



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar Newsletter

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Prayer Intentions

January	February	March	April
*Pray for Pope Francis. *Pray to our Mother Mary to end abortion.	*Pray for Pope Francis. *Pray that all people see that Jesus Christ is our salvation.	*Pray for Pope Francis. *Pray that man turn back to God this Lenten Season.	*Pray for Pope Francis. *Pray to receive and live everyday in the Graces of Easter Sunday.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

On the first day of the year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. In Galatians 4:4, St. Paul said, “But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman.” January 1 is the eighth day of Christmas and is the first day of the New Year. This is the day that we commemorate, in a special way, the Mother of God. Thus, “she contributed uniquely to ensuring that human time would reach the measure of its fullness in the Incarnation of the Word.” *(Homily given by Pope John Paul II during the opening of the Holy Door of St.*



Mary Major, January 1, 2000)

January 1 is also the World Day of Peace. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II placed the World Day of Peace under “Mary’s motherly gaze”. We must pray with this saint to Our Lady of Peace for our world that is experiencing so much fear

and anxiety. The Pope urged us “not to give in to the temptation to despair”.

We ask the Mother of God to help us have hope and to obtain a peace shared within every human heart. We make this petition to Our Lady so that every human family will seek a true peace from Jesus through Mary.

Pope John Paul II concluded his message on the World Day of Peace on January 1, 2002 with this prayer “Holy Mother, Mother of the Prince of Peace, help us! Mother of Humanity and Queen of Peace, pray for us!”

The Gift of Life Needs to be Protected



Genesis 1:27 states, “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them”. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, referencing Exodus 20:13, affirms “You shall not kill”. “Human life is sacred because it is created by God and is meant for an everlasting relationship with God. God is the Lord of life (from beginning to end) and no one has the right to destroy an innocent human being.” *(Gift of Life - Congregation For*

the Doctrine of Faith)

Many argue about the stage of development at which life begins. Even the egg and the sperm are living cells and a human life begins instantly when these two reproductive cells unite.

According to David Sivak, Fact Check Editor (checkyourfact.com), there are 105 abortions performed per hour. That is well over 60 million babies who have lost their lives from this heinous crime since 1973 when Roe v. Wade was approved.

The Supreme Court heard arguments in December 2021 concerning the future of Roe v. Wade and other longstanding rulings that have upheld the right to an abortion. Their decision is expected to be made public in summer 2022.

Let us continue to pray ardently that the Supreme Court honors the constitutional protections for the unborn. These unborn babies cannot speak for themselves so they need us to protect them. In fact, we must fight and pray for the protection of all human life from the moment of conception (the instant that fertilization occurs) until natural death.

The theme for the 49th annual March for Life is “Equality Begins in the Womb.” The march will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022, in Washington, D.C. Let us join them, either in person or by way of our prayers, and pray that the March will be safe and effective in overturning laws allowing abortion.

Fasting and Penance



We have just concluded the season of Advent in the Catholic Church, which in a way is a mini-Lent. It was a time of preparation for the birth of Christ and we should have been fasting and doing penance. The history of fasting and doing penance for Advent is explained in *The Liturgical Year* by Venerable Dom Prosper Gueranger, O.S.B. (vol. 1) (1867)

It only makes sense that every great day in the Liturgical Year should have a period of preparation for the forthcoming glorious event.

This preparation should include fasting, prayer and penance. Lent is the major period in which we look forward to Easter, the day of Christ's resurrection. Pope Paul VI recalled that the aim of Lent is always and everywhere repentance, that is, conversion to God.

A good reason for fasting during Lent is given in Matthew 9:15. Jesus was asked, "Why do your disciples not fast?" Jesus answered: "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast". In fact, the bridegroom is taken away from us during Lent. He is condemned, scourged, crowned with thorns and crucified. Therefore, fasting during Lent is our way to join with Christ's suffering and love for us.

