



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar Newsletter

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Holy Father’s Intentions

October	November	December
Month of the Holy Rosary	Month of the Holy Souls	Month of Immaculate Conception
That consecrated religious men and women may [make an effort], and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.	That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict. Pray for the souls of all deceased Rosary Calendar Members.	That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find...a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Rosaries are encouraged to take place on Sunday October 7th, 2018 at 4pm eastern, 3pm central, 2pm mountain, 1pm pacific. Join us in our cry of “fiat” to Jesus through the Immaculata

Priests Role in Serving God

In today's media, we hear and read so much about sexual abuse by the clergy that we tend to overlook that the vast majority of priests who are good men trying hard to serve God and His people. This multitude of holy priests fulfill that which was stated some 500 years ago by St. Thomas Aquinas. He said that hatred of wickedness actually belongs to the virtue of charity. Bishop Robert Morlino of the Madison, WI diocese, clearly stated “it is an act of love to hate sin and to call others to turn away from sin”. He continues “Christian charity itself demands that we should hate wickedness just as we love goodness. But while hating the sin, we must never hate the sinner, who is called to conversion, penance, and renewed communion with Christ and His Church”.

We must not lose faith because of the recent scandal or even those over the history of the Church. Instead, we must hold fast to Christ and His teachings, and work to reflect the light of Christ through our actions. Judie



Brown, writing for the American Life League, August 27, 2018, proposes that “we go to the foot of cross and imagine that we are standing next to Mary, the mother of God. We give our lives totally to Him. And, as we stand in solidarity with Mary, we pray the words penned by Cardinal John O’Connor for priests: O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy”.

Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire, March 13, 2018) wrote an article

entitled “A Case for Priestly Celibacy”. The essence of his message was that everything in the world is good including sex and intimate friendship, but they are not permanent. This is why, the Church is convinced, God chooses certain people to be celibate: in order to witness to a transcendent form of love, the way that we will love in heaven. Celibates make this truth real for us now. Bishop Barron concludes: “The appropriateness of linking priesthood and celibacy comes from the priest’s identity as a Eucharistic person. All that a priest is radiates outward from his unique capacity, acting in the person of Christ, to transform the Eucharistic elements into the body and blood of Jesus... celibacy is finally inexplicable, unnatural, and fascinating, for it is a form of life adopted by people in love with Jesus Christ”.

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs.

St. John Vianney (Cure of Ars), Patron of Parish Priests



The little town of Ars in the Diocese of Belley, France became famous because of the holiness of its pastor, Fr. John Vianney. He died 1859 but left behind a legacy of faith, a life of holiness and was

known as the champion of the poor. Priestly holiness, a deep faith, and a love of the poor continue to speak loudly in our day. He became a great apostle of the confessional. His fame for sanctity and for being a wise but challenging confessor eventually made it necessary for him to spend upward of eighteen hours a day in the

confessional. The life and witness of holiness of John Vianney invites us to reflect on the priesthood and to give thanks to God for holy priests who give us spiritual guidance and inspire us to be witnesses of Christ. Now more than ever we need the example of St. John Vianney’s holiness in priestly and episcopal ministry in the Church.

The Our Father



Pope Francis suggested changing the wording in the sixth petition in the “Our Father” prayer from “lead us not into temptation” to something along the lines of “Do not let us fall into temptation.” Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope emeritus Benedict XVI) in his book entitled *Jesus of Nazareth* effectively addresses this petition. He stated that the way this petition is phrased is shocking for many people. God certainly does not lead us into temptation. In fact, as Saint James tells us: “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one” (Jas 1:13). Temptation comes from the devil, but part of Jesus’ messianic task is to withstand the great temptations that have led man away from God and continue to do so. As we have seen, Jesus must suffer through these temptations to the point of dying on the Cross, which is how he opens the way of redemption for us. “For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted” (Heb 2:18). God does not abandon man, but he does allow him to be tried. In order to mature, in order to

make real progress on the path leading from a superficial piety into profound oneness with God’s will, man needs to be tried. Cardinal Ratzinger continues his explanation by pointing out that when we pray the “Our Father”, we are saying to God: “I know that I need trials so that my nature can be purified. When you decide to send me these trials, when you give evil some room to maneuver, then please remember that my strength goes only so far. Don’t overestimate my capacity. Don’t set too wide the boundaries within which I may be tempted, and be close to me with your protecting hand when it becomes too much for me.”

