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Special Edition

For the 100th Anniversary of Fatima

All are invited to a special Mass celebration this coming **Friday, October 13th, at 7:30 p.m.**, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the final appearance of Our Lady to the three shepherd children (Lucia Santos and Francisco and Jacinta Marto) in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917.

That final appearance included what came to be known as the "Miracle of the Sun," with an estimated 70,000 people in attendance at the site.

At the end of the Mass, those who have been preparing for it will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



- Lucia Santos (3/22/1907—2/13/2005)
(1928: Dorothean Sister; 1946: Cl. Carmelite Nun)
- St. Francisco Marto (6/11/1908—4/4/1919)
- St. Jacinta Marco (3/11/1910—2/20/1920)

THE HISTORY OF OUR LADY'S



During World War I, Pope Benedict XV made repeated but forlorn pleas for peace. Finally in May 1917, he made a direct appeal to the Blessed Mother to intercede for peace in the world. Just over a week later, Our Lady began to appear at Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children, Lucia Santos, age 10, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (siblings), ages eight and seven. At the time, Fatima was a small village about 70 miles north of Lisbon.

The Angel of Portugal: In the Spring of the previous year (1916), the children had their first supernatural encounter. As they were looking after their sheep, they saw a dazzlingly beautiful young man who told them he was the Angel of Peace and invited them to pray with him. That Summer the Angel again appeared and told them to pray and make sacrifices to bring peace. He appeared again that Autumn, holding a Chalice with a Host above it, from which drops of Blood fell. He gave the Host to Lucia and let Francisco and Jacinta drink from the Chalice, saying, *"Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Repair their crimes and console*

your God." The children did not tell anyone about these visits of the Angel, feeling it necessary to keep quiet.

May 13, 1917: The three children took their flocks to an area known as the Cova da Iria. After saying a shorted version of the Rosary, they saw a bright flash. They looked up to see, in Lucia's words, "a lady clothed in white, brighter than the sun, radiating a light more clear and intense than a crystal cup filled with sparkling water lit by burning sunlight." The Lady smiled and said, *"Do not be afraid, I will not harm you. I come from Heaven to ask you to come here for six months on the 13th day of the month at this same hour. Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners?"* Lucia, as spokesman for all three, readily agreed. *"Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort. Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."* With that she rose and moved towards the east until she disappeared. The children resolved to go without lunch and to pray the full Rosary.



June 13, 1917: About fifty people turned up at the Cova da Iria when the three children assembled. The children then an apparition of Mary. Lucia asked her to take them to Heaven and was told, *"I will take Jacinta and Francisco shortly, but you will stay here for some time to come. Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. He wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart throughout the world. I promise salvation to whoever embraces it."*

Lucia asked, *"Am I to stay here alone?"* Mary replied, *"Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."*



July 13, 1917: The three children assembled at the Cova and again saw the beautiful Lady. Lucia asked her who she was and for a miracle so everyone would believe. *"Continue to come here every month. In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe... Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when 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'."* She then showed them a vision of Hell (see the details on Page Six within the article, *"The Secret of Fatima"*).

APPARITIONS AT FATIMA

August 1917: As August 13th approached, news of the apparitions reached the anti-religious secular press, resulting in many negative reports. The children were kidnapped that morning of the 13th by a local Mayor, Arturo Santos, and were interrogated about the secret; but despite threats and promises of money, they refused to divulge it. In the afternoon they were moved to the local prison and threatened with death but determined that they would die rather than reveal the secret. On August 19, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta again saw Mary, who said, *"Go again to the Cova da Iria on the 13th and continue to say the Rosary every day."* Mary also said she would perform a miracle, so all would believe. Looking very sad, Mary then said, *"Pray, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to Hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them."*



September 13, 1917: Very large crowds began to converge on Fatima from all directions. Around noon the children arrived. Mary appeared and said, *"Continue to pray the Rosary... 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."* Then Our Lady rose as usual, and disappeared.



October 13, 1917: Many pilgrims crowded into the area around the Cova and recited the Rosary. By mid-morning, a heavy rain began. The children reached the Holm oak around noon and then saw the flash of light as Mary appeared, saying, *"I want a chapel built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended."* Then, opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun and, as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself. After she disappeared, the crowds witnessed the great miracle, and the children saw the visions foretold during the September apparition.

