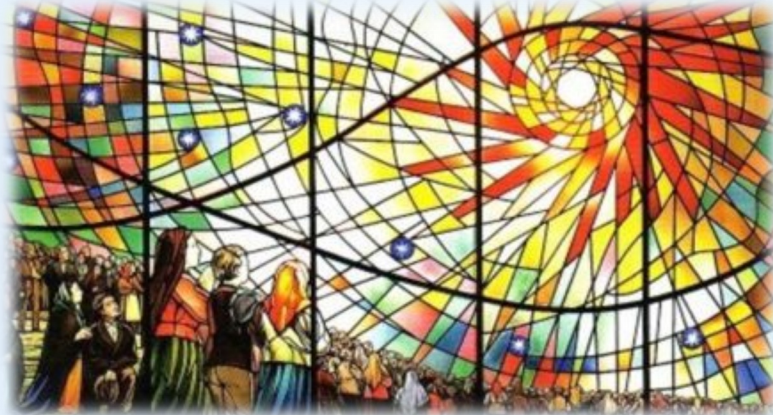
Four great supernatural events are associated with the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima:

- the 3 apparitions of the Angel in 1916,
- the 6 apparitions of Our Lady at the Cova da Iria in 1917,
- the Five First Saturdays in 1925 and
- the Last Vision of the Holy Trinity in 1929.



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The Miracle of the Sun, 13th October, 1917



The atheist journalist Avelino de Almeida described the events at the Cova da Iria on the 13th October in an article titled, **“Amazing! How the Sun Danced at Noon in Fatima.”** Here follows an excerpt of the article published in the anti-clerical Lisbon newspaper, O Século:

From beside the parked carriages where many thousands stood, afraid to descend into the muddy soil of the Cova da Iria, we saw the immense crowd turn toward the sun at its highest, free of all clouds. The sun seemed to us like a plate of dull silver. It could be seen without the least effort. It did not blind or burn. It seemed as though an eclipse were taking place. All of a sudden, a tremendous shout burst forth, **“Miracle, miracle!”** Before the astonished eyes of the people, whose attitude carried us back to biblical times, and who, white with terror, heads uncovered, gazed at the sun that trembled and made brusque and unheard of movements beyond all cosmic laws, the sun seemed literally to dance in the sky.



O povo ora ajoelhado e olhando o alto

manifestações sobrenaturais, sem temer que a invernia as prejudicasse, diminuindo-lhes o esplendor e a imponência... Vi que o desalento não invadira as almas, que a confiança se conservou viva e ardente, a despeito das inesperadas contrariedades, que a compozita da multidão em que superabundavam os componentes foi perniciosa e que as crianças, no seu entender privilegiadas, tiveram a acolhidas as demonstrações do mais intenso carinho por parte daquele povo que atendeu, se descobriu e rezou a seu mandado ao aproximar-se a hora do milagre, a hora do sinal sensível, a hora mística e suspensa do contacto entre o céu e a terra...

Eu quando já não imaginava que via alguma coisa mais impressionante do que essa rumorosa mas pacífica multidão animada pela mesma obsessiva ideia e movida pelo mesmo poderoso anseio, que vi em ainda de verdadeiramente estranho na charruca de Fátima? A chuva, à hora presenciada, deitou de cair, a densa massa de nuvens rompeu-se e o astro-rei—disco de prata fosca—em pleno zênith apparecer e começou a dançar em um bailado violento e convulso, que grande numero de pessoas imaginava ser uma dança serpentina, tão belas e rutilantes cores revelava successivamente a superficie solar...

Milagre, como gritava o povo, fenómeno natural, como dizem sabios? Não curro agora de sabel-o, mas apenas de te afirmar-o que... O resto é com a Igreja e com a Egreja...

Avelino de Almeida.



As tres crianças que dizem ter a Virgem falado com ellas.



O povo procurando aproximar-se da azulheira santa

(Clichés - Renoulet).



