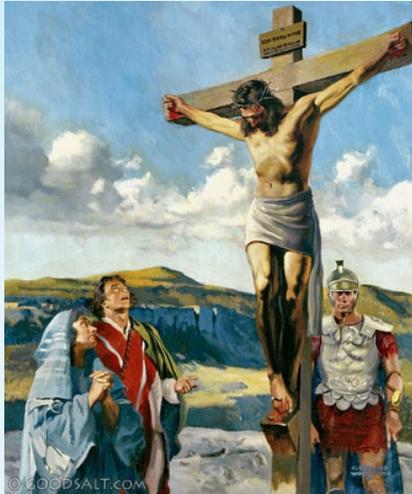




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SUFFERING LEADS TO GLORY

- By Annabelle Mendonca, www.thebatimmessage.com

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” – Mt. 11:28-29.

The greatest desire of God is to communicate His life to us, not against our wish, but with our collaboration, by respecting our freedom and allowing us to suffer. Whoever we are, young or elderly, male or female, or whatever we do, we are all affected by suffering: we experience it in our own lives or see it in our society.

If we open the Gospels, we find out how the public ministry of Jesus began after His temptations in the desert. The first thing He did was to go to those who suffered in their bodies or their souls. He was moved with deep compassion at the sight of those who were in pain. He went to the extent of taking upon Himself the suffering of those He met in view of alleviating them. The liberation that Jesus proclaimed to the people had to do with the sufferings of their bodies as well as their souls. “The blind receive their sight and the lame

walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.” (Mt. 11:5).

When Jesus went from village to village to proclaim the good news of salvation, He was sensitive to every kind of distress. “Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.” (Mk.10: 51). Sometimes Jesus took the sick persons aside, “away from the crowd”, while in other instances He healed them before the crowd or in the synagogues before His enemies or in the presence of His disciples. His intention was not to perform these miracles in hiding, but to avoid satisfying the curiosity of those who wanted to see flashing signs. That is why He requested those He healed not to tell anyone about what had happened.

The healing miracles that Jesus performed were not the result of His prayer alone. Jesus healed people by the power of His word, counting on the sick person’s faith. Before healing them, He often asked the sick whether they believed that He could do this for them. Then He laid His hands on them, touched the wounded limbs, applied saliva and asked them to go and wash. Sometimes the sick people themselves rushed to Him in order to touch Him. But more important than these gestures were the words that He spoke: words of challenge (“what do you want me to do for you?”), words of comfort (“do not cry”), words of encouragement (“go in peace”), and especially words of authority (“I am willing; be clean.”). People could see that great power came out from Him.

‘Where does suffering come from?’ -- ‘Why do we have to suffer?’ – ‘Is suffering a punishment for our sins?’ are a few questions many tend to ask. Yet the answer given by Jesus to the people who questioned Him remains very mysterious (Jn. 9: 1-7). “This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.” Is suffering necessary for the work of God to be displayed? What is the work of God? -- The perfect fulfilment of human beings. This blind man had not yet found his fulfilment. We too, are in the same situation. If we suffer, it is so that God’s grace may abound.

It is through the blind that Christ reveals the light of God in the most striking way. With them, we can see where He leads us.

It is through the deaf that He makes us hear the will of God. With them, we can welcome the good news of salvation and communicate it to others.

It is through the paralysed and the lame that we learn to walk on the path of truth. With them, we make real progress in the spiritual life.

It is through the lepers that He reveals the face of the Son of God. With them, we have the courage to lose our life in order to save it.

The healing of the blind man reminds us that the way, the truth and the life of God are revealed to us through the experience of those who suffer. By becoming one like us, Jesus experienced the joys of human life, but also its anguish, its fears, its injustices, and finally a cruel death. It is not easy to realise

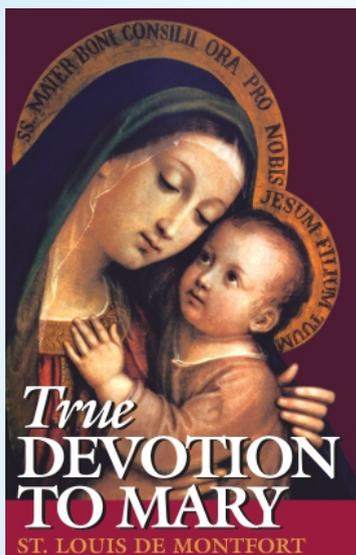
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St. Louis de Montfort taught Marian consecration as a way of life

Based on a talk by Father Roy Tvridik, SMM

To know Mary is to know Jesus and the Father in heaven. It explains why St. Louis de Montfort was so adamant about teaching what true devotion to Mary looks like and why total consecration to Jesus through Mary is a way of life and a renewal of your baptismal promise, says Father Roy Tvridik, SMM.

