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SAINT MARY'S NEWSLETTER



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My Dear Faithful,

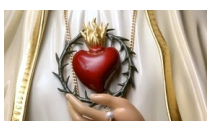


ext year will see the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three little shepherds of Fatima. These apparitions are vital in time for the peace in the world as well as in our own souls. The Blessed Virgin Mary brought us the remedy for overcoming the evils of our time. The remedy is to be found in the devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

On 13th June 1917, Our Lady asked the children of Fatima to pray the rosary daily. What is more, on this same day, she gave to Lucia the mission to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Thus, she promised Lucia: *"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."*

This devotion comes straight from Heaven in order to help us carry on in our Christian life so shaken and affected by the modern world. The world claims to be independent from God and thinks that we can put aside, or even disregard, His Commandments. Hence the loss of any sense of justice and gratitude towards God without whom we would not even exist. Hence the prejudices against Almighty God, prejudices which demand reparation.

The spirit of reparation is the heart of this devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thus, on 13th June 1917, Our Lady revealed to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco her Immaculate Heart,



surrounded by thorns, outraged by the sins of humanity, and seeking reparation for them. Reparation may be made by saying our rosary but also and especially by making sacrifices. These are the two means used by the Children of Fatima. These are the means requested from Heaven so that we may keep the genuine Christian spirit and then defeat the world.

In this way, I should like the faithful to acquire, deepen, or even extend this devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This can be done particularly by doing, or doing again, the first five Saturday of the month by attending the offices at Preston. From September, we may start at 10.30am so that we may do the meditation on the mysteries of the rosary altogether. It is good to consecrate this special day of the month to this devotion and plan it in advance so that the chain may not be broken. The sacrifice that you should make to attend the offices at Preston is worth making. It is the essence of this devotion. As we say: "no pain, no gain."

I hope this preparation for this important anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima will get us closer to our Blessed Mother and ultimately to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of our souls. Let us always keep this desire to go to Jesus through Mary.

Father Vianney Vandendaele +

New Rosary Crusade

Bishop Bernard Fellay, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X announced another Rosary Crusade as a spiritual preparation for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

At the priestly ordinations in Zaitzkofen (Germany) on 2nd July 2016, Bishop Bernard Fellay, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X announced another Rosary Crusade as a spiritual preparation for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima (May to October 1917).

This crusade will be held from 15th August 2016 to 22nd August 2017.

It follows the intentions indicated by the Blessed Virgin herself: (I) Jesus wishes to establish in the world the **devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**. In order to do so, all the faithful are invited:

1. to recite the *rosary* daily, alone or as a family;
2. to accomplish the devotion of the *reparatory communion* on five first Saturdays, and to multiply their daily *sacrifices* in a spirit of reparation for the outrages against Mary;
3. to wear the *miraculous medal* themselves and to diffuse it around them;
4. to *consecrate their homes* to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Besides the propagation of this devotion, we will also pray (II) for the **triumph of the Immaculate Heart** and (III) for the pope and all the bishops of the Catholic world to **consecrate Russia** to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

And as a special intention we will add (IV) the **protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Society of St. Pius X** and all its members in addition to all the religious communities of Tradition.

The goal set by Bishop Bernard Fellay is a bouquet of 12 million rosaries and 50 million sacrifices for Our Lady of Fatima.



WHAT TO DO:

1. Record the daily family rosaries that you already say, multiplied by the number of family members.
2. Record the sacrifices that you make.
3. Put this on your fridge.
4. Calculate the grand total and either (a) submit the numbers at fssp.uk/en/rosarycrusade (b) or return the form by hand, email or post to: ROSARY CRUSADE
St. George's House
125 Arthur Road
Wimbledon
SW19 7DR
district.uk@fssp.uk

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Heart of Jesus, Mother and Queen of our household, in order to fulfil Thy ardent desire, we consecrate ourselves to Thee, and we beseech Thee to reign over our family. Reign over each one of us, and teach us how to make the Sacred Heart of Thy Divine Son reign and triumph in us and around us, as He has reigned and triumphed in Thee.

