



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar Newsletter

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April	May	June
The Holy Spirit	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacred Heart of Jesus
*Pray for Pope Francis’ intention that we are free of addictions. *Pray to the Holy Spirit to enter into our hearts so that we may increase in holiness.	*Pray for Pope Francis’ intentions for deacons to be faithful in their service. *Pray to Mary, Mother of Jesus, to intercede on our behalf before the Lord.	*Pray for Pope Francis’ intentions for those who suffer to find their way. *Pray for pardon for those of us who seek Your mercy through your Son.

Pascal Mystery

Lent is nearly over and the Church will be celebrating the Triduum and the resurrection. We will see the risen Christ as the One Who passed over from death to new life. And He has, in turn, given that gift to all of us — freedom from the slavery of death into new life with Him.

While Christ’s paschal mystery is just that — a mystery — we can gain some understanding by exploring the three parts that make up the complete whole of this great event:

1. He suffered, died and was buried;
2. He rose on the third day;
3. He ascended into heaven.

Most of us understand that Christ’s sufferings and death are inseparably linked to His Resurrection (April 12, 2020). The Ascension (May 21, 2020) is part of the same event. The Ascension is a very significant event for us — because it happened to Christ “in His humanity.” Because He ascended, we have a place in heaven. As St. Thomas Aquinas said: “Christ,



by once ascending into heaven acquired for Himself and for us in perpetuity the right and worthiness of a heavenly dwelling-place”.

There are 40 days from Easter until the Ascension. On this day, we recall how the risen Jesus “was lifted up” (Acts 1:9). The Ascension of the Lord opens the gateway to the coming of the Spirit as promised by Jesus when He said, “For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you” (John 16:7).

The 50 days of the Easter season are fulfilled on Pentecost (May 31,

2020). Pentecost marks the coming of the Spirit and the birth of the Church. St. Pope John Paul II called Pentecost “the time of the Church” and added that, “from that time the wind of the Spirit would carry Christ’s disciples to the very ends of the earth” (John Paul II homily, Pentecost, 1998).

In this way, traveling the days from the Triduum to Easter to Pentecost, the Lord prepared His followers, and now prepares us, to share in the power of His paschal mystery. That power, given to us fully in the Holy Spirit, sends us out on a mission that leads onward from Easter: to witness, to reveal and to proclaim. So the mystery of the paschal mystery, something we cannot fully understand on this side of eternity, has nonetheless become our mystery: ours to reveal, ours to share and ours to celebrate.

Sources: Vatican Web site at www.vatican.va; the “*Summa Theologica*” of St. Thomas Aquinas; Catechism of the Catholic Church; and “The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia”.

Reparation, Reparation, Reparation

When the Mother of God appeared in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 to three small children (Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco) with a plea for prayer and penance, part of her message included the following warning:

“Pray, pray very much, make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to offer prayers and sacrifices for them.”

What Our Lady is asking for in this plea is reparation on behalf of sinners. She is asking that we do for them what her Son did for us. Our Blessed Lord took upon His shoulders the burden of our sins, and paid the price for them. We are not able to shoulder the whole burden, pay the whole price for the sins of others; but what little we can do when placed in the hands of the Blessed Mother, can accomplish

much towards lessening their debt of punishment, and opening their hearts to the healing and strengthening grace of God.

It is true that these souls have rejected the graces and inspirations offered them by God, but Our Lady implies that many of them can be saved by the prayers and sacrifices of others, if among her children some are generous enough to put themselves out for this purpose.

Blessed Mothers 9th of 12 Approved Public Apparitions Belgium 1932-1933

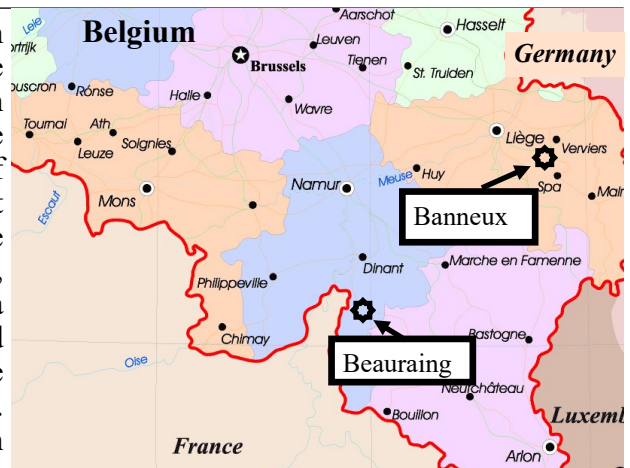
Belgium, a country with a deep devotion to our Blessed Mother, was the site of numerous apparitions of our Lady from November 29, 1932 until March 2, 1933. These apparitions occurred in Beauraing and Banneux.

During the evening of November 29, 1932 at Beauraing, near the French frontier, five young people saw a vision of “a lady”. This was repeated nearly every evening until January 3rd 1933. When the children asked what the lady wanted, she answered “A chapel”. When they asked “Tell us who you are”, she answered: “I am the Immaculate Virgin”. On another occasion she requested people to come in pilgrimage. The last vision at Beauraing was on January 3, 1933.