... que dos crentes foi aumentando de mar para mar, a ponto de se juntarem na charruca de Fátima, em 13 de outubro, umas cinquenta mil pessoas comumente em e'scala de indivíduos desamparados. Nas precedentes noites de 11 e 12, não faltou quem tivesse aquillo de singularidade astronómica e astronómica.

1.—O povo abrigado-se sob os seus paços...
2.—Um grupo de que se vê a Virgem...
3.—Um grupo de que se vê a Virgem...

historicois até os mais recentes e maravilhosois modicos de astronomia, e de de muitas vezes que suportaram os incómodos das terribes classes das condições, dentro das quaes, para percorrer hoje relativamente, poucas de fadigas, se perdem longas horas e até dias e noites Vi ranchos de homens

fericas" que se tornaram como indicio da inter"ata intervenção divina. Havia quem fizesse de súbita abstracção de temperatura, da scintillação de estrelas em pouco mais de 10 e de 20 vezes fadas "luzes vivas em torno do sol. Houve quem repetisse e propalasse e movido a que a Senhora recomendava penitencia, que pretendia a erecção de uma capella sobre o local, que em 13 de outubro manteria, por intermédio de uma pessoa venivel e toda, a infinita bondade e a omnipotencia de Deus...

Foi assim que, no dia 13 de outubro e à hora assignada, de parte e de longe a Fátima, arredando com todos os embargos e todos os diques das viagens, estarem e milhares de pessoas, umas que palmilharam leguas ao sol e à chuva, outras que se transportaram em maravilhosos vehiculos, dando os quasi pro-

de mulheres, pacientemente, como estiveiros d'um soubro dirigiram-se de viagem, para o sitio famoso, contando literal acres e contribuido dedicados ao fim de 13 e à recitação calandada do terço do Senhor, sem que se interrompesse, os desceres, os aberturas, a multidão quasi respeitosa de tempo, quando a Virgem do alto manifestaram as estradas poeiretas com fendas imensas e de decorações de seus modicos, por um dia, e a seguiram a hora do levantamento do milagre, o descobrimento e que não cessou para guardar como reliquias, era espreitada pela vasta ch'ruca que a entrada de Liria atravessou e dentro e que a mais pitoresca e heterog'nea concorrencia de carros e pessoas atiradas a'quillo dia miseravel, aguardar no melhor ordem as



A multidão, apontando-se para o sol de milagre, sobre o monte de Fátima, a olhar para o céu, a espera do sinal de Deus

Spring — 1916



Our Lady's apparitions of 1917 were preceded by the three Angelic apparitions of 1916. The Angel of Peace prepared the children for the appearance of the Blessed Virgin the following year.

He appeared in spring, summer and autumn and taught the three children two prayers to say and instilled in them the necessity of making reparation to God for the sin of atheism. But, not only prayer, also sacrifices were demanded as reparation for sins and the conversion of sinners.



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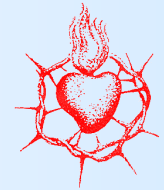
THE PARDON PRAYER, SPRING 1916

In the first apparition, the Angel of Peace, kneeling, with his forehead touching the ground said this prayer three times:

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



January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day MARY MOTHER OF GOD	2 NY Day Holiday	3 <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>St Raymond of Peñafort</i>
8 THE EPIPHANY	9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10	11	12	13	14
15 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	16	17 <i>St Anthony of Egypt</i>	18	19	20 Saint Agnes	21
22 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	23	24 St Francis de Sales	25 The Conversion of St Paul	26 Australia Day	27 Sts Timothy & Titus	28 St Thomas Aquinas
29 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31 Saint John Bosco				

Summer — 1916



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The Second Apparition of the Angel occurred in summer. Sister Lucia's words:

“Pray! Pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.”

“How are we to make sacrifices?” I asked.

“Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you.”