Tvridik is a Montfort Missionary at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville, N.Y., and serves as the spiritual director of the Rockville Centre Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima. He addressed this topic at the national council meeting of the World Apostolate of Fatima in September.



“Why do we have devotion to Mary?” asks Tvridik. The answer, and one he frequently gives to Protestants, is simple: “Because Jesus does. Jesus is forever the Son of God; He is now and forever the Son of Mary. Nobody else in the world is closer to Jesus than His mother. There is no division between them; they are perfect love and perfect unity”.

“Jesus loves and honors His mother. If Jesus loves and honors His mother, how can we not?” he says. “In fact, Montfort wrote in his book that you **MUST** have a devotion to Mary if you want to be a full Catholic

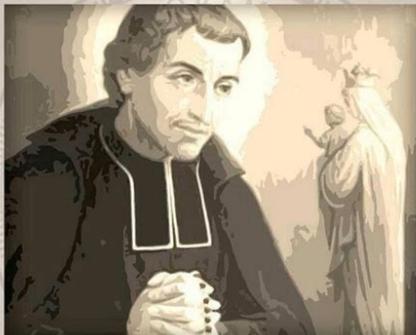
Christian, because to know Jesus is to know the Father and the Mother. So, it is a family.”

In his writings, Montfort often proclaims that Jesus is the incarnate wisdom of God. Wisdom in the Old Testament is Jesus in the New Testament; He is the personification of wisdom. Our Lady is the seat of wisdom, Montfort’s favorite title for her. Understanding who Jesus is as incarnate wisdom and who Mary is as the seat of wisdom is very important in Montfort’s teachings, says Tvridik.

A program that was lost, then found

Montfort created a 33-day program of preparation for making a total

DID YOU KNOW?



St. Louis de Montfort prophesied that those who are specially devoted to Mary will be instrumental in defeating the Antichrist.

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consecration to Jesus — incarnate wisdom — through Mary — seat of wisdom. He wrote about and taught this program all over France. But when he died at the age of 43 in 1716, he left only an outline for it.

“Montfort wrote all about the glories of Mary in his book True Devotion to Mary and he foresaw a time in the ‘latter days’ when Our Lady would be greatly known and honored for who she is,” he says. “He also predicted that his book would be hidden from the world by

the devil for a time. The book was lost in the chaos of the French Revolution, when monasteries and churches were desecrated and priests and religious killed. It was found again in 1842, just as he predicted.”

The fruits of true devotion

After 1842, the book was printed and distributed all over the world. One young man who got a hold of it during World War II read it, but didn't like it; he thought it was too excessive. The Holy Spirit called him to read it again. The second time, he was confused. The Holy Spirit inspired him to read it a third time. Finally, he got the idea to make the consecration to Jesus through Mary, not approaching the Lord through his own capacity, but going through her and with her. He understood the secret that Montfort points to in his writings — of Mary's role in helping one advance quickly in holiness. This young man became a priest, then a bishop and finally St. John Paul II, who took as his motto Totus Tuus: “I am all yours, O Jesus, through Mary.” He became St. John Paul II the Great, an important and influential figure for the modern Church.

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In recent years, Father Hugh Gillespie, SMM developed a revised manual of Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary to replace the original orange book that was popular in the 1950s, but that fell out of circulation. It is both an introduction to Montfort's spirituality of total consecration and a guide for those who would prepare themselves to make his

Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Many people have made a Marian consecration using Father Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*, which focuses on understanding devotion to Mary as modeled by four saints, including St. John Paul II. But even if someone has done a Marian consecration using this approach, Tvridik encourages people to do it again using Montfort's program, because it will take you to a deeper level.

In the first phase, Montfort begins with 12 days of emptying oneself of the spirit of the world and renouncing all those earthly attachments that impede us from getting closer to the Lord.

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The second phase is a three-week period of filling oneself with knowledge: The first week praying for knowledge of your true self as baptized into Christ; the second week praying for knowledge of Mary; and the third week praying for knowledge of Jesus.

The third phase, after these 33 days of preparation, is to make the consecration to Jesus through Mary, first by going to confession and receiving Holy Communion.

