



# Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar Newsletter

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## Prayer Intentions

January	February	March	April
*Pray for Pope Francis as he opens the Jubilee year. *Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide fallen away Catholics.	*Pray for the Pope’s intentions: For more religious vocations. *Pray to God to forgive our sins and protect us from evil.	*Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide Pope Francis. *Pray this Lent for a deeper conversion to Christ.	*Pray for the Pope to build a focus on the Holy Eucharist. *Ask the Blessed Mother to help us meditate on her Son.

*Have a Blessed 2025  
Thank God for the Blessings Received in 2024*

## 2025-Jubilee Year of Hope

On Christmas Eve, 2024, Pope Francis, opened a Holy Door to begin a new Jubilee Year. The Holy Door is deemed 'Holy' since it calls all those who enter through it to walk in holiness of life.

The Church began celebrating a Jubilee Year in 1300, proposed then to occur at 100 year intervals. Sources differ in timing of Jubilee Years until the decision by Pope Paul II in 1450 to amend the Jubilee year to be celebrated every 25 years. The purpose was to give every generation a chance



Pope Francis opening a Holy Door

to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their life.

Pope Francis wants the coming

Jubilee Year to be lived as “Pilgrims in Hope.” He invites us to pray to “strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.”

Five Holy Doors will be open for the Jubilee Year of Hope: Dec 24, 2024—St. Peter's Basilica; Dec 26, 2024—fifth sacred portal in a Roman prison; Dec 29, 2024—St. John Lateran; Jan 1, 2025—St. Mary Major; Jan 5, 2025—Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

## Reparation: A Catholic Duty

What is reparation? It is to repair, to give compensation, and to give the equivalent.

In the moral sphere, the equivalent is the giving of one’s self. That means that no material object can adequately compensate. So how can order be reestablished? By some penalty inflicted upon the wrongdoer. For example, the wrongdoer or one who is guiltless offering themselves, should inflict upon themselves some pain equivalent to the wrong done. This act then should reestablish the moral equilibrium

This is why Christ came to earth to make reparation. He came to repair His divine work which sin had ruined since of the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He came to expiate by His sufferings which began with man’s creation and never ceases.

Within the foundation of the



doctrine of reparation, God wills us to work with Christ. Redemption will only be brought about by the will of our Savior Jesus Christ and of all Christians.

Undoubtedly, His participation and

ours differ immeasurably. He has an intrinsic, infinite value and is, of itself, infinitely sufficient. However, God, because He loves us, asks us to be united with Christ in His mission, to cooperate with Him in His sufferings or Passion.

It is necessary to remind ourselves that our Lord was crucified—crucified for us. We must help Him to bring salvation to those who are lost to immoral living.

Thus, all Christians are under two obligations: First, they must make reparation in union with Jesus Christ; Secondly, they must make this reparation *as He wills*—namely, *by suffering*...for we can only enter into the joy of the Lord on condition that upon earth we have shared the sufferings of our Lord.

(Source: *The Power of Reparation* by Fr. Raoul Plus, S.J.)

## Servant of God Michelle Duppong



Born the fourth of six children to Ken and Mary Ann Duppong on January 25, 1984, Michelle was raised on a farm in Haymarsh, ND.

Living a simple rural life within a strong Catholic family, she cultivated an interest in gardening and later would graduate with a Horticultural degree from North Dakota State University. After graduating from college, she worked as Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Bismarck, ND. In 2012, she was a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionary at four college campuses including the inaugural year at the University of Mary, mentoring college students to draw them deeper into the faith.

In the fall of 2014, Michelle began experiencing sharp pains in her abdomen and was diagnosed with stage four cancer of the abdomen. Given a few months to live, Michelle, accepting God's will every step of the way, suffered for 10 months. Her mother shared, "her attitude was, 'If God wants me to go through this, I will go through this.' You have no idea of how many lives she touched that last year. Not only was Michelle a great witness of her deep faith, she used that time to offer her suffering for others. Michelle said that she believed a time was coming when we, too, should be ready if we would be asked by Our Lord to suffer martyrdom to pass on the faith. Michelle told her mother that we need to be brave by putting on the armor of faith!"

Her father also stated that Michelle believed "we should do everything we can while on earth to make it to

heaven. She would say to the other FOCUS missionaries, "Give everything you've got because it might be the only chance to save that person's soul; you have to show them the way." Her sister Lisa Gray shared that Michelle's example has shown her how to live an amazing life in ordinary ways. She lived her life in conformity to Christ.

Having told one of the sisters from the Congregation of Teresian Carmelites who assisted with her hospice care that she would die on Christmas day, Michelle passed away on December 25, 2015 at the age of 31.