February 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 The Presentation	3	4
5 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 St Paul Miki & Co	7	8	9	10 Saint Scholastica	11 OUR LADY OF LOURDES
12 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13	14 Sts Cyril & Methodius	15	16	17 THE 7 HOLY FOUNDERS	18
19 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20	21 Saint Peter Damian	22 THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	23 Saint Polycarp	24	25
26 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27	28				

The Third Apparition of the Angel occurred in October, or towards the end of September. Sister Lucia's words:

Autumn — 1916

“While we were there, the Angel appeared to us for the third time, holding a chalice in his hands, with a host above it from which some drops of blood were falling into the sacred vessel. Leaving the chalice and the host suspended in the air, the Angel prostrated himself on the ground and repeated this prayer three times:



THE ANGEL'S PRAYER, AUTUMN 1916



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“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.”



March 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY	2	3	4
5 1 st Sunday of Lent	6	7 Sts Perpetua & Felicity	8 St John of God	9 St Frances of Rome	10	11
12 2 nd Sunday of Lent	13 Labour Day	14	15	16	17 SAINT PATRICK	18
19 3 rd Sunday of Lent	20 SAINT JOSEPH	21	22	23	24	25 THE ANNUNCIATION
26 4 th Sunday of Lent	27	28	29	30	31	

The Divine Mercy



Divine Mercy Image
St. Mary's Star of the Sea
West Melbourne

“Eternal Father, I offer You
the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of
your dearly be-
loved Son, Our
Lord Jesus
Christ, in atone-
ment for our sins
and those of the whole
world.”



“For the sake of his Sorrow-
ful Passion, have mercy on
us and on the whole world.”



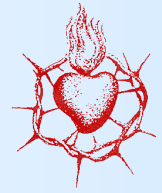
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St. Faustina
Apostle and Secretary of
God's Mercy



April 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 5 th Sunday of Lent	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Holy Week PALM SUNDAY	10 Holy Week	11 Holy Week	12 Holy Week	13 Holy Week HOLY THURSDAY	14 Holy Week GOOD FRIDAY	15 Holy Week HOLY SATURDAY
16 EASTER SUNDAY	17 Easter Monday	18	19	20	21	22
23 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	24 <i>Saint Fidelis</i>	25 Anzac Day	26 SAINT MARK	27 <i>Saint Louis de Montfort</i>	28 <i>Saint Peter Chanel</i>	29 <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>
30 3 rd Sunday of Easter						

13th May 1917



From Sister Lucia's Memoirs:

"..., there before us on a small Holm oak, we beheld a Lady all dressed in white.

She was more brilliant than the sun, and radiated a light more clear and intense than a crystal glass filled with sparkling water, when the rays of the burning sun shine through it."

The Eucharistic Prayer: 13th May 1917

This prayer stresses that most beautiful truth ... the all-powerful, all-loving presence of God upon our very altars.

**"O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God,
I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament."**



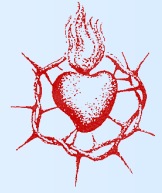
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The Message:

"Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."



May 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St Joseph the Worker	2 <i>Saint Athanasius</i>	3 STS PHILIP & JAMES	4 St Peregrine OSM	5	6
7 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY	8	9	10	11	12	13 1 st Apparition of OUR LADY OF FATIMA
14 5 th Sunday of Easter	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>
21 6 th Sunday of Easter	22 <i>Saint Rita of Cascia</i>	23	24 OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	25 <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	26 <i>Saint Philip Neri</i>	27
28 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	29	30 <i>Saint Joan of Arc</i>	31 THE VISITATION of the BVM			

13th June 1917

From Sister Lucia's Memoirs:

"As soon as Jacinta, Francisco and I had finished praying the Rosary, with a number of other people who were present, we saw once more the flash reflecting the light which was approaching (*which we called lightning*). The next moment, Our Lady was there on the Holm oak, exactly the same as in May."



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The Message:

"I wish you to pray the Rosary every day ... Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

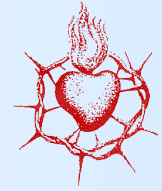
Above: Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Portugal.

Right: Holm oak tree (*Quercus ilex*), native to Portugal and Mediterranean countries.