On January 15, 1933, Our Lady appeared to a girl of eleven at Banneux, in the diocese of Leige,

near the German frontier. This diocese had just been consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as requested at Fatima. During the course of several visions, Our Lady asked for a chapel to be built and that a nearby spring be used to cure the sick. She announced, on January 19, that she was “The Virgin of the Poor”, and that “This spring is reserved for all the nations, to relieve the sick.” The next vision occurred on February 11, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, when Mary said: “I have come to alleviate suffering”. On February 15, a girl who had been carried to the place of visions at Beauraing was cured.

There were two more



appearances at Banneux during which Our Lady asked for prayers. On March 2, she appeared for the last time and said: “I am the Mother of the Savior, the Mother of God”. The miraculous healing of two women in 1933 convinced the Church that the visions at Beauraing were genuine. Both Beauraing and Banneux are now places of pilgrimage.

Holding Fast to the Message of Fatima

The message of Our Lady of Fatima is a public, prophetic revelation given to the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. The Blessed Mother’s prophecy was confirmed by a public miracle and authenticated by many popes. Her predictions have come true.

St. Jacinta’s holy legacy with Our Lady helps to confirm the Blessed Mother’s message. This year is the Fatima seer’s 100th anniversary of her death. It also marks the 20th anniversary of her and her brother’s (Francisco) beatification and third anniversary of their canonization, the youngest non-martyr saints to be canonized.

Upon the death of this young holy girl, many of the mourners testified that her cheeks exhibited “live pinkness,” and that a “beautiful aroma of flowers” came from her. In 1935, her body was exhumed for reburial and found to be incorrupt.

Jacinta was a mystic in that she saw what the Holy Father was enduring. Sr. Lucia dos Santos, cousin of Jacinta, also a seer of the



Jacinta Marto relic

Fatima miracle, revealed that Jacinta suffered because of her visions of the suffering Pope. Jacinta also became distressed by visions of a terrible war to come, obviously World War II, if people did not heed what Our Lady said, resulting in “all the people who are going to die and go to hell! How dreadful! If they would only stop offending God, then there wouldn’t be any war, and they wouldn’t go to hell!” Her insights reflect the need for proper Christian living.

In *The True Story of Fatima*, Father John de Marchi, one of the *Rosary Calendar* deceased spiritual

advisors, listed several mystical insights Jacinta received. For example: “The sins which cause most souls to go to hell are the sins of the flesh. Fashions will much offend Our Lord; people who serve God should not follow the fashions. The Church has no fashions. Our Lord is always the same. Many marriages are not of God and do not please Our Lord. Penance is necessary; if people amend their lives, Our Lord will even yet save the world, but if not, punishment will come. Fly from riches and luxury. Do not speak evil of people, and fly from evil speakers. Confession is a sacrament of mercy, and we must confess with joy and trust. There can be no salvation without confession.”

She willingly suffered in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of sinners (*Fatima in Lucia’s Own Words*, p. 60, Archive.org). St. John Paul II highlighted this quality while beatifying Jacinta in 2000.

Jacinta lived the Fatima message.

Crisis of the Liturgy



Robert Cardinal Sarah

In his book, *The Power of Silence*, Robert Cardinal Sarah invited the reader to silence. He now says that he can no longer remain silent because “Christians are disoriented”. “The Church is experiencing the dark night of the soul.”

Cardinal Sarah in conversation with Nicolas Diat addresses numerous issues in the Church in the book entitled: *The Day Is Now Far Spent*. In one section of the book, he discusses abuses surrounding the Holy Eucharist and the liturgy. The Cardinal states, “It is absolutely necessary to continue efforts to eliminate all the folklore elements that turn Eucharist into a spectacle...

Strange sorts of music have been broadcast during Masses... Respect for the liturgical rules has been insufficiently safeguarded.” He adds that arbitrary innovations have been introduced into the sacred rite.

Another issue leading to abuse according to Cardinal Sarah is the lack of language unity. The result was the loss of solemnity. He strongly points out that the Second Vatican Council demanded that the Latin language be preserved.

One of the riches of the liturgy that has been lost, according to the Cardinal, is the orientation of the altar. Benedict XVI tells us in his *Theology of the Liturgy* “When the focus on God is not decisive, everything else loses its orientation.” Cardinal Sarah continues his argument “The liturgy must bring about in us this conversion toward the Lord who is the Way, the Truth and the Life...Celebrating *ad orientem* is part of this.”

Silence has all but disappeared in the sacred liturgy. In the *Ratzinger Report*, Cardinal Ratzinger (who became Pope Benedict XVI) said that active participation in the liturgy is correct, but that there has been “a fatal

narrowing of perspective”. The Second Vatican Council called for silent participation in order to allow us to listen inwardly to God’s word. In addition to the lack of silence in the liturgy, sacred music which “was praised highly by Vatican II, was set aside in favor of ‘utility music’, songs, easy melodies, catchy tunes.” He stressed that this “does not make liturgies more intelligible and more open but only poorer”.

