



GRACE AND MERCY



**THE COMMUNION
OF REPARATION**

For the Greater Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls



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- <http://campus.udayton.edu/mary/>
- http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/misc/Angels_Demons/ANGES_reparatrix.pdf
- <http://www.sicutincaelo.org>
- <http://www.rosary-center.org/fatima.htm>

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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 — through **penance, prayer,** and devotion to her **Immaculate Heart.**

Penance by the fulfilment of one's daily duties, and **prayer,** especially the recitation of the daily Rosary.

At Fatima 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 Five First Saturday's

THE HISTORY OF THIS DEVOTION

Saturday, since ancient times was dedicated to Our Lady, in the Middle Ages receiving a great impetus from the monastic Orders.

FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNION OF REPARATION

Servite Nun Originated Communion of Reparation

“We all know that from time immemorial Christian tradition had consecrated every Saturday to Our Lady. At Fatima, however, it was the First Saturday of each month which she herself particularly singled out for reparation to her Immaculate Heart.

Were these words of Our Lady’s “Great Promise” at Fatima the origin of the First Saturday Communion of Reparation? No. both St. Pius X and Benedict XV had previously indulged the practice.

Who, then, was the founder of the Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the First Saturday? As far as our studies have been able to determine, the founder was a Servite nun. And here is the story.”¹

*[1. Quote from an article found at the Marian Library.
<http://campus.udayton.edu/mary/>]*

MARIA DOLORES INGLESE **Servant of Mary Reparatrix.**

Maria was born in 1866 at Rovigo, Italy. From her childhood she nourished a particular devotion to Our Lady.

In 1899, enraptured in the contemplation of Calvary, she thought about the reparation that was offered to Jesus by loving and devoted hearts. Why was there nothing offered to Mary even though she had co-operated in our redemption and still was so often offended? This sudden inspiration so overwhelmed the heart and soul of Maria Dolores that she personally solicited anyone wishing to embrace such a devotion of reparation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

She immediately organized the reception of Holy Communion as a means of reparation; this was granted an indulgence in 1904 by Pope Pius X. She combined this practice to a holy hour of Reparation with the recitation of the Rosary and other prayers of reparation. She died on December 28, 1928 with a saintly reputation.



Even before she joined the Servants of Mary Reparatrix, Maria Dolores promoted devotion to Mary in the north of Italy with the recitation of the Rosary and the holy observance of Saturday.

This was the beginning of the first Saturday devotion of **Holy Communion for reparation**; it was the result of a revelation she received in 1903.

Her devotion to the Blessed Mother accompanied by her fervent prayers more than once enabled her to overcome the attacks from the devil who was enraged by the new devotion – which was providentially mentioned by the Virgin Mary at Fatima in 1917 – not content to terrify the young woman with coarse and vulgar visions, the devil physically approached her, saying: *“Your daily recitation of the Rosary causes me more pain and suffering than anything else. This prayer makes me incapable of causing you to sin by leading you into temptation; how I would wish to pull you down!”* She replied: *“I’m glad because now that you have told me this, I will never abandon this prayer!”*²

[2. http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/misc/Angels_Demons/ANGES_reparatrix.pdf]

FATIMA, PORTUGAL — 13TH JULY 1917

In 1917, Our Lady, on the 13th of July, appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. She showed to the children a vision of hell and said:

You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. I shall come to ask for ... the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays...

10TH DECEMBER 1925

The visits of Our Lady to Lucia did not end with those of 1917. In fact Our Lady appeared to her again in 1925 in her room at the convent of the Sisters of St. Dorothy.

On the 25th December, 1925, the most holy Virgin appeared to her, and by her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was a child. The most holy Virgin rested her hand on her shoulder, and as she did so, she showed her a heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. At the same time, the Child said:



"Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."

THE PROMISE OF THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

Then the most holy Virgin said:



“Look, my daughter, at my Heart surrounded with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death,

with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall

- ◆ *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.”*

Fatima in Lucia’s own words, p194

The last entry in the chronology of Fatima, published in the official Calendar of the Shrine for the year of 1940, and signed by Dom Jose Correia da Silva, the first Bishop of Fatima, gave a summary of Our Lady's requests concerning the Five First Saturdays. From that official statement in the Calendar of the Sanctuary, we read the Bishop's enumeration of the various items that pertain to the devotion of the five Saturdays:

It consists in going to Confession, receiving Communion, reciting five decades of the Rosary and meditating for a quarter of an hour on the mysteries of the Rosary on the first Saturday of five consecutive months. The Confession may be made during the eight days preceding or following the first Saturday of each month, provided that Holy Communion be received in the state of grace. Should one forget to form the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it may be formed at the next Confession, occasion to go to confession being taken at the first opportunity.