June 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Saint Justin</i>	2	3 <i>Sts Charles Lwanga & Co</i>
4 PENTECOST SUNDAY	5 <i>Saint Boniface</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	12 Queens Birthday	13 <i>2nd Apparition of OUR LADY OF FATIMA</i>	14	15	16	17
18 CORPUS CHRISTI	19 <i>St Juliana OSM</i>	20	21 <i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	22 <i>Sts John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	23 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	24 THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
25 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26	27	28 <i>Saint Irenaus</i>	29 STS PETER & PAUL	30	

From Sister Lucia's Memoirs:

"A few moments after arriving at the Cova da Iria, near the Holm oak, where a large number of people were praying the Rosary, we saw the flash of light once more, and a moment later Our Lady appeared on the Holm oak."

The Vision of Hell

"As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands once more, as she had done during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, ... Terrified and as if to plead for succour, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly:"

13th July 1917

"... you have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

THE SACRIFICE PRAYER: 13TH JULY 1917

Our Lady said, "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice,

'O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.' "

THE DECADE PRAYER: 13TH JULY 1917

"When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery:

O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need."



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The Message:

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to continue to pray the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only she can help you."



July 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 13 th Sunday in OT	3 SAINT THOMAS	4	5	6 <i>Saint Maria Goretti</i>	7	8
9 14 th Sunday in OT	10	11 <i>Saint Benedict</i>	12	13 3 rd Apparition of OUR LADY OF FATIMA	14	15 <i>Saint Bonaventure</i>
16 15 th Sunday in OT	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Saint Mary Magdalen</i>
23 16 th Sunday in OT	24	25 SAINT JAMES	26 <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>	27	28	29 <i>Saint Martha</i>
30 17 th Sunday in OT	31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola					

19th August 1917



Aljustrel
66 COVA DA IRIA — Lugar dos Valinhos, onde Nossa Senhora voltou a aparecer aos pastorinhos
Fátima — The place of the Valinhos where Our Lady appeared again to the little shepherds
Fátima — Lieu des Valinhos, où Notre Dame apparût une autre fois aux Petits Bergers

VALINHOS

Where the apparition occurred on the 19th August.



The children were prevented from going to the Cova da Iria on the 13th of August by the local official who arrested them and put them in prison. Upon their release, the following Sunday on the 19th, Our Lady appeared to them at a place called Valinhos.



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The Message:

“Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.”



August 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	2 <i>St Peter Julian Eymard</i>	3 Saint Dominic	4 <i>Saint John Vianney</i>	5 THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR
6 THE TRANSFIGURATION	7 <i>Saint Cajetan</i>	8 SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS	9	10 <i>Saint Lawrence</i>	11 <i>Saint Clare</i>	12
13 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	15 THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	16 <i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>	17	18	19 4 th Apparition of OUR LADY OF FATIMA
20 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 Saint Pius X	22 THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BVM	23 <i>St Philip Benizi OSM</i>	24 ST BARTHOLOMEW	25 <i>Saint Louis</i>	26
27 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 Saint Augustine	29 The Passion of St John the Baptist	30	31		

13th September 1917



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The Message:

“Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Carmel. St. Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices. He does not want you to sleep with the rope on, but only to wear it during the daytime.”

“I was told to ask you many things, the cure of some sick people, of a deaf-mute...”

“Yes, I will cure some, but not others. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.”



September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4	5	6	7	8 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY	9 Saint Peter Claver
10 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary	13 5 th Apparition of OUR LADY OF FATIMA	14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS	16 Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
17 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18	19 Saint Januarius	20 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang	21 SAINT MATTHEW	22	23 St Pio of Pietrelcina
24 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25	26 Sts Cosmas & Damian	27 Saint Vincent de Paul	28 Saint Wenceslaus	29 Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	30 Saint Jerome

13th October 1917

The Miracle of the Sun



Chovia torrencialmente antes de começar o Milagre.