“Montfort would go into a parish for a month and take the people through the preparation to renew their baptismal promises. That is what the consecration was all about, renewing your baptism,” explains Tvridik. “Montfort was pushing us into somewhat like a born-again experience, and he said we are supposed to renew it yearly, even daily. It's not a one-shot deal; Montfort is intending it to be a way of life.”

The renewal of your consecration can be as short a prayer as *Totus Tuus* or as long as the three-page consecration prayer that Montfort composed and that St. John Paul II prayed daily. The three-stage preparation takes you to a deeper understanding of this Marian way and helps you live the consecration always.

“So when evangelicals ask, ‘Are you saved, or, are you born again?’ — say, ‘Yes, again and again and again, every time I go to confession, every time I receive the Eucharist, every time I pray,’” says Tvridik. “It's a beautiful spiritual way of life.”

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ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY

(Taken from book "Popular Devotions and Prayers to St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church by Francis S Barreto)

According to Roman Martyrology March 19 is the birthday of St. Joseph, husband of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and confessor, whom the supreme Pontiff Pius IX, assenting the desires and prayers of the whole Catholic world, had proclaimed patron of the Universal Church.

What is told in the Gospels is familiar: he was of royal descent and his genealogy has been set out for us by both St. Mathew and St. Luke. He was the protector of our Lady's good name, and in that character of necessity the confidant of Heaven's secrets, and he was the foster-father of Jesus, charged with the guidance and support of the Holy Family, and responsible for the education of Him who, though divine, loved to call Himself 'the son of man'. It was Joseph's trade that Jesus learnt, it was his manner of speech that the boy will have imitated, it was he whom our Lady herself seemed to invest with full parental rights when she said without qualification, 'Thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing'.



None the less our positive knowledge concerning St. Joseph's life is very restricted, and the 'tradition' enshrined in the apocryphal gospels must be pronounced to be quite worthless. We may assume that he was betrothed to Mary his bride with the formalities prescribed by Jewish ritual, but the nature of the ceremonial is not clearly known, especially in the case of the poor; and that Joseph and Mary were poor is proved by the offering of only a pair of turtle doves at Mary's purification in the Temple. By this same poverty the story of the competition of twelve suitors for Mary's hand, of the rods deposited by them in the care of the High Priest and of the portents which distinguished the rod of Joseph from the rest, is shown to be quite improbable.

We must be content to know the simple facts that when Mary's pregnancy had saddened her husband his fears were set at rest by an angelic vision, that he was again warned by angels first to seek refuge in Egypt, and after wards to return to Palestine - that he was present at Bethlehem when our Lord was laid in the manger and the shepherds came to worship Him, that he was present also when the Infant was placed in the arms of Holy Simeon, and finally that he shared his wife's sorrow

at the loss of her Son and her joy when they found Him debating with the doctors in the Temple.

Although a descendant of King David, Joseph nevertheless lived humbly as a poor carpenter. We do not know Joseph's age. Medieval painters depicted him as an old man. Clearly by the time of the Crucifixion, when Jesus tells the “beloved disciple” to take care of his mother Mary after his death, Joseph is no longer around to fulfill this role. His cult grew in the Eastern Church from the 4th century, but did not catch on in the West until the late middle Ages. Thereafter it seemed to gather momentum, and in 1870, Pius IX declared him Patron of the Universal Church. Many churches and hospitals are dedicated to Joseph, and today he frequently represents a kindly figure of fun in children's nativity plays.

DID YOU KNOW...PURITY (Greatest virtue of St. Joseph)

++...that **Blessed Pope John XXIII**, who visited Fatima in 1956, would say the first decade of the **Rosary** every day for purity?

++...that **Saint Dominic Savio**, whose status is honored at the Fatima Sanctuary (together with Saint John Bosco) is currently the youngest non-martyred canonized saint in the history of the Church (age 15), said: “I promise to die rather than commit a mortal sin”?

++...that **Blessed Jacinta Marto**, the youngest non-martyred person beatified by the Church (age 10), said: “Most souls go to hell because of sins of impurity”?

++...that on the day of her death **Blessed Alexandrina da Costa** uttered these final words: “Do not sin. The pleasures of this world are nothing. Say the **Rosary** everyday. That is all”?

++...that **Saint Maria Goretti**, the martyr of purity and a patron of the Blue Army U.S.A., whose statue is honored in our National Shrine's Bishop Ahr Memorial Hall, wore the **Brown Scapular** and prayed the **Rosary**?

