



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar Newsletter

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October	November	December
The Holy Rosary	The Souls in Purgatory	Immaculate Conception
*Pray for the Pope, protection of the Church, the family and the nation. *Pray the Holy Rosary frequently each day to combat heresies and evils.	*Pray for the Pope and to storm Heaven with prayers to dispel confusion. *Pray for the poor souls in purgatory.	*Pray for the Pope and to flood souls with Grace and Light and Truth. *Pray and do penance especially during this Advent Season.

Importance of the Immaculate Conception Today

The Blessed Mother revealed her Immaculate Conception through many of her apparitions. For example, the Blessed Mother encouraged devotion to her Immaculate Heart during an apparition to Catherine Laboure in France in 1830 to whom she entrusted the Miraculous Medal. In her final appearance to Saint Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, she revealed, “I am the Immaculate Conception”.

The Blessed Mother was sinless from her conception and she remains that way for all time



and eternity. This unique event allowed her to be selected by God to have a virginal conception of the Incarnation (the Son of God assuming a human nature).

With this background, we can

address the importance of her Immaculate Conception in our world. In her revelations during her apparitions, she repeated the need for us to pray and sacrifice. This call was for the reparation of sins. Our prayers and sacrifices are urgently needed now because sin is so prevalent in our world and consists of many immoral and other sinful activities. Thus, it is crucial to turn to Our Lady who declared at her final apparition to the three children at Fatima, “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph”.

Let Christmas 2021 Bring Peace

The secular world and the church are experiencing many difficulties and hardships. Let us turn during this special and Holy season to the Child Jesus of Bethlehem, the Son of the Virgin Mary with the plea: “Come save us”. This Son of Mary is our Savior.

This is how Christ is invoked in an ancient liturgical antiphon: “O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver, hope and salvation of the peoples: come to save us, O Lord our God”.

Pope Benedict XVI in his Christmas message in 2011 said, “Come to save us! This is the cry



raised by men and women in every age, who sense that by themselves they cannot prevail over difficulties and dangers. They need to put their hands in a greater and stronger hand, a hand which reaches out to them from on high”. This hand is

the hand that God extends to humanity, to draw us out of the mire of sin and to set us firmly on rock, the secure rock of His Truth and His Love (refer to Psalm 40:2).

May the Lord come to the aid of our world torn by so many evils such as abortion which stains the earth with blood. May the Prince of Peace grant peace and stability to all people.

Let us focus on the stable in Bethlehem to meditate on our salvation. Jesus gave us the message of peace. Let us receive Him into our lives and say once more with joy: Come to save us.

Meditation for Advent: Jesus sits among us silently and secretly. When we approach Him, we know it only by faith; and when He manifests Himself to us, it is without our being able to realize to ourselves that manifestation. *(Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman)*

We Need to Remember Not to Fear

We are living in a world that is suffering from fear. Isaiah, the greatest of all prophets, states in Chapter 35, verse 4 of the Bible: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not!...He will come and save you."

"Fear not" is repeated many times in the Holy Bible. The central message of Pope St. John Paul II's pontificate was: "Do not be afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power, open the boundaries of states economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development."

St. John Paul II's most used phrases throughout his 26-year pontificate was, "Do not be afraid" or "Be not afraid". He explained in his book *Crossing the Threshold of*



Hope that it was the Holy Spirit who inspired him to say those words. The Pope said that he used the term frequently because it was his appeal to all people to conquer fear in the present world situation.

Our world situation is worse now that it was during his pontificate. In spite of the situation, we should not have fear because, as the saintly pope stated, man has been redeemed by God. In the redemption, we find the

profound words "Be not afraid!" This message is clearly stated in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

We should not be afraid of anything that the people of the world put in our path. Why? Because we have our hope in Jesus Christ who came to save the world from darkness. Trust in God because He is Love.

We must truly understand that God is Love and thus, we do not have to fear the present world situation, even if it grows darker. What is important is to know that God is Love and that He is in control.

He Leadeth Me

How easy it is, in times of ease, for us to become dependent on ourselves. We begin to take things for granted, to rely on ourselves and our own resources. Somehow we begin to lose sight of the fact that in and behind all these things it is God who supports and sustains us.