The Message:

October 13: *“I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honour. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day.”*
When Lucia asked for the cure of some sick persons and conversion of sinners, Our Lady answered: *“Some yes, but not others. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins. Do not offend the Lord Our God any more, because He is already so much offended.”*



October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 The Holy Guardian Angels	3	4 Saint Francis of Assisi	5	6 Saint Bruno	7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
8 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9	10	11	12	13 6 th Apparition of OUR LADY OF FATIMA	14
15 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 <i>Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch	18 SAINT LUKE	19 <i>St Paul of the Cross</i>	20	21
22 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 <i>St John of Capistrano</i>	24 <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	25	26	27	28 STS SIMON & JUDE
29 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31				



The Last Vision 1929

The last vision is connected with the consecration of **Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** and its conversion from atheistic communism.

It occurred on the night of the 13th of June, 1929 at Tuy in Spain, while Sister Lucia was praying in the convent chapel.

From the 'Memoirs' of Sister Lucy

“Suddenly the whole chapel was illumined by a supernatural light, and above the altar appeared a Cross of light, reaching to the ceiling. In a brighter light on the upper part of the Cross could be seen the face of a man and his body as far as the waist; upon his breast was a dove of light; nailed to the Cross was the body of another man. A little below the waist, I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus cru-

cified and from the Wound in his side. These drops ran down on to the Host and fell into the chalice. Beneath the right arm of the Cross was Our Lady and in her hand was her Immaculate Heart. Under the left arm of the Cross, large letters, as if of crystal clear water which ran down upon the altar, formed these words:

‘Grace and Mercy.’



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Our Lady then said to Sister Lucy:

“The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means. There are so many souls whom the Justice of God condemns for sins committed against me, that I have come to ask reparation: sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.”



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ALL SAINTS	2 ALL SOULS	3 <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	4 St Charles Borromeo
5 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6	7 Melbourne Cup Day	8	9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10 Saint Leo the Great	11 Saint Martin of Tours
12 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	13	14	15 <i>Saint Albert the Great</i>	16 <i>Saint Gertrude</i>	17 St Elizabeth of Hungary	18
19 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	20	21 The Presentation of the BVM	22 <i>Saint Cecilia</i>	23 <i>Saint Columban</i>	24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	25 <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>
26 CHRIST THE KING	27	28	29	30 SAINT ANDREW		



The Communion of Reparation

“Look, my daughter, at my Heart surrounded with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall



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THE PROMISE OF THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

On the 10th of December 1925, Our Lady once again appeared to Sister Lucia and said:

- ♦ confess,
- ♦ receive Holy Communion,
- ♦ recite five decades of the Rosary and
- ♦ keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me.”



December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 1 st Sunday of Advent	4 <i>Saint John Damascene</i>	5	6 <i>Saint Nicholas</i>	7 <i>Saint Ambrose</i>	8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM	9 <i>Saint Juan Diego</i>
10 2 nd Sunday of Advent	11 <i>Saint Damasus I</i>	12 <i>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</i>	13 <i>Saint Lucy</i>	14 <i>Saint John of the Cross</i>	15	16
17 3 rd Sunday of Advent	18	19	20	21 <i>Saint Peter Canisius</i>	22	23 <i>Saint John of Kanty</i>
24 4 th Sunday of Advent	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Boxing Day <i>Saint Stephen</i>	27 SAINT JOHN	28 The Holy Innocents	29 <i>Saint Thomas Becket</i>	30
31 THE HOLY FAMILY						

Prayer and Penance

At Fatima, in all her six appearances, Our Lady emphasized the importance of **prayer**, in particular the daily recitation of the Rosary, and signalled her desire, in the October apparition, that all Catholics wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of their devotion and consecration to her. The Rosary is a mini Gospel, recalling the historical event of the Incarnation, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord conjointly with his Blessed Mother. It is a most wonderful meditation of the history of the Redemption, to what Jesus and his Mother worked for us. It is a most powerful weapon to overcome the temptations of the devil, a great tool in the path to personal sanctification, to obtain from God the conversion of sinners, peace in the family and in the world.