[<http://www.rosary-center.org/firstsat.htm>]

WHY FIVE SATURDAYS?



It is sometimes asked why Our Lady asked for Communions of reparation on five first Saturdays, instead of some other number. Our Blessed Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sister Lucia the 29th May, 1930. He explained that it was because of five kinds of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely:

- 1. blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception,*
- 2. against her perpetual virginity,*
- 3. against the divine and spiritual maternity of Mary,*
- 4. blasphemies involving the rejection and dishonouring of her images,*
- 5. and the neglect of implanting in the hearts of children a knowledge and love of this Immaculate Mother.*

CORRELATION WITH THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES



While any five of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary may be used, it is interesting to note the correlation that the five Joyful Mysteries have with the five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. THE ANNUNCIATION:

In this mystery the Archangel Gabriel greets Mary, calling her: ***“Full of Grace”*** (Lk 1:28). This particular title (chosen by God) has been used by the Church to help demonstrate that Mary was Immaculately conceived — for if she is ***full of grace***, there can be no room for any sin in her whatsoever. She is the **Immaculate Conception**. Thus, in honouring this mystery we make **reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception**.

2. THE VISITATION: In this mystery St. Elizabeth greets Our Lady exclaiming: “...*blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord*” (Lk 1:45). And what was it that Mary believed? She believed that though she was *vowed to God as a virgin* — “*I know not man*” (Lk 1:34). — She would nevertheless “*conceive*” and “*bring forth a son*” (Lk 1:31). Thus, in honouring this mystery we make **reparation for the blasphemies against Mary’s perpetual virginity.**

3. THE HOLY NATIVITY: In this mystery Mary gives birth to Jesus Christ the Eternal Son of God. By becoming man He became the brother of all men. One cannot have Jesus for his brother who has not Mary for his mother. Thus, in honouring this mystery we make **reparation for the blasphemies against Mary’s divine maternity and for those who refuse to recognize her as the Mother of men.**

4. THE PRESENTATION: In this mystery Mary brings her Divine Son in her maternal arms into the Temple. There she selflessly offers Him to his Eternal Father. If the Eternal Father has such confidence in Mary as to entrust his Divine Son with his mission to save man to her maternal care, have his creatures anything to fear in entrusting their children to her? Thus, in honouring this mystery we make **reparation for the blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference to, or scorn or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother.**

5. THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE: In this mystery Mary enters the Temple not seeking attention for herself; rather, her attention is solely for her Jesus. In our churches today it is the same: Mary, present through her images, does not seek the attention of souls for herself; rather, she seeks only to help them find, know and love her Jesus. Thus, in this mystery we make **reparation for the offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images.**

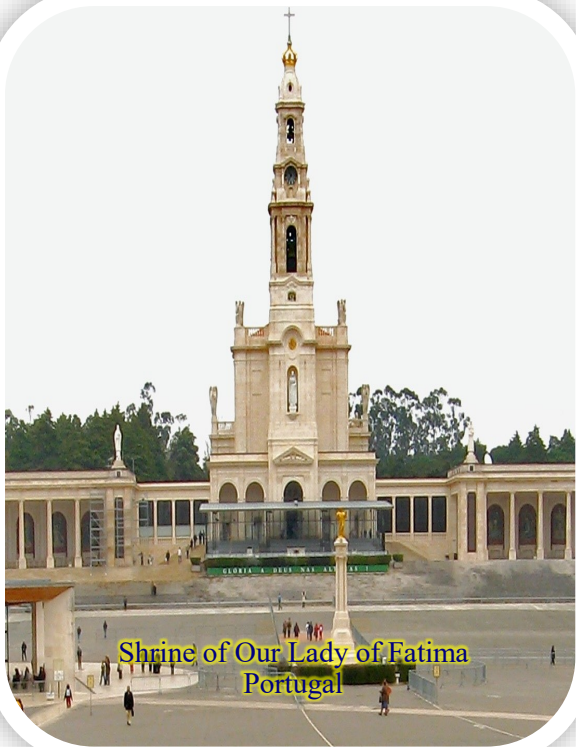
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