On November 1, 2022, Bishop David Kagan of the Diocese of Bismarck, ND celebrated the Opening Mass for the Cause of Canonization. She has been declared a Servant of God. Michelle Duppong, pray for us.

([www.michelleduppongcause.org](http://www.michelleduppongcause.org))

## Who are the Saints in the Roman Canon? St. Andrew

St Andrew, a native of Bethsaida, located on the banks of Lake Genesareth in the town of Galilee, was the brother of St. Peter and a fisherman. He was a disciple of St. John the Baptist and was present when John proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God." Andrew immediately followed Jesus and went to tell his brother Peter that he had found the Messiah. Both he and Peter were also present at Jesus's first miracle at the marriage feast at Cana.

Upon becoming a disciple, Andrew was given authority by Jesus to baptize, and when Jesus called His 12 Apostles, Andrew was the second to be called according to scripture. It was Andrew who brought the boy to Jesus with the 5 loaves and 2 fishes when Jesus fed the 5000. St. Bede calls him the Introducer to Christ, and says he had this honor because he brought St. Peter to Jesus as well as many others. It is believed that St. Andrew, who spent much time talking with Christ, received the grace of detachment to earthly passions and desires and attained the happiness of Jesus's pure divine love.



After Christ's resurrection and the descent of the Holy Ghost, St. Andrew preached the gospel in Scythia, Greece, Epirus, Achaia and as far as the mouth of the Borysthenes River (now the Niger), and to the mountains where the city of Kiou, Kenya is located and to the frontiers of Poland.

He was crucified as tradition holds, on a cross in the form of an "X". When the apostle saw his cross at a distance, he is said to have cried

out, "Hail, precious cross, that hast been consecrated by the Body of my Lord, and adorned with His limbs as with rich jewels. I come to Thee exulting and glad: receive me with joy into Thy arms. O good cross, that hast received beauty from our Lord's limbs; I have ardently loved Thee; long have I desired and sought Thee: now thou art found by me, and art made ready for my longing soul; receive me into Thy arms, taking me from among men, and present me to my Master; that He who redeemed me on Thee, may receive me by Thee."

The body of St. Andrew was moved from Patraes, Greece to Constantinople in 357, together with those of St. Luke and St. Timothy, and placed in the Church of the Apostles, which Constantine the Great had built earlier. The cross on which St. Andrew died is housed at the abbey of St. Victor, in Marseilles, France.

St. Andrew's Feast Day is November 30, the start of the Christmas Novena that is prayed until Christmas Eve. ([www.etwn.com](http://www.etwn.com)).

## Do you Know? Facts about Reparation and Expiation



Here are some useful facts on understanding Reparation and Expiation:

\*The spirit of *expiation* or *reparation* has always had the first and foremost place

in the worship given to the Most *Sacred Heart* of Jesus.

\*Jesus told St. Faustina that if someone would pray ‘*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You*’, with a contrite heart, the sinner would be given the grace of conversion.

\*Expiation for the conversion of a

another can be done through an act of sacrifice such as giving up a meal or offering up a physical pain.

\*One can make reparation to the Sacred Heart by First Friday Devotions: attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays of the Month. However, one must have the intention of making reparation.

## Lesson From the Holy Family

The basic structure for the family according to God is a man who loves his wife and a woman who loves her husband. Within this stable, lasting and faithful union of mutual support and love, they are open to life and raise children in the holy fear of the Lord. Add to this the principal description of the Book of Genesis, which describes how God sets forth marriage: *A man shall leave his father and mother, cling to his wife, and the two of them shall become one flesh* (Genesis 2:24). To this first couple, God gave the mandate: *Be fruitful and multiply* (Genesis 1:22). And yet, almost all of these provisions are under some form of attack today in our culture.

As a Church, and as Catholic families, we must strive to rebuild a culture where biblical marriage is taught, truly honored and kept. Our strategic proclamation must include these key elements: There must be no sex before marriage, ever, under any circumstances. Sexual intercourse is rooted in the procreation of children, and there is no legitimate engagement in it outside of the bonds of marriage. Children deserve and have the right to expect two parents, a father and mother, committed to each other until death do them part. Marriage is about what is best for children, not adults. The needs of children far outweigh the preferences, “rights” and needs of adults. Married couples must learn to work out their differences and avoid divorce, which offends God (Malachi 2:16). Whatever our personal shortcomings, our strategy must be to preach the undiluted plan of God for sexuality, marriage and family to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We must announce the beautiful plan for family life that God has given humanity. *(Excerpted from homily by Msgr. Charles Pope, dean and pastor in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.)*

## Pope Benedict XVI’s Faith Series: *The reasonableness of faith in God-Part 7*

Our faith in the Catholic Church is supported by a superabundance of meaning. It is a mystery but one filled with light, “too much light” said Pope Benedict XVI, “in the mystery of faith”. Faith is the acceptance of His revelation in history. The Pope continues “faith is an incentive to seek always, never to stop and never to be content in the inexhaustible search for truth and reality.”