++...that lacking a “cold shower”, **Saint Francis of Assisi** threw himself into a bed of thorns to overcome the temptations of the flesh?

++...that **Pope Paul VI**, who wrote the encyclical on marital purity, **Humanae Vitae**, made a papal pilgrimage of Fatima on May 13, 1967?

++...that wearing the **Brown Scapular** and meditating upon the **Holy Rosary** are the ways to a “clean heart” recommended by the Blue Army's Co-Founder, **John M.**

TRUE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART IS CONTAINED IN FATIMA

by John Haffert

When I interviewed Sister Lucia in 1946, I had only one thing in mind: I wanted to know WHAT Our Lady wanted of us. What specifically were her conditions for the final triumph of her Immaculate Heart? I said that I presumed the first condition was the Rosary.



To my surprise, she at once denied this. She said the essential condition was the sanctifying of our daily actions. Essential to this was devotion to her Immaculate Heart. The wearing of the Scapular brings us her promised help to avoid sin (and for additional benefits, make the formal act of consecration through the ritual of enrollment). For those who persevere, Our Lady promised to obtain the graces they need to be

saved. As we have said before, Lucia said the Scapular devotion was a necessary part of the Fatima message: “It is our sign of consecration to Her Immaculate Heart.”

Formula of holiness

But, Our Lady at Fatima is asking something far more ... something for which devotions like the Rosary and Scapular are simply the aids. She wants us to live as really belonging to her in a special way. She asks us to pray the Rosary, to make the First Saturday devotion and to live our Morning Offering.

The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which God will now to establish in the world, is contained in the Blue Army pledge. It costs nothing. It is not difficult. And, it is for everyone.

What seems most important to realize, in this time, which Sister Lucia calls “the third day” of Fatima, is a more profound understanding of Our Lady’s gift, especially of the Scapular, as a call to everyone for greater holiness, through Mary, known as the “ascent of Mount Carmel.”

“Do not be afraid to tell everyone that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and that Jesus desires that Her Heart be honored alongside His own Sacred Heart” — St. Jacinta to Lucia before she died.

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“God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart” - Our Lady of Fatima, 13 July 1917
World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) & Legion of Mary Celebrations at
Basilica de Bom Jesus, Old Goa India, 7th Feb 2019

-Dr Celcio Dias, International Secretary and Chairman
of the National Board, WAF



Mr Francis Barreto welcoming
the dignitaries

Following the recent 3rd Asian Congress and the 10th Indian National Council Meet of the WAF in Calcutta (3rd to 5th Feb 2019), the Goa Unit and National Chairman Mr Francis Barreto welcomed on behalf of the Goa Unit of the WAF, Archbishop Patriarch Filipe Neri Ferrao, Prof. Américo López-Ortiz the International President and Mr. Nuno Prazeres Director WAF International Secretariat at Fatima. Mr Barreto also welcomed Mr Godfery Caluna from Oman, Fr Patricio Fernandes, SJ Rector of the Basilica, Fr Loiola Pereira, Archbishop's Secretary, Fr Peter da Gama Goa unit Spiritual Advisor and Mr Tony Rodrigues.

The visiting guests were presented with flower bouquets. **This mission in Goa, was held to proclaim the forgotten Message of Our Lady of Fatima and to spread this Fatima Message in the local parishes through the Legion of Mary**

At the onset, Fr Patricio gave a brief history of the Basilica. Prof. Amerigo summarized the Fatima Message - so important in these times – particularly the forgotten message of the First Saturdays. Mr Nuno then greeted everyone present and welcomed all to Fatima, Portugal.



The inaugural speeches were then followed by Holy

ArchBishop Filipe Neri Ferrao, Mr Nuno Prazeres & Prof Americo Lopez-Ortiz.(Lt to Rt)



Mass with the ArchBishop Patriarch Filipe Neri Ferrao as the main celebrant. Fr Jorge Fernandes, Director of Diocesan Centre of the Lay Apostolate, Fr Cipriano Da Silva Parish Priest of St Michael's Church Taleigao also concelebrated with the ArchBishop

The Mass was offered for the Church, the attending delegates and especially for Prof. Americo's intentions whose birthday it was that day. Before the distribution of the refreshments, Dr Celcio Dias, International Secretary and newly elected Chairman of the National Board thanked all those present.

The adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed - led by Fr Peter da Gama. Fr Patricio led the Most Holy Rosary following which Fr Peter proceeded with the Brown Scapular and Pledge enrolment/renewal and concluded with sprinkling of Holy water.