Reign over us, O Beloved Mother, so that we may be Thine both in prosperity and in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in life and in death. O most compassionate Heart of Mary, Queen of Virgins, watch over our souls and our hearts and preserve them from the flood of pride, impurity, and paganism of which Thou hast complained so bitterly. We desire to do reparation for the numerous crimes committed against Jesus and Thee. We call down upon our home, upon the homes of this country and upon those of the entire world, the peace of Christ in justice and charity.

Wherefore we promise to imitate Thy virtues, by the practice of a Christian life, and by frequent and fervent Holy Communion, regardless of human respect. We come with confidence to Thee, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love; inflame us with the same divine fire that has inflamed Thine own Immaculate Heart. Kindle in our hearts and homes, the love of purity, an ardent zeal for souls, and desire for the holiness of family life. We accept now, all the sacrifices that the Christian life will impose on us and we offer them to the Heart of Jesus, through Thy Immaculate Heart, in a spirit of reparation and of penance. To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary be love, honour, and glory forever and ever! Amen.

First Saturdays: a Fatima request!

During her July 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucy, *“I shall come to ask... that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world.”*

Request of the Two Hearts

On 10th December 1925, our Blessed Mother again appeared to Lucy at Pontevedra, Spain. Sr. Lucy, while a Dorothean postulant, was in her cell when Our Lady appeared to her, placing one hand on Sr. Lucy's shoulder and in the other hand showing her a heart surrounded by thorns. Next to the Blessed Virgin was the Child Jesus borne by a luminous cloud and He said to her:

“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.”

Then the Most Blessed Virgin said:

“Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at very 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 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”



Five parts of the request

1. Spirit of reparation

The spirit of reparation is a loving desire to make reparation to and console the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Our Mother. It considers the offenses which the Immaculate Heart of Mary now receives from those who reject her maternal intervention and despise her prerogatives.

One should make this intention before carrying out Our Lady's requests. A renewal of the actual intention at the time is best.

2. Confession in the spirit of reparation

If one cannot go to confession the first Saturday of the month, one can go within eight days. Even one's monthly confession would be sufficient, which would need the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

3. Reparatory Communion

This is the essential act of this devotion. If a just reason prevents the Communion on a First Saturday, with the priest's permission it may be received the following Sunday.

4. Recitation of the rosary

The rosary is a vocal prayer said while meditating upon the mysteries of Our Lord's and Our Lady's lives. To comply with the request of our Blessed Mother, it must be offered in reparation for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart and said properly while meditating.

5. 15-minute meditation

Also offered in reparation, the meditation may embrace one or more mysteries; it may include all, taken together or separately. This meditation should be the richest of any meditation, because Our Lady promised to be present when she said *“...those who keep me company...”*

Five types of offenses

One could wonder: why five Saturdays? Our Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucy on 29th 1930.

“My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;
2. Blasphemies against her virginity;
3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men;
4. Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children, indifference or scorn or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;
5. Offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images.

Here, my daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of reparation...”

Three fruits of this devotion

To those who faithfully follow our Lady’s requests, she has made this wonderful promise to *“assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation.”* This means that our Blessed Mother will be present at the hour of death with the actual grace of final perseverance.

This devotion obtains the conversion of sinners.

Although it is not a question of competition nor the fact that we must materially tick all the boxes, this little table may help to keep track on the different exercises which must be done for five consecutive Saturdays

In spirit of reparation do:				
	Confession <small>(8 days before of after)</small>	Holy Communion <small>(on Saturday)</small>	Rosary <small>(on Saturday)</small>	15 minutes of meditation <small>(on Saturday)</small>
1st month				
2nd month				
3rd month				
4th month				
5th month				

“So numerous are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against me that I come to ask for reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.” (Our Lady to Sr. Lucy at Tuy, 13th June 1929)

As Lucy put it:

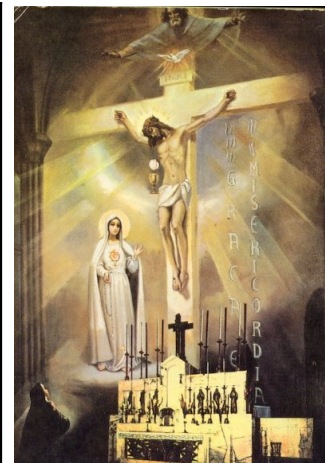
“In consideration of this little devotion, They [Jesus and Mary] wish to give the grace of pardon to souls who have had the misfortune of offending the Immaculate Heart of Mary.” (Letter of May 1930).