We should also extend our fasting

to the consumption of a multitude of material goods beyond food and drink. Pope St. John Paul II, in his general audience on March 21, 1979 stressed that abstinence from food and drink has its purpose but that we must also detach from a "consumer attitude". This attitude includes many material goods and the excessive use of audiovisual media. He stated that "...modern man must *fast*, that is, abstain not only from food or drink, but *from many other means of consumption*, stimulation, and satisfaction of the senses. To fast means to abstain, to renounce something."

Fasting, then, is an indispensable practice for Catholics today. Lent is the time that we have to reflect on the life of Jesus Christ. Fasting, prayer and other penitential activities aid in directing our focus away from the world and toward God.

Spiritually Adopt a Priest or Bishop

Thanks to the wonderful work of Opus Sanctorum Angelorum (Work of the Holy Angels), we have the opportunity to 'spiritually adopt' a priest, bishop or seminarian. Every year, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, assignments are made to those who chose to make this spiritual adoption.

This adoption is for a year, but it can be permanent. When praying and sacrificing daily for the 'adopted priest', we ask Our Lord to allow graces and blessings to flow to all priests, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on the Friday that follows the second Sunday after Pentecost.

This day was pronounced in 1986 by Pope St. John Paul II to be the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.



Those who join the Spiritual Adoption program will receive meditations biannually on the priesthood and an initial packet

containing the last two meditations on the priesthood, the Chalice of Strength booklet of prayers for priests, a Litany of Jesus Christ Priest and Victim prayer card, and a prayer card with a specific name of a priest, bishop or seminarian.

Even though the institution of the priesthood occurred on Holy Thursday, we are asked to pray daily for our adoptee.

If you are interested in spiritually adopting a priest or would like more information, please send an email to contact@opusangelorum.org or visit www.opusangelorum.org/pray-for-priest.

Conversion of St. Paul of Tarsus

Saul of Tarsus, a persecutor of the Church, was converted at the beginning of the 30's. The Risen Christ appeared to Saul as a brilliant light and spoke to him, which transformed his thinking and his entire life. The light caused Paul to be physically blind, but he was blind to the truth and to the light that is Christ. Paul's definitive "yes" to Christ in Baptism restored his

sight and made him really see the truth. St. Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 15:8 that after Jesus appeared to the apostles and some others, "Last of all... he appeared also to me". Thus, he makes it clear that this is the foundation of his apostolate and of his new life. St. Paul wrote that "He had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I

might preach him among the Gentiles..."

In his "self-apology" he stressed that he is a true witness of the Risen One, that he received his own mission directly from the Risen One. Being open to Christ with all his heart, he was truly the Apostle to the Gentiles. (Source: Pope Benedict XVI, Gen. Audience, September 3, 2008)

A life in Union with the Blessed Mother-St. Therese of Lisieux

4th in the series of 10 articles on “Saints who had a Marian Devotion”

Pope Pius X described St. Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower of the Blessed Virgin Mary), born January 2, 1873, “The greatest saint of modern times.” She was one of the most devoted lovers of the Blessed Virgin Mary according to the Italian Mariologist, Gabriele Roschini OSM. (*Roman Catholic Priest and Professor of Mariology at the Lateran Pontifical University and the Marianum Pontifical Theology Faculty*)



Her devotion to the Blessed Virgin began at an early age. Her first confession at the age of five was the beginning of her devotion. At age 10, Therese became extremely ill. Finding no help on earth, Therese prayed with all her heart to her Mother in heaven. Then, suddenly the Blessed Virgin appeared to Therese with a “ravishing smile” and has come to be known as “Our Lady of the Smile”. At that instant, all of her pain disappeared.

St. Therese consecrated herself to the Virgin Mary on May 8, 1884, the day of her First Communion. Then on May 31, 1887, she further consecrated herself to the “Most Holy Virgin” with her admission to the Daughters of Mary. She fulfilled her life’s ambition of entering the Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in 1889 with the help of Pope Leo XIII.

Throughout her vocation, she always invoked the Blessed Virgin for help. Her life of union with the

Mother of God became daily more intense. Following Louis de Montfort’s advice, she did everything in the presence of Mary and under Mary’s influence.