Next was the veneration of the Basilica Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Relics of Sts. Francisco and Jacinta and St. Francis Xavier. Mention was made of the privileges of veneration of relics of healing and driving away of evil spirits. This was followed by Lunch.

Special kits containing information on Our Lady of Fatima in leaflets, etc were distributed to the Parishes in charge of the Legion of Mary – about 25 Parishes in all.

The service concluded at 1 pm with thanking to Almighty God for all the Grace and Blessings!

The WAF Bookshop was managed by Diksha Gaonkar, Helen Lourenco and Lydia. Registrations were managed by Mr Julius Fernandes, newly elected National Board Treasurer and National Centre Vice Chairman as well as Lester, National Centre Coordinator.



Prof Americo and Mr Nuno were interviewed by Dr Celcio at the CCR TV Studio in Panaji.

The Choir was led by Ludmila Mehrotra National Centre Treasurer, Daphne Sequeira, Cheryl Cardoz, Solano Cardoz, Noemia D'Silva, Anthony Viegas and Komal Mehrotra.

A video of the Holy Mass was recorded by Goa Catholic Charismatic Renewal CCR TV Channel and was broadcasted that same evening. This video can also be seen on <https://youtu.be/O0Ehe3G25Ac> (Please click to watch). Later Prof Americo and Mr Nuno were interviewed by Dr Celcio at the CCR TV Studio in Panaji.

Chairman Francis S. Barreto hosted a lunch at his residence accompanied by Spiritual Advisor Fr. Peter da Gama, Executive Committee members and the



choir. A cake was cut for it was the birthday of Prof. Americo Lopez. Besides 'happy birthday' the choir also sang a mando and a Portuguese song '*Vem Vem Minha Fleur*' which was much appreciated especially by the delegates which also included Mr Godfrey Caluna from Oman.

THE 'LITTLE WAY' OF ST. THERESE

compiled by Soul Staff, with original text by Rev. Jack Riley

“It is to you, dear mother, to you who are doubly my mother that I come to confide this story of my soul. The day you asked me to do this, it seemed to me it would distract my heart by too much concentration on myself, but since then Jesus has made me feel that in obeying simply, I would be pleasing Him. Besides, I’m going to be doing only one thing, I shall begin to sing what I must sing eternally: ‘The Mercies of the Lord.’”

The young Carmelite who composed these words was hardly known outside of the cloister walls of her monastery in Lisieux, France. Living faithfully her “Little Way,” she managed to remain largely unnoticed, even by the religious sisters with whom she lived. Yet not long after her death at the age of 24, Pope St. Pius X would call her “the greatest saint of modern times.” Known to her contemporaries as Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus, this young woman is more commonly known as “The Little Flower.”

A beautiful summary of her Little Way is offered in an old prayer:

“St. Thérèse, Little Flower, grant that I may follow your Little Way through Mary to Jesus — the way of simplicity, joy, meekness and humility of heart, devotion to my vocation, constant prayer, self-



St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"The Little Flower"

1873-1897

*Our Lord needs from us
neither great deeds nor
profound thoughts.
Neither intelligence nor
talents. He cherishes
simplicity.*

immolation, abandonment of my will to the Will of God and confidence and love in Jesus.”

St. Thérèse boldly desired to become a saint from a very young age, and discovered the Little Way to God through her great humility. Like the Fatima children, she recognized that holiness can be attained in daily and ordinary activities — to do “little things with great love.”

Although God asks our cooperation in the working out of our salvation, the power, grace and glory are all from Him. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. Recognizing this, she understood that we must “become like little children,” totally dependent upon our Father —God. St. Thérèse believed that extraordinary graces are present in the most ordinary duties and chores if we perform them in union with Jesus; thus, as she observed, we can “pick up a pin with love and save a soul.”

THE ELEVATOR TO HEAVEN IS JESUS' ARMS.

St. Thérèse found parallels to God’s heavenly plan in everything that surrounded her. One beautiful analogy of how a soul reaches perfection was seeing herself as a young toddler who could not climb the stairs by herself, but needed the help of her father, God, to get up to the next step until she reached the top.

Living in the age of inventions, she noted that the elevator had replaced the need to even climb stairs. Therefore, she wanted to find an elevator that would raise her to Jesus, for she realized, “I am too small to climb the rough stairway of perfection. I searched, then, in the Scriptures for some sign of this elevator, the object of my desires, and I read these words coming from the mouth of Eternal Wisdom: “Whoever is a LITTLE ONE, let him come to me.” And so I succeeded. I felt I had found what I was looking for. ... The elevator which must raise me to heaven is your arms, O Jesus! And for this I had no need to grow up, but rather I had to remain little and become this more and more.”