In His Providence, God decided that the peace in the world will depend on this devotion.

“Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is why I desire its propagation so ardently, especially because this is also the will of our dear Mother in Heaven.” (Sr. Lucy, 19th March 1939).

After completing the five first Saturdays, one may continue the devotion simply to console the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady. A tender love of our Blessed Mother will lead one to do all he can to make reparation for the sins which pierce her Immaculate Heart.

Let us remember, too, that although Our Lady made this promise to those who would observe five consecutive first Saturdays, in her July apparition she asked simply that Communions of reparation be made on every first Saturday to atone for the sins of the world.



Frequently Asked Questions: First Saturday

1. Would an extra rosary of about 15 minutes fulfil the request of the 15 minutes of meditation in company with Our Lady?

It would seem, if fruitfully meditated, that it would. Or the time could be spent reading meditatively on one of the 15 mysteries, which is a form of mental prayer that involves reading with frequent pauses to reflect on the matter read.

2. When or where the rosary should be said?

The five decades of the rosary may be recited at any time or place; yet, since one will be attending Mass in order to receive Holy Communion, a very desirable time and place would be before, after or even during Mass in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Meditation on the mysteries according to one's capacity is an essential condition for praying the rosary. Yet, involuntary distractions do not rob the rosary of fruit if one is doing the best he can.

3. What happen if one forgets to form the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary when making the confession?

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.

4. Should the meditation embrace one or more mysteries?

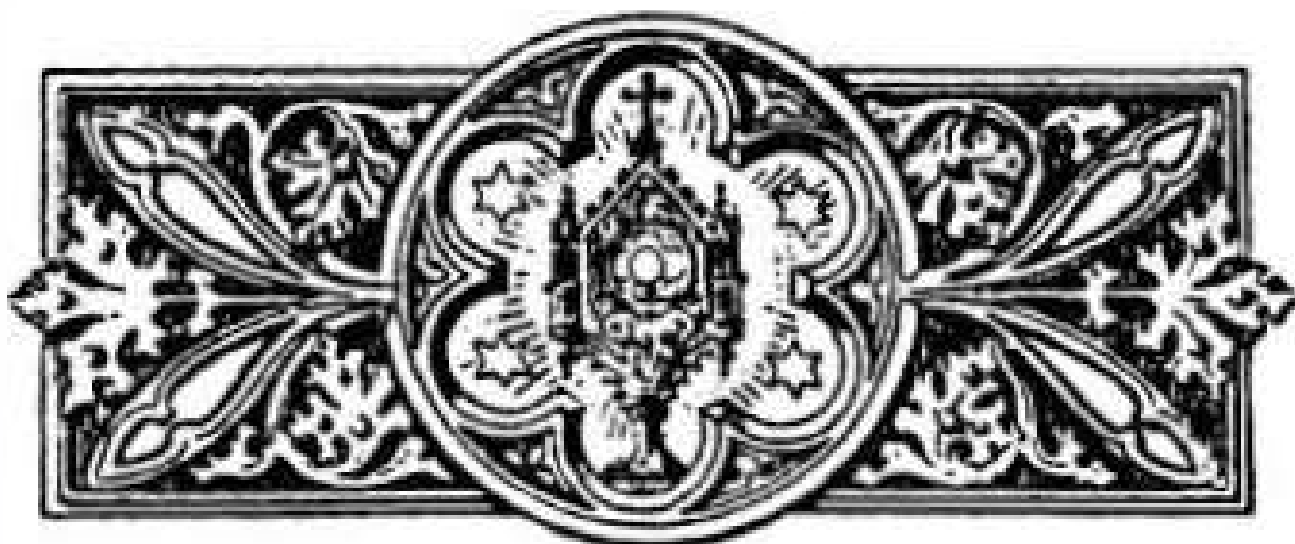
The meditation embraces one or more mysteries; it may even include all, taken together or separately, according to individual attraction or devotion; one can meditate on one mystery each month.