In the Gospels the word penance means a conversion of one's life, a turning away from sin, and a turning back to God. As Our Lady insisted at Fatima: ***"Men must amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins. . . They must no longer offend Our Lord, Who is already so much offended."*** The Fatima message is a call for men to give up sinful practices which grieve God and draw down his chastisements on the world, and to make reparation for them. Commenting on Our Lady's request for penance, Sr. Lucia wrote: ***"The part of the last apparition which has remained most deeply imprinted on my heart is the prayer of our heavenly Mother begging us not to offend any more Almighty God, Who is already so much offended."***

The **penance** requested at Fatima was the fulfilment of one's daily duties and the observance of the Law, that is, the fulfilment of the precepts of the Church. The Church invites all Christians, especially during Lent, to prayer, fasting and self-denial, and the reading and meditation on God's holy Word. ***"Many persons,"*** Sr. Lucia explained, ***"feeling that the word penance implies great austerities, and not feeling that they have the strength for great sacrifices, become discouraged and continue a life of lukewarmness and sin."*** Then she said Our Lord explained to her: ***"The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfilment of his duties in life and the observance of my Law. This is the penance that I now seek and require."***



Timeline:

Our Lady, Tuy, Spain, 13th June 1929 — **“The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means. ...”** (p198)

1930's— The reigning Pontiff, Pope Pius XI (1922-1939), fails to perform any consecration.

August 1931— Our Lord to Sr. Lucy at Rianjo, Spain, in August, 1931, **“Make it known to my ministers given that they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of my command, like him they will follow him into misfortune.**

(<http://www.fatima.org/essentials/opposed/cvrup3.asp>)

31st October 1942 — Pope Pius XII performed a consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary making no mention of Russia.

May 1952 — There is the little known revelation of Our Lady to Sister Lucy in the early 1950s, which is recounted in *Il Pellegrinaggio delle Meraviglie*, published under the auspices of the Italian episcopate.

The Virgin Mary appeared to Sister Lucy in May 1952 and said, **“Make it known to the Holy Father that I am always awaiting the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. Without the Consecration, Russia will not be able to convert, nor will the world have peace.”**

7th July 1952 — Pope Pius XII performs another consecration, specifically mentioning Russia, but without the participation of the Bishops.

13th May 1982—At Fatima Pope John Paul II performs another consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

25th March 1984 — Pope John Paul II repeats the same consecration but no mention of Russia or the participation of the Bishops.

The Message:

Our Lady, 13th July 1917 — *When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and the Holy Father. To prevent this (the Second World War), I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded Russia will be converted, and there will be peace.*

COMMENTARY:

- *The Consecration of Russia, if carried out by Pope Pius XI, would have averted the Second World War.*
- *Not all the pontifical acts are listed here but the most important ones. It needs to be said that none of those pontifical consecrations to date, have yet satisfied to the letter the conditions outlined by Our Lady to obtain the desired conversion of Russia and peace for the world. Two crucial elements were lacking: either the word ‘Russia’ was missing in the text or the consecration was performed without the union of the Bishops.*
- *In 1689 St Margaret Mary was instructed to tell the Sun King, Louis XIV, to consecrate France to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. King Louis XIV failed to do so, a hundred years later in 1789 the monarchy collapses to the forces of the revolution.*

The Seven Precepts of the Church

The current Catechism of the Catholic Church lists only 5 precepts (2041, 2042, 2043), but originally there were seven. The last two are included elsewhere in the catechism but are not listed as precepts. And they are equally important. The original seven are listed here for historical purposes.

I. To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and resting from servile works.

II. To observe the days of abstinence and fasting.

III. To confess our sins to a priest, at least once a year.

IV. To receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter Season.

V. To contribute to the support of the Church.

VI. To obey the laws of the Church concerning Matrimony.

VII. To participate in the Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls. (Missionary Spirit of the Church)

THE ANGELIC PSALTER

Introduction: The *Angelic Psalter* (Holy Rosary) was also known as the Psalter of Jesus and Mary, because the fifteen decades of ten Hail Marys each contained as many Angelic Salutations as the 150 Psalms in the Book of David (David's Psalter). The Holy Rosary, being substantially composed of the prayer of Jesus Christ and the Angelic Salutation - *the Our Father and the Hail Mary* - and the meditation of the mysteries of Jesus and Mary, is without doubt the first and principal devotion in use with the faithful, from the time of the apostles and the first disciples down to the present.

