



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar Newsletter

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Prayer Intentions

May	June	July	August
*Pray for Pope Francis and the end of abortion. *Pray to The Blessed Mother to unite families under Jesus.	*Pray for Pope Francis and the Holy Catholic Church. *Pray to Jesus for the Grace of Fortitude and to do His Will.	*Pray for Pope Francis and the Holy Catholic Church. *Pray in adoration of the Precious Blood of Jesus .	*Pray for Pope Francis and the Holy Catholic Church. *Pray to Our Lady for her protection from the evil one.

Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church

The Virgin Mary is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 963).

May and August are dedicated by the Church to the Blessed Mother. The spirituality of the Blessed Mother gives us a model to follow to bring Christ to the world. As our spiritual Mother, Mary is always ready to help us. She sets the example of love and faithfulness to God and intercedes for us in prayer.

There are several feast days dedicated to Mary throughout August. These feasts in her honor emphasize her role in salvation history and give us glimpses into the life of Mary and her role as Mother of God and Mediatrix of graces.

August 2

Our Lady of the Angels

This is a church near Assisi, Italy where St. Francis recognized his vocation. He made it the first church of the Franciscan Order.

August 5

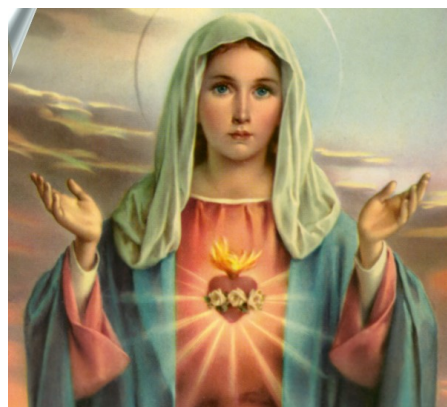
Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome.

This Basilica is the most significant Marian cathedral in the Western world.

August 13

Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners

This title depicts Mary as the New Eve as the instrument for the salvation of humans and their healing.



August 15

Assumption of Mary

This Feast is celebrated on August 15. It is one of the most ancient feasts of Mary and commemorates her death and her assumption, body and soul, into heaven. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption on November 1, 1950.

August 22

Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII decreed and instituted this feast on October 11, 1954 stating “as mother of the divine Christ...she has a share...in His royal dignity.”

Recognition of the Blessed Mother in the celebration of saints throughout August

August 1

St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

Founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. This congregation is known as the Redemptorists. In 1866, Pope Pius IX entrusted the original icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the

Redemptorists.

August 8

St. Dominic

He was the first to preach and teach the Rosary as a form of meditative prayer.

August 14

St. Maximillian Kolbe

He published the magazine *Knight of the Immaculate* and recommended that people wear the Miraculous Medal.

August 20

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

He composed the *The Memorare*

There are numerous ways to honor our Blessed Mother this August. We can frequently attend daily mass, make holy hours, and pray extra Rosaries. In addition, we can place flowers near her statue or her image, visit a Marian shrine and pray the Memorare. Through them, we can reflect on her role as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Apostles Baptized With the Holy Spirit



Easter season ends 7-weeks after Easter Sunday. This last day of the Easter season is Pentecost and is 10 days after the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. The Church was born on the Cross on Good Friday and this birth was revealed to the world on the day of Pentecost. This birth is celebrated every year in the Catholic Church.

Christ's promise of another Paraclete, an Advocate, was fulfilled on Pentecost for the Apostles and the Blessed Mother, who had been praying fervently for nine days. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit".

The Holy Spirit enables us as Christians to become fruitful members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. The Holy Spirit dwelling within us can and does transform our lives, the Church and the world.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians (*Ephesians 6: 18*), urges us to pray to the Holy Spirit at every opportunity. He continues to

tell us to persevere in prayer asking the saints for their help.

The Church invites us to participate in the novena to the Holy Spirit. It is the most ancient novena according the Pope St. John Paul II. As a prayer of expectation of the descent of the Holy Spirit, the novena begins on Friday after the Ascension and ends on the eve of Pentecost. In praying this ancient novena, we join with the Blessed Mother and the Apostles in preparing our souls to accept the Holy Spirit.

EWTN Website: Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts

Let us pray: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

Alliance of the Two Hearts

The title "admirable alliance of hearts" was coined by Pope St. John Paul II at his Angelus address of September 15, 1985. He was referring to Jesus, the Son of God and of His Mother Mary. The word "heart" is used in the Gospel in reference to only two individual persons: Jesus (*Matthew 11:29*) and Mary (*Luke 2:19,51*). Their two hearts make the perfect response to the Father for the sake of our salvation.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary are important in the sense of faith of the people of God. These devotions direct our attention to Christ and to the role of His Mother in the mystery of Redemption.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was historically evident by the 2nd century. Since then, there has been a great increase in direct references to the love of the Sacred Heart.

The Holy See has given this devotion a high place of importance in the Church due to the soundness of the doctrine. Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "This devotion (to the Sacred Heart) is the contemplation of the 'side



pierced by the spear', in which shines the limitless will of salvation on the part of God."