Pope Benedict XVI always put God at the center. Cardinal Sarah stressed that the “liturgy must make us experience the centrality of the Cross. The theology of the Cross is the premise and the foundation of Eucharistic theology”. The pope emeritus warned of the dangers of adapting to secular criteria.

Addressing other concerns, Cardinal Sarah stresses that we must receive the Eucharist only in the state of grace and in a gesture of respect. He continues that abuses in giving the Eucharist need to be avoided.

In summary, the “Church must once again make an effort to detach herself from her ‘worldliness’ so as to be open to God (Cardinal Sarah). We must stay close to the Heart of Jesus!

Doing the Will of God

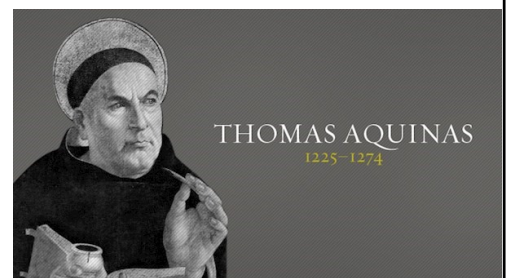
This article is from the work of St. Thomas Aquinas. He is a premier Doctor of the Church who developed a masterful synthesis of faith and reason.

Of all the signs of a person’s knowledge and wisdom, none is proof of greater wisdom than that one does not cling to his own opinion: Lean not upon your own prudence (Prov 3:5). For those who cling to their own judgement so as to mistrust others and trust in themselves alone, invariably prove themselves fools and are judged as such: You see those who are wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for fools than for them (Prov 26:12). But if a person distrusts his own judgment, that is proof of his

humility, which is why it is said: Where humility is, there also is wisdom (Prov 11:2), whereas the proud are too self-confident.

Accordingly, we learn from the Holy Spirit (by His gifts of knowledge) to do not our own but God’s will, and by virtue of this gift we pray to God that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is in this that His gift of knowledge is proved, so that when we say to God, Thy will be done, it is as when a sick man consults a physician. He takes the medicine not precisely because he wills it himself, but because it’s the will of the physician. If he only took what he willed himself, he would be a fool.

Hence we should ask nothing of God but that His will be done in our regard—in other words, that His will be fulfilled in us. For one’s heart is right when it agrees with the Divine Will. Christ did this: *I came down from heaven to do, not My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me* (John 6:38)...For that reason, He taught us to ask and pray, *Thy will be done. (St. Thomas Aquinas).*



Pray for Protection Against the Coronavirus



We should always pray for protection from evil but also from adverse conditions. We should not wait to pray until we are threatened. The world is now faced with the Coronavirus pandemic. Because we wish to be protected, there is an urgency to intensify our prayers. Visit the Blessed Sacrament, pray rosaries, the chaplet, the Divine

Office...for help.

The Blessed Mother intercedes on our behalf to her Divine Son. Her intercession ended a plague in Monte Berico, Italy in the 5th century. The Blessed Virgin appeared in Monte Berico to Vincenza Pasini. At first, "neither the bishop nor the priests believed her and the plague continued ..." Finally, in 1428, the bishop started construction of the Church requested by the Blessed Mother. Upon the completion and consecration of the church, the plague that had ravaged the entire region for years ended, leaving no doubt that Our Lady did appear to Vincenza Pasini. The Bishop recognized the apparitions as authentic. That region has never again suffered from that disease.

Historically associated with plagues, the Madonna of Monte Berico is the perfect intercessor for our current coronavirus outbreak. Let us offer the following prayer for a rapid end of this current disease caused by the Coronavirus and that all people will be protected.

Prayer to Our Lady of Monte

Berico

O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Mother Mary, I thank you that you have deigned to appear at Monte Berico and I thank you for all the graces you grant to those who turn to you. Nobody ever prayed to you in vain. Welcome me, O' merciful Mother, under your mantle, which is a maternal mantle; grant me the particular grace that I ask of You *to end this Coronavirus disease* and protect me from all evil and especially from sin which is the greatest evil.

O Mary, my Mother, allow me to enjoy your loving protection in life and even more in death that I may see you in heaven to thank and bless you forever. Amen.

Madonna of Monte Berico, pray for us.

O sweet Virgin, pious mother of love, like this Ave rising from the heart.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria

Ave, ave, ave, Maria

O Virgin, shine as a star in the sky, With motherly care defend your faithful children.

Ave, ave, ave Maria

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

MEMBERS CORNER

We thank Camille Adams and the Legion of Mary (HI) for providing rosaries for missionary priests that were forwarded to Tanzania in the fall 2019.

We thank Wilford Soong (HI) for recently sending 1,000 rosaries. Many of these rosaries were sent to Fr. Andrew Gowa in Tanzania. He will be giving them to the children receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Rosaries were also sent to Fr. James Joseph Jungulu in Tanzania for "seminarians who do not have rosaries and are using their fingers".

New Members: Verna Atterbury (MO), Wilford Soong (HI), Amy Gardner (MO).

Recent notifications of deceased members: Marge Stuart (MO), Brother James Dunn (HI).

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