On the day of her profession, Therese had asked Our Lord, as a nuptial gift, “the martyrdom of heart and body.” She obtained both. Shortly before her death on September 30, 1897, she was heard to exclaim: “How I love the Blessed Virgin!” And three hours before her death, she said to her Mother Superior, “Mother, recommend me quickly to the Blessed Virgin. Prepare me for a happy death.” She died of tuberculosis when the monastery bell was ringing out the Angelus with her eyes fixed on Our Lady’s statue.

She was canonized May 17, 1925; her feast day is October 1.

(*Primary Source: Devotion of St. Therese of Lisieux to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.; Review for Religious. Vol. 11, March 1952, pp. 75-84*)

Why We Pray the Rosary Daily

Our Lady ended her Message at the May 13, 1917 apparition with the words: “*Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war*”.

Why should Our Lady have told us to say the Rosary every day rather than telling us to go to Mass every day? Sister Lucia had been asked this question many times, but could not explain because Our Lady did not address it.

However, Sister Lucia did provide her own insight to address the question of daily Mass. She said, “I think that God is Father and as Father He adapts Himself to the needs and the possibilities of His children. Now, if God, through Our Lady, had asked us to go to Mass and receive Holy Communion every day, there would undoubtedly have been a great many people who would have said, quite rightly, that this was not possible. Some, on



Sr. Lúcia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos, O.C.D.

account of the distance separating them from the nearest church where Mass was celebrated; others on account of the circumstances of their lives, their state in life, their job, the state of their health, etc. On the other hand, to pray the Rosary is something everyone can do, rich and poor, wise and ignorant, great and small. The Rosary, which can be recited either in common or in private, either in Church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament or at home,

either with the rest of the family or alone, either when traveling or while walking quietly in the fields. A mother of a family can say the Rosary while she rocks her baby’s cradle or does the housework. Our day has twenty four hours in it. It is not asking a great deal to set aside a quarter of an hour for the spiritual life, for our intimate and familiar converse with God.” (Source: “*Calls from the Message of Fatima* by Sister Lucia, pp. 131-132)

St. John Paul II wanted us to pray the Rosary faithfully in order to grow in holiness, conformation to Christ, and to change the world. It is a prayer of great power and importance in the Catholic life. It is one that is capable of healing the wounds in our world, whether caused by violence or the splintering of the family.

Our Lady of the Rosary, *Pray for us.*

Changes to The Rosary Calendar and Newsletter

You will notice changes have been made in the publication of the “Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Calendar” and “Our Lady of Fatima ‘Family’ Rosary Calendar Newsletter”.

- ◆ Printed copies of the Calendar will no longer be sent with the first issue of each year.
- ◆ Your praying date and time, listed below, will be included with the first annual issue of the Newsletter.
- ◆ New members will receive the Calendar in the first year of membership and we will send a copy for those who request it.
- ◆ The Newsletter will be published three times a year (January, May, and September) instead of quarterly.

Please check your time and date to Pray the Rosary for the Intentions of the Rosary Calendar:

Pray Date: Shown in the e-mail message box.

Pray Time: Shown in the e-mail message box.

Contact us if you wish to make changes (See contact information at the bottom of this page).

MEMBERS CORNER

**New Members: Tina Castaneda (TX),
Elena Testerman (TX).**

Recently Deceased Members: Edna Suszko (OH),
Bill Bourgeois (NC), Marina Glover (NC).

Sincere thank you: Fr. Moses Juhudi (Tanzania)
expresses his appreciation for Rosaries.

Mission news:



Fr. Moses Juhudi and his parishioners praying with the Rosaries sent by Rosary Calendar members.