According to Pope St. John Paul II, devotion to the Heart of Mary began to become widespread in the seventeenth century under the influence of Saint John Eudes. Both the message of Our Lady at Fatima and the consecration of the world in 1942 to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Pope Pius XII enhanced the appreciation of the importance of this devotion

Pope St. John Paul II in his first Encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis*,

pointed out that from the first moment of the Redemptive Incarnation, "under the special influence of the Holy Spirit, Mary's heart, the heart of both a virgin and a mother, has always followed the work of her Son and has gone out to all those whom Christ has embraced and continues to embrace with inexhaustible love". The Saint further stated, "It is with regard to her special role in her Son's mission that devotion to Mary's Heart has prime importance, for through love of her Son and of all of humanity she exercises a unique instrumentality in bringing us to Him."

The Blessed Mother is wholly united to His redemptive mission. Mary directs all things to her Son, who answers our prayers and forgives our sins. Thus, by dedicating ourselves to the heart of Mary we discover a sure way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*Pope St. John Paul II, Sept. 26, 1986*).

Let us entrust ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We can do so by consecrating our lives to the practice of prayer, doing penance, and living a life of purity.

Call Upon Our Lady-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

5th in the series of 10 articles on "Saints who had a Marian Devotion"

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, born August 26, 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, was dedicated to the poor and had a deep connection with the Blessed Virgin Mary. This relationship brought about her pious devotion to the traditional prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the *Memorare*.

She joined the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland when she was 18-years-old and took her religious vows at the age of 21. Mother Teresa chose her religious name in honor of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Her assignment, after taking her vows, was to teach young girls at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta, India. She worked there for twenty years and eventually became the school's principal.

Witnessing the suffering and poverty in the slums of Calcutta made a deep impression on her. Mother said, "I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ into the



slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor".

Mother Theresa of Calcutta went to the slums where she visited families, washed the sores of children, cared for an old man lying sick on the road and nursed a woman dying of hunger and tuberculosis. She then extended her work which was made possible through the help of volunteers and financial donors.

She started each day with communion then went out, rosary in

her hand, to find and serve God amongst "the unwanted, the unloved, the uncared for."

Mother Teresa would pray the *Memorare* 10 times when she encountered an urgent need. She invented this "Quick Novena" because of the pace of her daily life. Mother Teresa used this prayer constantly for petitions ranging from a request for the cure of a sick child to having little fuel in her car when she was on a night time mission and the destination was still far away. The "Quick Novena" was her confident plea for heavenly assistance.

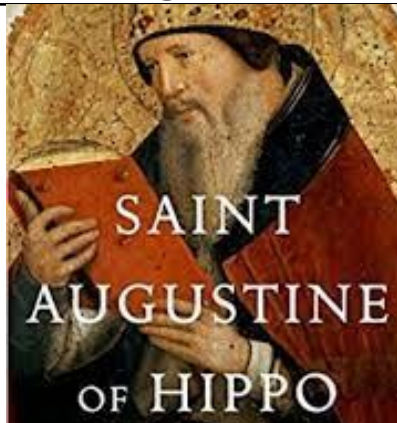
She inspired the world and became a truly modern day hero. Her religious order continues to grow and people are cared for and come to faith through the order she founded. Reflect on her profound connection with our Blessed Virgin Mary and her dependence on the *Memorare* prayer (See page 1 for the *Memorare* prayer).

Living in Truth

Truth or truthfulness is the virtue which consists in showing oneself true in deeds and truthful in words, and guarding against being deceitful, dishonesty, and being hypocritical (claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform) (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*-2505).

We have a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*-2467), and to direct our lives according to the truth (*Second Vatican Council*). Following Jesus, Who is the truth, is the way to salvation. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (*John 14:6*).

St. Augustine addresses the truth (*Augustinem Hipponsensem*) as, "It seems to me that one must bring men back to the hope of



finding the truth. One must seek the truth with piety, chastity and diligence, in order to return into oneself, to the interior realm where truth dwells; and likewise to overcome the materialism and rationalism which prevent the mind from understanding the 'mystery' of the human person."

St. Augustine had a deep-seated love of truth. We must seek the source of truth and that is in God.

St. Augustine, in his search for truth, found the Incarnate Christ and then became a great teacher of the truth.

Jesus came into the world "to bear witness to the truth" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*-2471). As Catholics and Christians, we must testify to the truth in order to have a "clear conscience toward God and toward men" so as to act as witnesses of the Gospel and the obligations that flow from it.

Truth enlightens man's intelligence and shapes his freedom, leading him to know and love the Lord (*Pope St. John Paul II. Veritatis Splendor, August 6, 1993*).

Do what is good, noble, beautiful, pleasing to God and in conformity with His will. Remember that Jesus is the Truth, therefore, the standard by which we judge the truth.

God Bless Our Devoted Priests

Fr. Richard W. Frank



Canon 212 refers to the role of sacred pastors, who represent Christ, as those who have the responsibility to teach the laity. The world has never needed more of the solid teaching and direction which Our Lord wishes to give to the world through His Church and especially through her pastors.

