



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar and Newsletter

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Holy Father’s Intentions		
That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.	That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.	That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
That...Latin American Christians may bear witness to love the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.	That...we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.	That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

Third Apparition and the Third Secret of Fatima

The text of the Third Secret was published on June 26, 2000. Along with the text of the secret, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger published a theological commentary in which he states: "A careful reading of the text of the...third 'secret' of Fatima ... No great mystery is revealed; nor is the future unveiled." He cautions people not to see in the message a determined future event. "The purpose of the vision is...meant to mobilize the forces of change in the right direction. The vision speaks of dangers and how we might be saved from them."

The third secret was revealed at the Cova da Iria-Fátima on 13 July 1917. It was very long, and broken into three parts. In the first part, the children saw a vision of hell. Our Lady told them, "You've seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go," and she gave them the Fatima prayer. This prayer is to be recited at the end of each decade of the rosary [***"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Your mercy."***].

In the second Part, our Lady revealed that World War I would end, but a more terrible war (World War II) would come if there were not enough people devoted to her Immaculate Heart.



Part three involves an angel touching the earth with a flaming sword which is stopped by Our Lady's hand. Also revealed: a bishop dressed in white and a procession up a mountain to pray; the pope gets shot and dies, as do many bishops, priests, religious and

lay people with him. To many, this symbolized the martyrs for Christ around the world during the 20th century.

When Pope John Paul II was shot on May 13, 1981, he realized the connection; May 13 was the date of the first Marian apparition at Fatima. He thought, "I should have died. Our Lady gave me back my life." He thought *he* was the bishop in white who was shot, but he did not die due to the intervention of Our Lady.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, before he became Pope Benedict XVI, read the secret. He assured the world that the whole 3rd Secret was out, and that some would be disappointed after all the speculation as to what it might say.

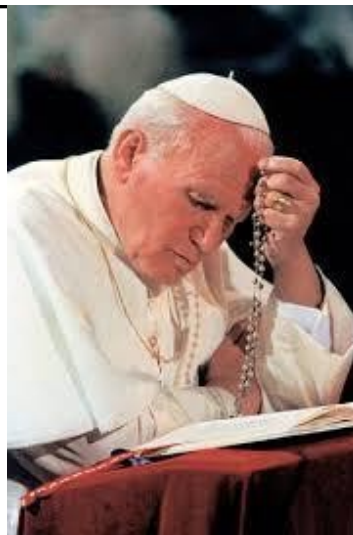
All the "secrets" of Fatima are revealed and open to the world. Our goal is to live fully the requests of our Lady. Most importantly—Pray the Rosary Daily!

Sources: "The Message of Fatima" from the Vatican; Santos, *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words I* (2003), pg. 215; *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words I* (2003), pgs. 221–233. Cardinal Ratzinger's booklet on the third secret.

Pray the Rosary Daily for Hope

Many say that our world is in a sad state. Pope St. John Paul said that the Church was facing the greatest spiritual struggle in her history. There is an evil that desires the total destruction of Christian civilization; that's why the message of Fatima is so important. We are being threatened by atheistic secularism.

In order to counteract many of today's evils, we need to turn to the Blessed Mother. The most poignant example of her powerful intercession can be seen in the victory over the Ottoman Empire at the "Battle of Lepanto." on October 7, 1571. Pope Pius V ordered the churches of Rome opened for prayer day and night, encouraging



the faithful, the "Holy League", to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary. Praying of

the Rosary made the difference.

So, if this prayer is so powerful that a physical war can be won, it can be the instrument to win a social and cultural war. Do what Blessed Mother said: "Pray the family rosary. Do the first Saturday devotion". Ask Our Lady to stop atheistic secularism. Lead a good life. Make sacrifices for sinners.

The peace of the world of which Our Lady spoke is linked to the salvation of souls. She told us that God is establishing devotion to her Immaculate Heart as a means of bringing peace to the world. If we do as she says, we can reverse society's downward spiral and see the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

Spreading the Message of Fatima



The 21-month tour of the world famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue is on its journey across 100 diocese in America. The tour honoring the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima

began on March 20, 2016 and will conclude on December 20, 2017.

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.”

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! *Details and updates about the tour are available at:*

www.fatimatourforpeace.com

Did You Know: Abstaining From Meat on Fridays Still Applies Today?

In our modern world, we often get confused about which Church rules have changed and which have remained the same. Canon law 1249 states that divine law binds all Christian faithful to do penance. Canon 1250 continues that penitential days in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year. According to Canon 1251, abstinence from eating meat or some other food is to be observed by all those 14-years-old until the beginning of their 60th year. Other forms of penance may be used, however, penance must be performed on every Friday unless Friday falls on a feast days such as Christmas. Servant of God Fr. John Hardon stated in his “*Penance and Reparation: A Lenten Meditation*” that penance is the repentance we must make to reinstate ourselves in God's friendship.

Diabolical Attacks Focused on Destruction of the Family

Servant of God Fr. John A. Hardon, in the 1980’s warned, “Catholicism is in the throes of the worst crisis in its entire history...Unless true and loyal Catholics have the zeal and the spirit of the early Christians, unless they are willing to do what they did and to pay the price that they paid, the days of America are numbered.” We did not listen! There was a gradual acceptance of homosexuality, then the forced acceptance of so-called same sex marriage (a grave perversion of the nature God has given to us) and now we are forced to compromise our individual privacy and the safety of our children regarding the use of restrooms of the sex they most “identify” with at the moment. There is only one way to turn these morally and family destroying problems around, and that comes from genuine conversion among our people. This conversion comes from the Holy Spirit. As the elections in the USA are quickly approaching, we must step up and speak out to proclaim the truths of our Faith and defend natural law in a heroic way. We must have a conversion of heart, mind and soul that must begin by falling down on our knees in humble prayer and repentance of heart and return to authentic Gospel values. Pray that officials who are elected will respect the sanctity of life, of marriage, of family, the aged and the most vulnerable (the unborn). Encourage family, friends and loved ones to pray that society turns back to the Gospel values. *Sources: Institute on Religious Life letter from Direct Fr. Thomas Nelson, June 29, 2016; CREDO Letter from Ken Jones, President of Credo of St. Louis (undated, received June 2016).*

MEMBERS CORNER

- ◆ We welcome new members: Cathy and Charles Defibaugh (MO).
- ◆ Congratulations to Margaret Adams (MD) upon her graduation from Fordham University with a major in Computer Science. Her family has been a member of the Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Calendar for 26 years.
- ◆ Fr. Greg Tigga has completed his three year pastoral commitment to the Diocese of Jefferson City and has returned to his home Diocese in India.



Margaret Adams

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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