Somehow, God must remind us that we are dependent only upon Him, that He made us and destined us for life with Him through all eternity. The things of this world are not our lasting city. We are His and we must look to Him and turn to Him in everything. It is perhaps His way to allow our whole world to be turned upside down in order to remind us that this world is not our permanent abode or final destiny. He may be using the turmoil that exists today to bring us to our senses and restore our sense of values, to turn our thoughts once more to Him.

As it was with the people of Israel, we must learn not to put our trust in princes or in kingdoms, but to be faithful only to Yahweh as He was ever faithful. Throughout history, there have been changes,



Fr. Walter Cizek, SJ
Soviet prisoner for 23 years

upheavals and persecutions in the Church. It is not the princes or rulers, structures or organizations, that sustain the Church. It is God who sustains it. God is constant in His love if we will but look to Him, He will sustain us in every storm if we will but cry out to Him, He will save us if we will but reach out our hand to Him. He is there, if we will only turn to Him and learn to trust in Him alone. The upheavals in this world, or the Church herself, are not the end of everything, especially of His love. They serve as signs to remind us of

His love and His constancy, to make us turn once more to Him and cling to Him again when all else that we count on is overturned around us.

Why is it that we fail to think of God during times when we are comfortable but then only in crisis that we remember Him and turn to Him? Mysteriously, God in His providence makes use of our tragedies to remind us of our fallen human nature as well as the presence of His love, concern and care for us. We need to know that He does not send us tragedies to punish us for having so long forgotten Him. The failing is on our part. He is always present and ever faithful.

One thing only need be of great concern to using all these seeming upheavals and catastrophes: to be faithful to God and to look to Him in everything, confident of His love and His constancy, aware that this world is not our lasting city. We must strive always to know His will and to do it each day of our lives.

(Summarized from Pp. 21-23, *He Leadeth Me*, Fr. Walter J. Cizek, SJ)

“Love the Virgin Mary”—St. Maximilian Kolbe

3rd of the series of 10 articles on “Saints who had a Marian Devotion”

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. When he was about ten years old, the Immaculate Virgin appeared to him and offered him two symbolic crowns: the white crown of chastity and the red crown of martyrdom. He chose them both.

On October 16, 1917, while still a student-friar in Rome, Maximilian founded the Militia Immaculata Catholic evangelization movement. Its purpose was to bring about the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by encouraging each and every soul to make a total consecration of themselves to the Immaculate Virgin Mary. “Through the Immaculata to Jesus” was his lifelong motto.

He began publishing the monthly magazine, *Knight of the Immaculata* in 1922, known today as *Immaculata*. He founded a



St. Maximilian Kolbe
“Patron of our difficult century”

monastery near Warsaw that included housing, seminar space, workshops, and a printing and publishing house.

Germany's invasion of Poland ended Kolbe's work in 1939. The

Nazis turned the monastery into a jail and turned its inhabitants out into the streets. St. Kolbe was arrested, freed and in 1941 arrested again and sent to Auschwitz. That same year, he offered to take the place of a man condemned to die. His offer was accepted and he died two weeks later on August 14, the vigil of Mary's Assumption.

Fr. Maximilian was a profound theologian and a heroic martyr. Just before he was martyred, he finished the outline for his book titled: “*I am the Immaculate Conception*”.

Pope Paul VI beatified Maximilian in 1971. In 1982, Pope St. John Paul II canonized him as a “martyr of charity.” He is also the patron saint of journalists, media communications, the family and the chemically addicted.