5. Is assisting at Mass a requirement of the five first Saturdays?

No, and this is very consoling for the sick; this devotion can be completed from their home. With the permission of the priest visiting them, the communion could even be made another day!

6. Are the five Saturdays consecutive ones?

Yes, it must be five consecutive first Saturdays. The idea of the five first Saturdays is obviously to make us persevere in these devotional acts for this period of time, and to overcome the initial obstacles. Once this is done, Our Lady knows that the person will, if he faithfully cooperates with her grace, become attracted to her pure and Immaculate Heart, and persevere in practising such devotion on all first Saturdays, labouring thereby at his own personal sanctification, and for the salvation of others.



7. Can this devotion of the first Saturdays be made on Sunday?

Regarding the difficulty of fulfilling the reparatory Communion on Saturday, Our Lord answered Sr. Lucy on 29th May 1930: *“The practice of this devotion will be equally acceptable on the Sunday following the first Saturday when my priests, for a just cause, allow the faithful.”*

This way, not only the Communion, but also the recitation of the rosary and the meditation on the

mysteries can be made on Sunday, and for just reasons (work, school, sickness, distance or other...) which can be judged by the priest.

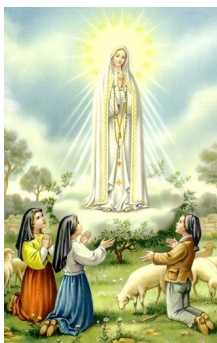
8. Can one make the 15 minutes of meditation during Mass?

The bishop of Leiria answered this question as Lucy wrote in 1939. *“As Holy Mother the Church allows various obligatory prayers, such as one’s penance for Confession, etc., to be recited during Mass and the precept is fulfilled, so it is in this case.”*

Apparitions of Our Lady in 1917: 1st apparition

Location: Cova da Iria

Date: 13th May 1917



- «Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm!
- Where are you from?
- I am from Heaven.
- What do you want of me?
- I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the 13th day, at this same hour. Later on, I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterwards, I will return here yet a seventh time.
- [- Can you tell me if the war will still last too long or it will be over soon?- I cannot yet tell you until I say what I want of you.]
- Shall I go to Heaven too?
- Yes, you will.
- And Jacinta?
- She will go also.
- And Francisco?
- He will go there too, but he must say many Rosaries.
- [...]
- Is Maria das Neves in Heaven?
- Yes, she is.” (I think she was about 16 years old).
- And Amélia?
- She will be in purgatory until the end of the world.
- [...]

- 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 sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?”

- Yes, we are willing.”

- Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.

As she pronounced these last words “...the grace of God will be your comfort”, Our Lady opened her hands for the first time, communicating to us a light so intense that, as it streamed from her hands, its rays penetrated our hearts and the innermost depths of our souls, making us see ourselves in God, Who was that light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best of mirrors. Then, moved by an interior impulse that was also communicated to us, we fell on our knees, repeating in our hearts:

- O most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!”

After a few moments, Our Lady spoke again:

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

Fatima in Lucia's own words, Fátima, pp.174-177 (IV Memoir); the section between square brackets belongs to the inquiries the parish priest made to the seers, on May 27, 1917, the section between brackets belongs to the interrogation of the priest to the seers, on May 27, 1917, Documentação Crítica de Fátima. I, Fatima Shrine 1992, p. 9

The Secret of Mary

PRAYER TO MARY

68. Hail, Mary, most beloved daughter of the eternal Father; hail, Mary, most admirable mother of the Son; hail, Mary, most faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit; hail, Mary, Mother most dear, Lady most lovable, Queen most powerful! Hail, Mary, my joy, my glory, my heart and soul. You are all mine through God's mercy, but I am all yours in justice. Yet I do not belong sufficiently to you, and so once again, as a slave who always belongs to his master, I give myself wholly to you, reserving nothing for myself or for others.

If you still see anything in me which is not given to you, please take it now. Make yourself completely owner of all my capabilities. Destroy in me everything that is displeasing to God. Uproot it and bring it to nothing. Implant in me all that you deem to be good; improve it and make it increase in me.