Fr. Richard Frank, ordained on May 13, 1972 (the 55th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima), will be celebrating his 50th year as a priest on May 13, 2022. He has been faithful to his responsibility in serving and teaching the laity of the Jefferson City Diocese, Missouri. It is pastors like Fr. Frank who encourage priests and laity to stay firm in our Catholic faith.

Fr. A. Maria Benziger

Fr. Benziger has been a priest for 40 years and serves a children's mission in South India. He has helped many children in his area that are poor and in need of financial help and assistance with obtaining an education. He has been especially active in his mission during the past two years because of lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many families have lost their source of income. Father Benziger is providing food and education for the children of those families.

His desire to help others truly addresses the mission outlined by our Lord. In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians (6:2), "Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Fr. Benziger is a good example of fulfilling the law of Christ in his mission work.

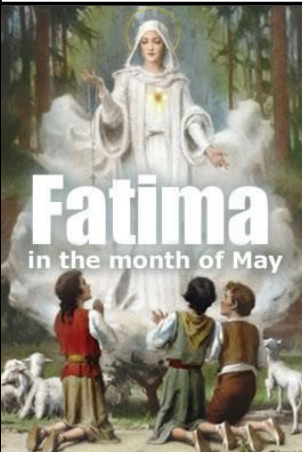
New Members: Melissa Mitchell (MO), Zulema Briseno (TX), and Tonya Goss (OK).

Recently Deceased Members: Caroline Blakeley (HI).

Sincere Thank You: June Peter (CA), Erlinda Zaballero (NC) for their generous financial donations, and Wilford Soong (*The Rosary Makers of Hawaii*) for making hundreds of Rosaries for the missions.

Mission News: Boxes of Rosaries and religious articles were sent to Fr. James Jungulu (Tanzania), Fr. Damian Seusi (Tanzania), and Fr. Moses Juhudi (Tanzania). These priest distribute the Rosaries and religious articles to parishes, schools, seminaries, and prisons.

Sharing Our Faith: The Lord calls us to share with others the blessings we have received, especially our faith (*From Pope St. John Paul II, June 7, 1992*).



Our Lady of Fatima Pray for us

On May 13, 1917, The Blessed Mother Mary appeared to Jacinta (7 years of age), Francisco (8), and Lucia (10), while they were herding sheep in the Cova da Iria near Fatima, Portugal. Appearing brighter than the sun, the Mother of God announced she was from Heaven. She said all three children would go to Heaven, but Francisco must first say many Rosaries.

Every time she appeared each month, May through October 1917, The Blessed Mother said: "Say the Rosary every day." Our Lady of Fatima urgently desired for all of faithful to pray daily for the salvation of poor sinners.

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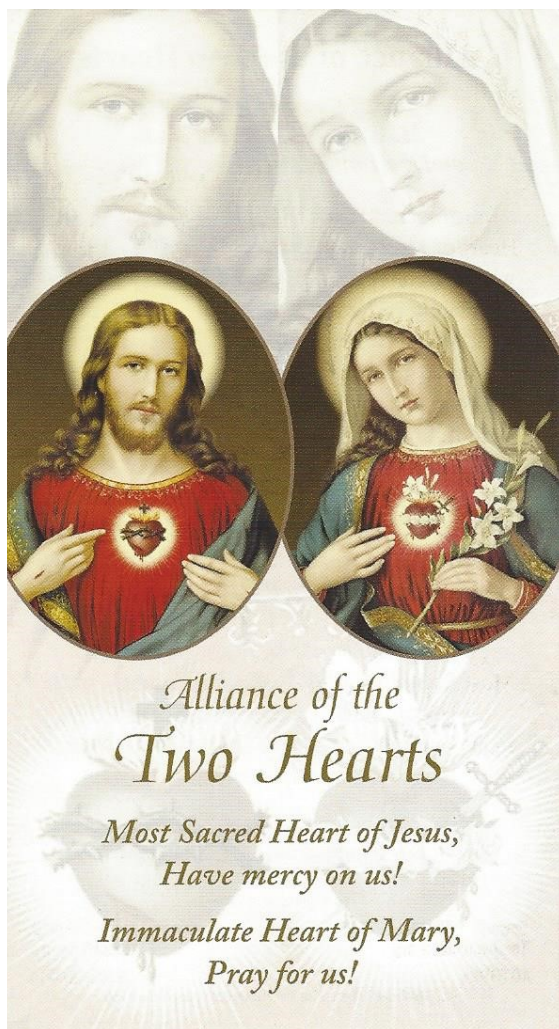
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Alliance of the Two Hearts

Act of Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, we consecrate ourselves and our whole family to You. We consecrate to You: our very being and our whole life ... all that we are ... all that we have ... and all that we love.

To You we give our body, our heart, and our soul.

To You we dedicate our home and our country.

Mindful of this consecration, we now promise

You to live a Christian way of life

by the practice of virtues.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, accept this act of consecration, which I make out of pure love for You.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,

make our hearts like unto Your merciful Heart!

Amen.

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