The *Holy Rosary* in the form and method in which it is presently recited, was inspired by the Church and suggested by the Virgin to St. Dominic in 1214 to convert the Albigensians, who then infested France with their heresies, and sinners as Blessed Alan de la Roche wrote in his book: *De Dignitate Psalterii*. The Holy Virgin said to him: "*Do you know, dear Dominic, what weapon the Most Holy Trinity used to reform the world?*" - "*My Lady* - he answered her - "*You know better than me: after your Son Jesus, you were the principal instrument of our salvation.*" She added: "*Know that the most effective weapon has been the Angelic Psalter, which is the foundation of the New Covenant; therefore, if you want to conquer those hardened hearts for God, preach my Psalter.*" (The Secret of the Rosary, St. Louis De Montfort)

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

*traditionally recited on
Monday and Thursday*

1. *The Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel*
2. *The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth*
3. *The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem*
4. *The Presentation of the Baby Jesus in the Temple*
5. *The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple*

The Sorrowful Mysteries

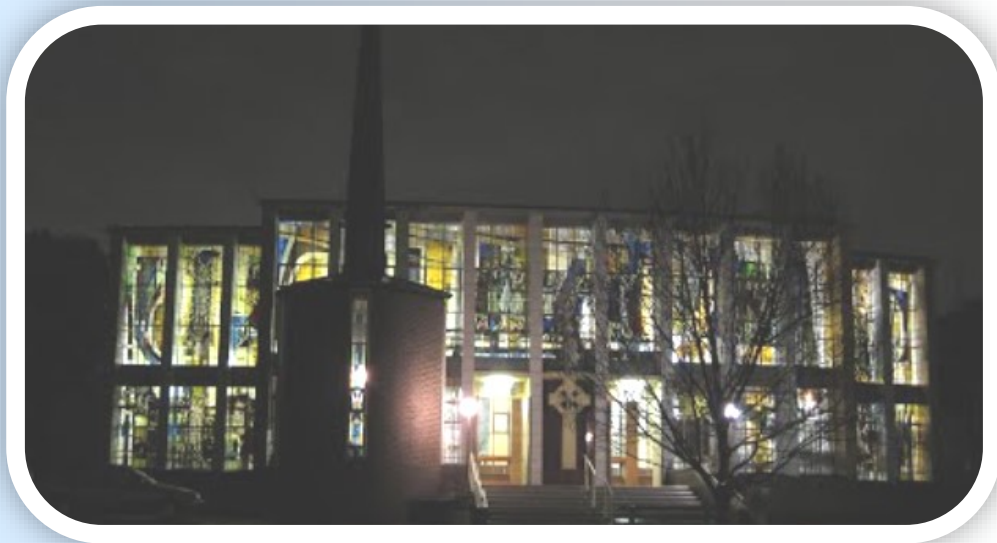
*traditionally recited on
Tuesday and Friday*

1. *The Agony in the Garden*
2. *The Scourging at the Pillar*
3. *The Crowning with Thorns*
4. *The Carrying of the Cross*
5. *The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord*

The Glorious Mysteries

*traditionally recited on Wednesday,
Saturday and Sunday*

1. *The Resurrection of Our Lord*
2. *The Ascension of Our Lord*
3. *The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles at Pentecost*
4. *The Assumption of Our Lady, Body and Soul into Heaven*
5. *The Crowning of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and earth*



Above: Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima,
St. Oliver Plunkett's Church, Pascoe Vale



St. Oliver Plunkett's Church, Gaffney Street,
Pascoe Vale, Victoria 3044



Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima



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