Details of the Great Miracle: The solar phenomena on October 13 was described as "the dancing of the sun with fluctuations in color, its swirling and then descending toward the earth. There were also the stillness in the leaves of the trees in spite of howling winds, the complete drying of the rain-soaked ground, and the restoration of clothes all wet and covered with mud. Although October 13, 1917, is remembered for "The Miracle of the Sun," a great deal more took place. Physical cures of the blind and the lame were reported, and there were countless confessions of sin and commitments to conversion of life. The miracle is reported to have been seen from as far as 15 to 25 miles away, thus ruling out the possibility of any type of collective hallucination or mass hypnotism. Doubters and skeptics had become believers.



The deaths of Francisco and Jacinta: An influenza epidemic swept Europe in the Autumn of 1918, just as the war was ending, and both Jacinta and Francisco fell ill. Francisco died on April 4, 1919. Jacinta recovered after a time, only to be struck down with bronchial pneumonia and an abscess in her chest. After multiple surgeries and painful treatments, she eventually died alone in a hospital in Lisbon on February 20, 1920. Her body was returned to Fatima and buried with Francisco's until both were later moved to the Basilica built at the Cova da Iria.



Later apparitions to Sr. Lucia: Lucia became a Sister of St. Dorothy in 1928 and in 1946 she joined the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. Earlier, on December 10, 1925, Lucia had an apparition of the Blessed Mother with the Child Jesus. She had returned to ask for the Communion of Reparation we now call the First Saturday Devotion. Mary told Lucia to announce that she would provide the graces necessary for salvation to those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, confessed, received Holy Communion, and recited five decades of the Rosary, all with the intention of making reparation to her.

Our Lady of Fatima's

Our Lady came to Fatima to save us from Hell and to bring peace to the world. The core of her message can be expressed in three simple sentences: 1) Hell exists and souls are being lost to it because there is no one to make reparation for their sins; 2) War is a consequence of sin; and 3) The salvation of souls and the attainment of world peace require the conversion of sinners. ("People must stop offending God because He is already so much offended."). Almost everything else she said relates, either directly or indirectly, to these three fundamental elements (see below).



OUR LADY'S REQUESTS AT FATIMA



1. Daily offer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the sacrifices demanded by the duties required of your state in life, as well as whatever hardships and difficulties God permits to touch your life, in reparation for your own sins, for the sins of others, and for the conversion of all sinners. In other words, "offer it up."
2. Pray the Rosary daily while meditating on the Mysteries in reparation for sin, for the conversion of sinners, and for world peace.
3. Wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as both a sign and a reminder of your consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and as a protection against the snares of Satan.
4. Practice the "First Saturday" devotion by the Communion of Reparation: Go to Confession; Receive Holy Communion; pray five decades of the Rosary while meditating on the mysteries.
5. Contribute to the establishment of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by spreading the Message of Fatima.

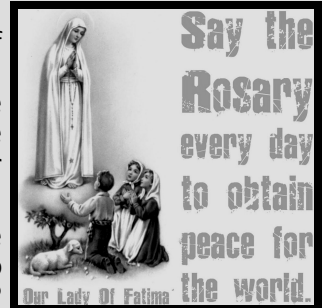
PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY FOR PEACE!

By Chris Sparks (TheDivineMercy.org)

The world, of course, was never meant to be our real home. That will be in Heaven. However, for what it is, it's still a real mess. For instance:

- ◆ Christians are being persecuted across the globe, as Pope Francis keeps pointing out and as much of the Western world continues to ignore.
- ◆ Nuclear weapons appear to be quietly (and not so quietly) proliferating, including in North Korea.
- ◆ Abortion continues across the United States and around the world, symptomatic of the culture of death.
- ◆ Wars and violence continue to displace massive numbers of refugees, driving them to turn to the hospitality of their neighbors in a desperate bid for survival.

And those things are just skimming the surface. Why are we facing such troubled times? What does it take to achieve peace in this world? And does God even care? Pope Francis had a decisive answer for us in his message for the 2016 World Day of Peace: *"God is not indifferent! God cares about mankind! God does not abandon us! Peace is both God's gift and a human achievement. As a gift of God, it is entrusted to all men and women, who are called to attain it."* Peace



is in God's gift, yes—but we have a part to play as well.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's final appearance to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, on October 13, 1917, let us answer her appeal to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world. This will allow us to enter into union with the divine plan—a plan that promises peace in our hearts, peace in our families, and peace in the world. Peace comes from right order, from a culture of life leading to a civilization of love, to a world in which relationships are rightly ordered and where God's will is our will—and God's will is done. All this comes through our cooperation with grace.