Twelve Shields Against the Darts of the Devil

Fr. Matthew Hincks, Opus Sanctorum Angelorum, gave a presentation on twelve ways to be protected from the devil at a retreat at Waverly, NE in September 2021. The topic is so crucial for fighting the evil one so pervasive in our society. The following is an outline of the 12 Shields listed by Father:

1. Make a good Confession to end the temptations of the devil.
2. Proclaim the Name of Jesus because the evil spirits fear His name.
3. Proclaim the Word of God because the words that Jesus spoke are effective against demonic temptations.
4. One of the most powerful weapons that we can use to defend ourselves against the devil is the sign of the cross.
5. Use images or pictures of Jesus Christ, especially the Cross because it was the Cross that defeated Satan. The Divine Mercy Image and the picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are rich sources of grace.
6. St. John Chrysostom explained



Fr. Matthew Hincks, ORC

- how the spiritual power that can be released by invoking the Precious Blood of Jesus and how it drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us and even summons angels.
7. Use Holy Water and Blessed Salt to put the demons to flight.
 8. The devil can be chased away with the St. Benedict Medal which has an exorcistic prayer attached to it and the initials of an ancient prayer “Get behind me Satan”.
 9. Pronounce the Name of Mary to drive the devils away and to

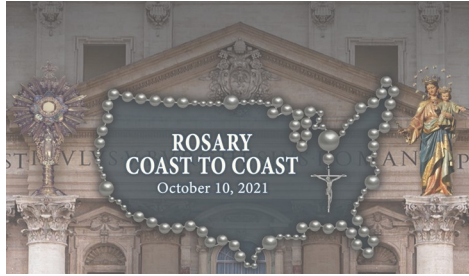
attract the angels.

10. Say the Rosary because it is the favorite prayer of the Blessed Mother and is so powerful against the devil. St. Dominic taught, “Just as all Heaven rejoices when the Hail Mary is prayed, so too, do the devils tremble and run away when they hear it.”
11. Carry the Miraculous Medal because it is the source of many miraculous cures, conversions, and cases of protection.
12. Wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Mary promised St. Simon Stock in 1251 that anyone who died wearing her Scapular would “not suffer eternal fire”.

We can fight the devil by following the words in Ephesians 6:11 which states: “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” and also the words in Ephesians 6:16: “Taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the Evil One”. (*Used with permission of Opus Sanctorum Angelorum*).

Unite with the Rosary-Coast to Coast, October 10

The 6th annual Rosary-Coast to Coast will take place on Sunday, October 10th. Join those all over the world who will unite with Fr. Heilman and many leaders anchored in front of the US Capitol in Washington DC. You can register your location by going to rosarycoasttocoast.com. Pray with your family, churches, prayer groups or your community.



Spiritual Arms with a great urgency to pray against the evil forces. Pray for:

respect for life, sanctity of marriage and the family, religious freedom, and the return of our nation to God. Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed simultaneously at:

- 4 pm Eastern time
- 3 pm Central time
- 2 pm Mountain time
- 1 pm Pacific time
- 10 am Hawaiian time.

The Rosary rally is a call to

Special Feasts

Oct. 1-St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Oct. 2-Holy Guardian Angels, Oct. 7-Our Lady of the Rosary, Oct. 18-St. Luke, Nov. 1-All Saints Day, Nov. 2-All Souls Day, Dec. 8-Immaculate Conception, Dec. 13-Our Lady of Guadalupe, **Dec. 25, Christmas**, Dec. 26-Holy Family, St. Stephen, Dec. 27-St. John, Dec. 28-Holy Innocents.

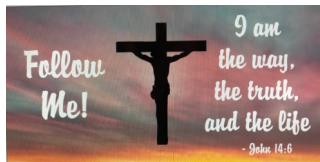
MEMBERS CORNER

New Members: Bonnie Roos (NE)

Recently Deceased Members: Fr. Javan Saxon, one of our spiritual directors and family friend who will be greatly missed (NC), and Marina Glover (NC).

Sincere thank you: to our faithful members in Hawaii and Nebraska for all the boxes of rosaries sent these past months. We have been supplying rosaries to the churches in Tanzania

Mission news: Three boxes of Rosaries were sent to Tanzania. Fr. Moses Juhudi will be uniting with us on October 10 for the Rosary Coast to Coast.



We thank our Lady's Rosary Calendar members for distributing the car magnet (shown above) in the following states: Hawaii, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. We are having more made. If you wish to purchase a magnet or magnets, we are asking for a donation of \$5.00/magnet to cover production costs plus assistance with shipping expenses. Contact Mary Ann at (660)734-5494 to order the magnet(s).

Our e-mail is being cancelled by the provider on October 31, 2021. We are in the process of setting up e-mail with a new provider.

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