



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar and Newsletter

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April	May	June
Holy Father’s Intentions		
That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.	That...we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.	That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.
That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.	That Mary’s intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.	That...many young people [will] desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue’s U.S. Tour for Peace

The 21-month tour of the world famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is a nation-wide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts. That’s because prayer is more powerful than any army on earth. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima begins this journey across 100 diocese in America, honoring the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. The tour begins March 20, 2016 and concludes on December 20, 2017.

Recalling the message of Fatima, **“Do not be afraid. I am from Heaven.”** On the 13th day of the months of May – October, 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia

dos Santos, and Jacinta and Francisco Marto, at the Cova da Iria in Fatima, Portugal. Her message, imparted through specific requests, has become known as the Peace Plan from Heaven.

“...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.”

Pope Benedict XVI said at Fatima, May 13, 2010, that the prophetic mission of Fatima is not yet complete because 1) our Lady’s



message at Fatima, which contains fundamental truths of our faith, is still guiding and encouraging the Church, and 2) we have not yet seen the glorious triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which the Pope prayed would occur by the year 2017.

If we heed our Lady’s call to personal holiness, prayer and reparation for sin, we will see the blessings promised at Fatima poured out abundantly on us! The Pope emeritus exhorted, “Learn the message of Fatima! Live the message of Fatima! Spread the message of Fatima!”

Details and updates about the tour are available at www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

The Year of Mercy—The Gospel of Mercy



Pope Francis has been aggressively promoting the Extra Ordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. A booklet entitled *“The Gospel of Mercy”*, compiled by Michael D. Wick, is a collection of excerpts taken from Pope Francis’ writings, homilies, reflections and Tweets. A

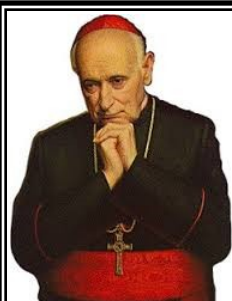
brief list of thoughts are presented herein for your meditation during this special year of Mercy.

- ◆ The mercy of God is His loving concern for each of us.
- ◆ Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.
- ◆ The Blessed Mother is the Mother of Mercy.
- ◆ Mercy is the foundation of the Church’s life.
- ◆ Rediscover the corporal works of mercy and do not forget the

spiritual works of mercy.

- ◆ The cross of Christ is love and mercy.
- ◆ The Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, are privileged places of encountering Christ.
- ◆ Constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy.
- ◆ Mercy is always greater than sin.
- ◆ God’s forgiveness is stronger than any sin.

Prayer vigil to “Dry the tears” for all those in need of consolation will be held on May 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM at St. Peter’s Basilica. Pope Francis will preside.



The Most important Person on Earth is a Mother

Mothers day will be celebrated on May 8 this year. Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty wrote: She [a mother] has built a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body...Only a human mother can share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven...God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation.

Our Great Need for Divine Mercy

The Second Sunday of Easter is dedicated to the devotion of Divine Mercy (This year it is April 3). The second part of the 'last gift' of St. John Paul II for Divine Mercy Sunday was: "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles and reopens



hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!
Lord, you revealed the Father's love by your death and Resurrection; we believe in you and confidently repeat to you today: **Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.**

Pope Francis Desires a Year of Grace

The Pope met with the clergy of Rome on February 11, 2016 to ask the priests to live mercy to the fullest, in understanding and pardoning those who come to them in the confessional. The Pope said that people need to find in their confessor "a father who never lets the child go far".
Pope Francis said that the Jubilee of Mercy is the fruit of spiritual inspiration which began with Paul VI, repeated in the teaching of John Paul II, the message of Faustina Kowalska, and in the catechesis of Benedict XVI. He invited priests to be generous in forgiveness and in understanding the languages of the penitents, that is, there is a language of words, but there is also the gestures that express the will to touch upon the forgiveness of God.

Lukewarm Catholics

Pope St. Pius V stated: "All the evils of the world are due to lukewarm Catholics". The Book of Revelation addresses lukewarmness: "...because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth..."
What is the cause of this condition of being lukewarm? There are many reasons, but a major one is that "God is a low priority in the lives of people, in our own life and in the family" according to Fr. William Casey, Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. He continues by asking some very relevant questions. For example: "Is your daily life

characterized by spiritual sloth, TV, iPad, computers, addictions to technical gadgets, time wasted, and toleration of habitual sin? Is there a lack of devotion in your life, compromise with the world, and silence in the face of sin, error and evil?"
As a solution, Fr. Casey recommends a robust Spiritual health that depends on "developing **SEVEN DAILY HABITS**:"
◆ **The Morning Offering,**
◆ **Spiritual Reading,**
◆ **The Rosary,**
◆ **Holy Communion,**
◆ **Mental Prayer,**

◆ **The Angelus,**
◆ **Daily examination of Conscience."**
Our lack of spiritual focus is evident every time we enter a church. Unfortunately, the church building is no longer a place of encounter with God but a social center; it has become a place of chatter rather than prayer. We must regain the sense of the sacred which has always been the hallmark of Catholic worship. St. Padre Pio said, "Be firm in your resolution, stay in the ship in which Christ has placed you..."
Let us not allow ourselves to be lukewarm Catholics!

Pope Francis Urges Care for the Poor

After reading many of Pope Francis' pleas to care for the poor, this editor tried to define poor. Many people claim to be poor, but how do they characterize the quality of being poor? We certainly have people in the world who do not have sufficient food nor adequate shelter. However, the most profound aspect of poverty was described by Blessed Mother Teresa: "The spiritual poverty of the Western World is much greater than the physical poverty of our people [in India]".

Members Corner

- ◆ We extend appreciation for the generous donations of Mary Ann Buberniak (NC), and Thomas & Jean Zirbes (AZ).
- ◆ Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gomek (PA) for the box of rosaries which will be sent to the missions.
- ◆ A box of rosaries and other religious items were sent to Fr. Damian in Tanzania.
- ◆ New members: Casey and Rachael Dillon (MO).

Our Rosary Calendar Spiritual Directors and Advisors

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Our Purpose

To spread Our Lady of Fatima's message by praying: the Rosary daily, for our Holy Father, for the end of abortion, for Our Holy Church, and for family members. You are encouraged to: *on 1st Saturday's for five consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary, and meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.*

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