Message To The World

The world is shaped less by power, wealth, and strength, than it is by children, elderly, and those who are, in the eyes of the world, weak. Look at the life and impact of St. Faustina Kowalska, for instance. A religious sister in pre-war Poland, largely uneducated, dedicated to taking care of women and girls who had fallen into prostitution and other forms of sin. This does not sound like the resume of one of the most influential women of the 20th Century. And yet the Divine Mercy message and devotion that she passed on to the Church and the world from Jesus has sparked what has often been called the greatest grassroots movement in the history of the Church.



So in our tumultuous age, the solution to the problems of the present day will not ultimately be found in politics and power, in military might, or by diplomatic cleverness. Our answer will be found in God and His Church—right where Heaven has been saying it is for these past 100 years. Our Lady of the Rosary came to us at



Fatima and told us what we needed to do to obtain peace in the world. Have we done it? Or have we been like Naaman the leper? Naaman was a Syrian, a man of great wealth and power, who suffered from leprosy. He came to Israel to seek healing and was told by the prophet Elisha, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored..." Instead Naaman became angry, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" It was only after his servants reasoned with him that Naaman consented to go and do the seemingly meaningless task set before him by the prophet. And guess what? His leprosy was healed and he was made clean (2 Kings 5:8-14).

Have we fallen into the same error? Do we dismiss the Rosary, saying, "It is a prayer for old women and children! It went out with Vatican II. We have better, more liturgical ways of prayer. We are too spiritually mature to do something as simple or superstitious as praying the Rosary." If you know people who dismiss the Rosary like that, tell them about the book, *Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon*, by Fr.

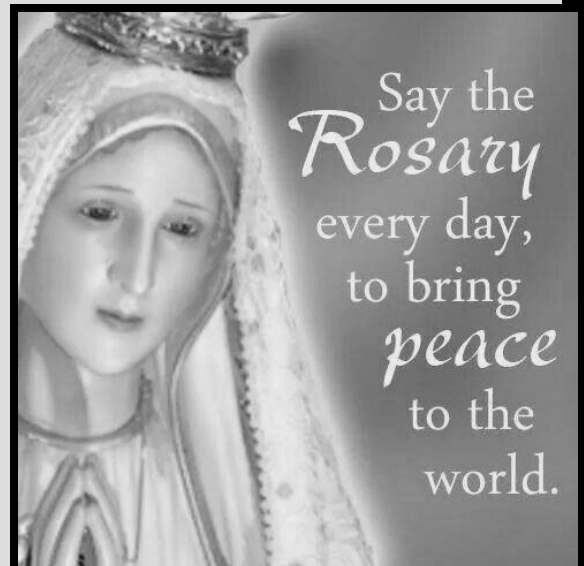
Donald Calloway, MIC. Share with them the litany of saints and scholars, of popes and ordinary people, all of whom either saw great miracles or won extraordinary victories, and welcomed the triumph of the Blessed Virgin Mary into their lives. Devotion to the Rosary has wrought miracles before, and will do so again, if only we pray it up with faith.

"The Most Holy Virgin, in these times in which we live, has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary"

- Lucia Dos Santos (oldest of the three Fatima seers).

Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, met a priest who was ministering in Japan. The priest told him about being at an international gathering of Christians and foreign dignitaries when the ambassador from Japan approached him and said, "Because of you Catholics, we do not have peace in the world. War is your fault!" The priest replied, "Ambassador, why do you blame us?" The ambassador said, "You believe the Lady came to Catholics at Fatima, right? She told them what to do to secure peace in the world. Well, there's no peace in the world, so obviously you Catholics haven't done what she asked." The priest still tried to protest, saying, "Isn't peace everyone's responsibility?" The ambassador was vehement. "No, she came to you Catholics. NOT to Buddhists! NOT to Hindus! It is YOUR responsibility." That ambassador had more faith than a lot of Catholics!

Our Lady of Fatima said to "Pray the Rosary Daily for Peace." So, in this year of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, let us respond with faith and commit to praying the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and reparation of sin, and for peace in the world, peace in our families, and peace in our souls.