Saint Cyprian interpreted the sixth petition “And lead us not into temptation,” that we are expressing our awareness “that the enemy can do nothing against us unless God has allowed it beforehand, so that our fear, our devotion and our worship may be directed to God— because the evil one is not permitted to do anything unless he is given authorization.”

Cardinal Ratzinger concludes “When we pray the sixth petition of the Our Father, we must therefore, on one hand, be ready to take upon ourselves the burden of trials that is meted out to us. On the other hand, the object of the petition is to ask God not to mete out more than we can bear, not to let us slip from his hands. We make this prayer in the trustful certainty that St. Paul has articulated for us: “God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it” (I Cor 10:13.)

Why Should We Pray the Rosary Daily? Why Pray to Mary?



Pope Pius XI

The Rosary is a meditation of the life of Jesus Christ. In this meditation, we also ask for the Blessed Mother’s intercession. Her intercession at the wedding feast of Cana resulted in the first miracle performed publicly by Jesus. Think of the morning offering prayer: “O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary...” Jesus went through Mary from the beginning to come to us. Consider what we are saying as we pray the Hail Mary: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you”. The Lord is Jesus. “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruits of your womb”. Note the reference is to Jesus. Continuing the prayer: “Holy Mary, Mother of God”. Jesus is God. “Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”

Asking the Blessed Mother to pray for us is indeed a holy thing to do. Pope Pius XI advised: “the Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with man care and labors.”

Sister Lucia, one of the three seers at Fatima in 1917, told us, “There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls.”



Sr. Lucia of Fatima

All Souls and All Saints



All Saints Day is celebrated the first day of November while All Souls Day is celebrated November 2. All Saints Day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. On All Saints Day, we are reminded how we are supposed to live. On All Souls Day, we pray for the souls of the departed and ask God's mercy for them. These are people who died before us, some of whom may be in purgatory in the process of getting to heaven. It is on this day that parishioners can write the names of relatives to be remembered in the Book of the Dead.



The exact origin of All Saints day is uncertain but saints were commemorated in the fourth century. Pope Gregory VII (1073-85) mandated November 1 as the date to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. St. Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny (d. 1048), decreed for all of the Cluniac monasteries, that special prayers be offered for all the souls in Purgatory on November 2. The Benedictines and Carthusians adopted that same devotion, and soon thereafter November 2 was adopted as the Feast of All Souls for the whole Church.

Please pray for the souls of deceased Rosary Calendar Members

Why is Christmas Important?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church answers this question under Part One, The Profession of Faith, "Why did the Word become flesh?" Christmas is important because it celebrates the birth into the world of the Word of God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity.

The child Jesus lying in the manger is not just one more child – He is God the Word who became Man. The Son Himself is the Word. Fr. John Flader (writes for *The Catholic Weekly*) writes about the reasons that we should understand the importance of Christmas. We find the first and most important answer in the Creed "For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became Man." Jesus came to us in that first Christmas for our salvation – to redeem us from original sin and from our personal sins. In the words of the Catechism, "The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God, who 'loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins'"



The second reason for the Word becoming flesh is "so that we might know God's love" (CCC 458). We know that God loves us but it is especially in His becoming man and living among us that we see the love of God made visible. Truly Christmas is a great manifestation of God's love for mankind. The infant lying in the manger is God in the flesh, God who so loved us that he became man and dwelt amongst us in order to redeem us by his death on the cross. And by coming into the world as a new-born infant, He is easy to love in return. Christmas is a good time to grow in love for Jesus.