Special Feasts to Remember

Jan 1-Solemnity of Mary

Jan 2-Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 9-Baptism of the Lord

Jan 25-Conversion of St. Paul

Feb 2-Presentation of the Lord

Feb 11-Our Lady of Lourdes

Feb 22-Chair of St. Peter

Mar 2-ASH WEDNESDAY

Mar 19-Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mar 25-Annunciation

Apr 10-Palm Sunday

Apr 17-EASTER SUNDAY

Apr 25-St. Mark

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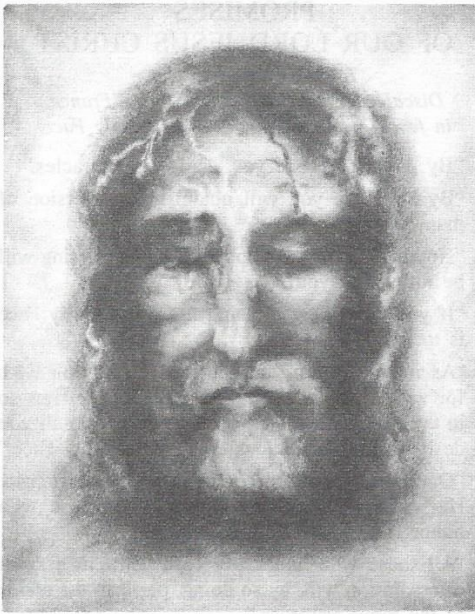
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The Holy Face of Jesus

(After the Holy Shroud of Turin)

“By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.”

—Our Lord

To Sr. Mary of St. Peter

PROMISES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

To Sr. Mary of St. Peter,
Discalced Carmelite Nun of Tours, France,
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.

1. “By My Holy Face you shall work miracles.”
2. “By My Face you will obtain the conversion of many sinners.”
3. “Nothing that you ask in making this offering will be refused to you.”
4. “If you knew how pleasing the sight of My Face is to My Father.”
5. “As in a kingdom you can procure all you wish for with a coin marked with the King’s effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven you will obtain all you desire with the precious coin of My Holy Face.”
6. “Our Lord has promised me that He will imprint His divine likeness on the souls of those who honor His most holy Countenance.”
7. “All those who honor My Holy Face in a spirit of reparation will, by so doing, perform the office of the pious Veronica.”
8. “According to the care you take in making reparation to My Face, disfigured by blasphemies, so will I take care of yours, which has been disfigured by sin. I will reprint therein My image and render it as beautiful as it was on leaving the Baptismal font.”
9. “Our Lord promised me that all those who defend His cause in this work of reparation, by words, by prayers, or in writing, He will defend them

before His Father; at their death He will purify their souls by effacing all the blots of sin and will restore to them their primitive beauty.”

“THE GOLDEN ARROW”

An Act of Praise and Reparation

Dictated by Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter

MAY the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. *Amen.*

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves before Thine adorable Face to ask of Thee the graces of which we stand most in need, we beseech Thee, above all, to grant us that interior disposition of never refusing at any time to do what Thou requirest of us by Thy holy commandments and divine inspirations. *Amen.*

O GOOD Jesus, who hast said, “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you,” grant us, O Lord, that faith which obtains all, or supply in us what may be deficient; grant us, by the pure effect of Thy charity, and for Thine eternal glory, the graces which we need and which we look for from Thine infinite mercy. *Amen.*

BE MERCIFUL to us, O my God, and reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions, we call upon Thy Holy Name and seek with love and confidence Thine adorable Face. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, look upon the Face of Thy Son Jesus. We present It to Thee with confidence, to implore Thy pardon. The All-Merciful Advocate opens His mouth to plead our cause; hearken to His cries, behold His tears, O God, and through His infinite merits hearken to Him when He intercedes for us poor miserable sinners. *Amen.*

ADORABLE Face of my Jesus, my only love, my light and my life, grant that I may know, love and serve Thee alone, that I may live with Thee, of Thee, by Thee and for Thee. *Amen.*

ETERNAL Father, I offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy Beloved Son for the honor and glory of Thy Name, for the conversion of sinners and for the salvation of the dying.

O DIVINE Jesus, through Thy Face and Name, save us. Our hope is in the virtue of Thy Holy Name!

With ecclesiastical approval.

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