May the light of your faith dispel the darkness of my mind. May your deep humility take the place of my pride. May your heavenly contemplation put an end to the distractions of my wandering imagination. May your continuous vision of God fill my memory with his presence. May the burning love of your heart inflame the coldness of mine. May your virtues take the place of my sins. May your merits be my adornment and make up for my unworthiness before God. Finally, most dearly beloved Mother, grant, if it be possible, that I may have no other spirit but yours to know Jesus and his divine will. May I have no soul but yours to

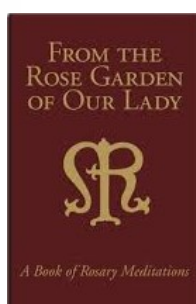
praise and glorify the Lord. May I have no heart but yours to love God purely and ardently as you love him.



69. I do not ask for visions or revelations, for sensible devotion or even spiritual pleasures. It is your privilege to see God clearly in perpetual light. It is your privilege to savour the delights of heaven where nothing is without sweetness. It is your privilege to triumph gloriously in heaven at the right hand of your Son without further humiliation, and to command angels, men, and demons, without resistance on their part. It is your privilege to dispose at your own choice of all the good gifts of God without any exception.

Such, most holy Mary, is the excellent portion which the Lord has given you, and which will never be taken from you, and which gives me great joy. As for my portion here on earth, I wish only to have a share in yours, that is, to have simple faith without seeing or tasting, to suffer joyfully without the consolation of men, to die daily to myself without flinching, to work gallantly for you even until death without any self-interest, as the most worthless of your slaves. The only grace I beg you in your kindness to obtain for me is that every day and moment of my life I may say this threefold Amen: Amen, so be it, to all you did upon earth; Amen, so be it, to all you are doing now in heaven; Amen, so be it, to all you are doing in my soul. In that way, you and you alone will fully glorify Jesus in me during all my life and throughout eternity. Amen.

Recommended Reading



First published in Bavaria, Germany in 1929, this book contains a beautiful line illustration of each mystery, several paragraphs from the Gospels (or a Father of the Church) on each mystery, followed by ten profound mini-meditations - one for each Hail Mary. An indispensable book (that fits in your pocket) for anyone who wants to **stop merely SAYING the Rosary and start PRAYING the Rosary!**

This is a perfect support for the 15 minutes of meditation and improving our recitation of the rosary. If some people are interested in buying this book, they can let me know so that we may place an order as soon as possible.

Notices

Holy Day of Obligation

This is the Mass time for the feast of the **Assumption of Our Lady** on Monday 15th August 2016:

- ♦ Manchester: 12.30pm
- ♦ Preston: 7pm



Holywell Pilgrimage



This year the Holywell pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 10th September**. This is the schedule:

- ♦ **12 Noon: Holy Mass** at St. David's Chapel, Mochdre
- ♦ **3pm: Prayers and Devotions** at St. Winefride's Well

Sunday Mass Schedule and Locations

<u>PRESTON: Our Lady of Victories' Church</u> East Cliff, off Winckley Square - PR1 3NA	Every Sunday: 9.30am
<u>MANCHESTER: Saint Pius X's Chapel</u> 16 Deerpark Road, off Alexandra Road South - M16 8FR	Every Sunday: 12.30pm
<u>LIVERPOOL: Saint Peter and Paul's Church</u> 35 Upper Parliament Street - L8 7LA	2nd & 4th Sunday of the month: 5pm
<u>RHOS-ON-SEA: Saint David's Chapel</u> Conwy Road (A547), Mochdre - LL28 5AA (North Wales)	1st Sunday of the month: 5pm
<u>BINGLEY: The Little House</u> Market Street - BD16 2HP	3rd Sunday of the month: 5pm

Ordinary Weekday Masses at Preston

(This schedule is subject to change; please check beforehand on the **inside notice board** or <http://sspx.uk> — **Mass Times** — **this week**)

Monday: 9am
Tuesday: —
Wednesday: —
Thursday: —
1st Friday: 7pm
1st Saturday: Holy Hour at 11am & Mass at 12.15pm