The great teachers, such as St. Augustine, of the Catholic Tradition have shown through his demanding, rational search, brought him to this conclusion, “I believe, in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe”.

The First Vatican Council, in the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Filius*, said that reason is able to know with certainty that God exists through Creation. Whereas, the possibility of knowing, “easily, with complete certainty and without error” the truths that concern God in the light of grace, belongs to faith alone. Furthermore,

Pope John Paul II, in his Encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, sums it up in these words: “human reason is ... by way of free and informed choice”.



Science and faith are connected between understanding and believing. Scientific research leads to the knowledge of ever new truths about man and about the cosmos. Faith aids in our understanding of the good and helps us through the discovery of the new truths to recognize the direction we must follow.

“Thus faith, lived truly, does not

come into conflict with science but, rather, cooperates with it, offering the basic criteria to promote the good of all and asking it to give up only those endeavors which produce effects that are detrimental to the human being. For this reason too it is reasonable to believe: if science is a precious ally of faith for understanding God’s plan for the universe, faith, remaining faithful to this very plan, permits scientific progress always to be achieved for the good and truth of man” stated the Pope.

Pope Benedict concluded his audience with, “This is why it is crucial for human beings to be open to faith and to know God and His plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: ‘God’s truth is His wisdom, which commands the whole created order and governs the world. God, Who alone made heaven and earth’ (Psalm 115:15), can alone impart true knowledge of every created thing in relation to Himself”. *(Papal Audience Nov 21, 2012)*

# MEMBER CORNER



Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine altar, La Crosse, WI



Don, Mary Ann and Julia, editors of the Rosary Calendar, attended the conclusion of the 9-month Novena Mass and Consecration to Our Lady on Dec. 12, 2024 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI celebrated by Cardinal Raymond Burke. He consecrated all present to Our Lady of Guadalupe at this mass and gave us the prayer on the right to say daily.

## Daily Prayer of Those Consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2024

O Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the beginning of a new day, I renew my consecration to you, my compassionate mother. I pray that, today, I, with Saint Juan Diego, may be your ever faithful messenger.

Please intercede for the conversion of my heart to Christ, your Divine Son. Throughout this day, may my heart, one with your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, rest ever more perfectly in His glorious-pierced Heart. In all things, may I do what He is asking of me. In difficulties, trials, and temptations, may I, in the embrace of your arms, trust His promise to win in me the victory over sin and death.

I pray also for the many who have abandoned Christ and for the many who do not yet know Him. May you bring millions of souls to Christ, and may I, your messenger, draw souls to Him Who alone is our salvation.

O Lady of Guadalupe, I place within your mantle my family and my homeland, asking that Christ may reign in all hearts from His Most Sacred Heart. At your pleading, may He pour forth into humble and contrite hearts the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit dispelling from them all darkness and sin, and inflaming them with divine truth and love.

May I, alive in Christ, advance today on the earthly pilgrimage to my lasting home with you and with the angels and all the saints, where we shall forever praise and glorify God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With all my heart, I ask this in Christ, you Divine Sion, my Lord and my Savior. Amen.

Raymond Leo Cardinal BURKE

## Aloha to Our Lady of Fatima Hawaii prayer families



Moylan



Garcia



Pondo

## MISSION NEWS

Thank you to all the members of the Legion of Mary Rosary Makers in Omaha, NE. The rosaries they made were sent to Fr. Damian's parish in Tanzania. Please pray for Fr. Andrew Gowa in Tanzania who has been ill.

## NEW MEMBERS

Ken Pondo family (HI), Jeff Bixenman (MO), Mary Lou Neblock (MO), Martha Pope (MO), Tim Rodgers (MO), Ann Weimer (MO), Mary Jane Weydert (MO), Ellen Patton (NE), Alice Neto Diaz (TX), and Kelsey Dorner (WI).

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE OLOF ROSARY CALENDAR

- Deacon Tom O'Conner (NC) who passed away on Mary 21, 2024.

**WE PRAY DAILY FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS BOTH LIVING AND DEAD WHO HAVE JOINED US SINCE 1980, THE YEAR THE ROSARY CALENDAR WAS INSPIRED BY FR. JAMES KEENAN OF THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH, NC.**

### Spiritual Directors:

Fr. Matthew Kibuka (NY)  
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Fr. Boniface Kasita (MO)

### Spiritual Advisors:

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Fr. James Keenan (NC)

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Fr. George Svoboda (Canada)  
Fr. Edwin Duffy (HI)  
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