The third reason for the Word becoming flesh is "to be our model of holiness" (CCC 459). We are all called to holiness, to be saints in our own state in life, using Jesus Christ "perfect God and perfect man" as our model. Let us imitate Jesus and use Him as our person to imitate. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus said "Learn from Me".

The fourth reason why the Word became flesh was "to make us 'partakers of the divine nature'" (CCC 460). He made it possible to share His divine nature by taking on a human nature and making us members of his Mystical Body through Baptism.

Therefore, Christmas is important and should be enthusiastically celebrated because it is the basis for our salvation and the model for living.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all of the Rosary Calendar Members

Prepare for a Holy New Year

New Year's Eve is a brief period at the end of the calendar year at which time most, if not all people, anticipate the entry of a new year. They have many expectations as they turn the calendar page to January. It is a time to seriously reflect on the path we need to take so we have hope for new choices, but for these New Year resolutions to bear fruit, we must turn to Jesus Christ Our Lord, to keep our focus on the spiritual so we can grow more deeply in our faith and the purpose of our existence.

Paul VI to be Canonize October 14, 2018



Pope Paul VI will be canonized on Oct. 14, 2018. The October ceremony, to be celebrated by Pope Francis, will be in Rome. Pope Paul VI led the Catholic Church from 1963 until his death on August 6, 1978.

Succeeding John XXIII, Paul VI continued the Second Vatican Council, which he closed in 1965, implementing its numerous reforms.

He wanted a Church that was in dialogue with the modern world. He treated the theme of dialogue at great length in his encyclical *Ecclesiam Suam*, released on August 6, 1964, exactly 14 years before his death. In it, he wrote he felt a "vocation" to dialogue between the Church and the world.

Faced with the issue of whether to change the Church's longstanding opposition to artificial birth control, Paul VI penned his landmark encyclical *Humanae Vitae* in 1968, delivering a strong "no" to change and reaffirming the Church's teaching on contraception. (You are encouraged to read this historic document).

"The world calls for, and expects from us, simplicity of life, the spirit of prayer, charity towards all, especially towards the lowly and the poor, obedience and humility, detachment and self-sacrifice. Without this mark of holiness, our word will have difficulty in touching the heart of modern man. It risks being vain and sterile," Pope Paul wrote.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Church Approved Apparition

In 1531, a "Lady from Heaven" appeared four times to a humble Native American, Juan Diego, at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. The Blessed Mother gave the local Bishop a sign that the apparition was real; the sign being the growth of roses in mid-December. Furthermore, She also left an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the Juan Diego's tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years, yet today, shows no sign of decay which defies all scientific explanations. Many miracles, cures and interventions are attributed to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Yearly, between 18 - 20 million pilgrims visit the Basilica that was built on the site of the apparitions. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12th.



MEMBERS CORNER

- ◆ We thank Norma Hayes for her donation in helping spread Our Lady's message.
- ◆ New members: Fr. Richard Frank (MO), Krista Steinbeiser (LA), Joe Lodder Family(MO), and Jim Nockels (IA).
- ◆ Recent notices of deceased members: Fr. Renatus Jungulu (Tanzania), Dorothy Cunningham (NJ, HI), Mercedes Hendrickson (HI).
- ◆ Rosaries and other Holy items were sent to Fr. Andrew Gowa and Fr. Moses Juhudi in Tanzania. We constantly receive requests for rosaries and religious articles. If you can help please contact us at the address below (contact information).
- ◆ The John Moylan family, whose home was destroyed this year by the volcano in Hawaii recently wrote: "Thank you for helping our family! May God bless you for your generosity!" New Address. P.O. Box 1135, Pahoa, Hawaii 96778. Keep all Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Calendar members in your prayers.



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