The Secret of Fatima

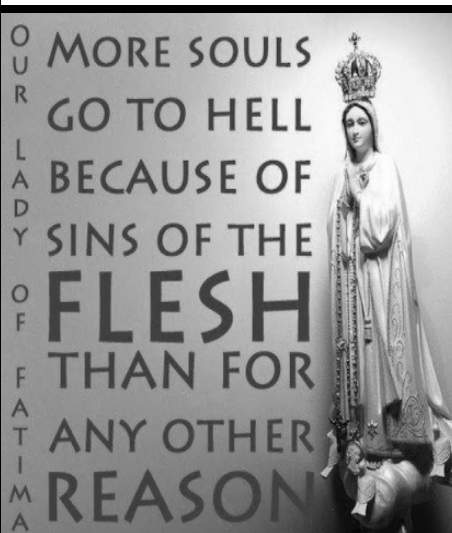
During her July 13, 1917, apparition to the three children at Fatima, Our Lady gave them a three-part secret. The first two parts were revealed in Sr. Lucia's letter to her Bishop on August 31, 1941: "What is the secret? I think I may reveal it, because I have permission from Heaven now. The secret is composed of three different parts, two of which I will go on to reveal."

The First Part of the Secret: The Vision of Hell: Our Lady told the three seers, *"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say very often, especially when you make some sacrifice: 'O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'" In saying these last words, she opened her hands and the light coming from them seemed to penetrate the earth. Lucia wrote, "We saw, as it were, a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, raised into the air by the flames and clouds of smoke that issued from within themselves, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which made us tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. Terrified, we looked up at Our Lady who 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. The war is going to end (WWI), but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you that God is about to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father.'"*



The Second Part of the Secret: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: *"...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; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world... The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved."* Pope St. John Paul II made the collegial Consecration of the world and Russia (implicitly) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25, 1984. Sr. Lucia said the Consecration was "accepted by Heaven."

The Third Part of the Secret: Symbolic Meaning: The third part of the secret was requested of Sr. Lucia by the Bishop of Leira when she fell seriously ill in mid-1943. The bishop feared she would die and take the secret with her. In obedience, she tried on numerous occasions to write it down without success. Finally on the night of January 3, 1944, Our Lady came to her and told her, *"Do not be afraid, God wanted to prove your obedience, faith and humility. Be at peace and write down the vision you saw, but not its meaning, which has been given to you to understand. After writing it down, place it in an envelope, seal it, and write on the outside, 'To be opened in 1960 by the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon or by the Bishop of Leira.'"* The third part of the secret was published by the Vatican on June 26, 2000, after approval by Pope St. John Paul II. The Third Secret, placed in the envelope by Sr. Lucia, reads as follows:



"At the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire. Pointing to the earth, the Angel cried out, 'Penance, Penance, Penance!' We saw an immense light that is God, a bishop dressed in white (we had the impression it was the Holy Father), and other bishops, priests, and men and women religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big cross. Before reaching there, the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and, trembling with a halting step and afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the dead he met along his way. Having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the cross, he was killed by soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him. In the same way there died one after another the other bishops, priests, men and women religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the cross there were two Angels, each with a crystal aspersorium (a liturgical implement used to sprinkle holy water), in which they gathered up the blood of the martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God."

Mass Intentions

For the Week from 10/7/17 to 10/15/17

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Mrs. John Pierce, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Roseanne Jezerinac & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Sarita Gomez, INT

11:00 a.m.: Adela Turiano, RIP

1:00 pm (Latin) Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Annette Saucillo, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sean Jezerinac & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Serafini, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bill Owens, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Missionaries of Charity Sisters, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Lito Tabhan, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Veronica, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Serafini, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Veronica, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Clare Ryan, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Diana Tharp, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Bob Costongnia, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Lim Eng Choan, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: James Lim, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

The Prayers of Fatima

The following five prayers were taught at Fatima, either by an Angel or by Our Lady:



THE PARDON PRAYER: The angel who appeared to the children called himself the Angel of Peace and the Angel of Portugal. He taught them the following prayer: *My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.*

THE ANGEL'S PRAYER: On one occasion, the three children saw the angel prostrate before a host and chalice that hung in the air. Worshipping the Eucharist, the angel prayed, *Most Holy Trinity –Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee 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 indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: During the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, the children found themselves “moved by an interior impulse,” as Lucia later explained, to say the following prayer together: *Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament*

THE SACRIFICE PRAYER: The Blessed Mother taught the children to offer all their personal sacrifices to God by praying, *Oh my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

THE ROSARY DECADE PRAYER: The Blessed Mother stressed the critical importance of praying the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and for peace in the world. She asked that the following prayer be recited at the end of each Rosary decade: *O, My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*

Floral Dedication

This week's dedication is:

In Loving Memory of Baby Cecilia Crow



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