St. Thérèse’s Little Way is simplicity itself — detachment from worldly things, the recognition of our own small place in God’s plan and a profound love of God in Himself and in all things. This leads one to joy, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit that can manifest in a deep and profound experience of God in everything. It was not merely God’s consolations that gave her joy; St. Thérèse could be joyful while experiencing a feeling of God’s apparent absence from her soul, which she described as Jesus “sleeping in her little boat.” As she moved further along the way of perfection, St. Thérèse even found joy in suffering, asking Jesus, “Is there a joy greater than that of suffering out of love

for you? ... Suffering or consolation are all the same for a soul truly resigned to God's will."

A LIFE OF UNCEASING PRAYER

Her entire existence became a prayer. All circumstances, moments, events and encounters, good and bad, spoke to her of God, and she replied with love. Her constant dialogue with Jesus, in her thoughts and in the deepest part of her soul, enabled her to perceive His indwelling presence, hidden in the depths of her heart, giving her the grace of knowing and doing His will from moment to moment. St. Thérèse prayed with candor and utmost sincerity, seeing herself as a little Lamb of God united with the sacrifice of the Eternal Lamb of God ... lost in the living flame of his infinite Love.

This extraordinarily ordinary young woman is a great teacher of a "Little Way," a pathway to holiness that can lead people in all walks of life to the heights of sanctity. May we all follow her Little Way through Mary to Jesus, with confidence and love.

"I want to seek out a means of going to heaven by a little way, a way that is very straight, very short and totally new."

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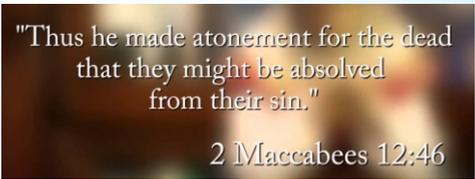
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that God revealed His love for us by inviting us to share in His divine life, but through the experience of suffering and death.

But His resurrection is our only

hope. That is what Jesus wanted to teach us – ultimately, we have to look at Jesus in order to understand how suffering leads to glory.

During this Lenten season let us not dwell on our own sufferings, but meditate on the passion and death of our loving Saviour and derive strength and courage at the foot of the cross. "Death was not God's doing. He takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living" (Wis. 1: 13). Jesus came into the world, so that suffering and death might be "swallowed up in victory" (1Cor 15: 54). We have been left on earth for a purpose, as St. Peter writes, "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us" (1Pet. 2:11,12).



"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin."

2 Maccabees 12:46

THE FATIMA PRAYERS

PARDON PRAYER: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

ANGEL'S PRAYER: O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

SACRIFICE PRAYER: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DECADE PRAYER: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.



‘God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. If what I say is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.’

How Do I Start the First Saturdays?

On July 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared for the third time to the three children of Fatima and showed them the vision of hell. In this vision Our Lady said that *‘God wishes to establish in the world devotion’* to Her Immaculate Heart and that She would come to *ask for the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays...*

What Do I Have to Do?

The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of salvation. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed. The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are as follows:

(1) Confession, (2) Communion, (3) Five decades of the Rosary, (4) Meditation on one or more of the Rosary Mysteries for fifteen minutes, (5) To do all these things in the spirit of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and (6) To observe all these practices on the First Saturday of five consecutive months.

The idea of the Five First Saturdays is obviously to make us persevere in the devotional acts for these Saturdays and overcome initial difficulties. Once this is done, Our Lady knows that the person would become devoted to Her Immaculate Heart and persist in practicing such devotion on all First Saturdays, working thereby for personal self-reform and for the salvation of others. Our Lady has assured us that She will obtain salvation for all those who observe the First Saturdays for five consecutive months in accordance with Her conditions.

For more details please email: ourladybatim@gmail.com

Dates to Remember - March 2019

2nd: First Saturday, Service at Batim.
6th: Ash Wednesday
19th: St Joseph, Solemnity
25th: The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity

PRAYER PETITIONS, TESTIMONIES & RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

- + Your prayer petitions may be submitted online at: thebatimmessage.com These prayer requests will be placed at the feet of Our Lady of Fatima in the the Church of Sts Simon & Jude and offered during the First Saturday Mass at Batim.
- + Your testimonies may be submitted online at: ourladybatim5thdogma.com or emailed to: ourladybatim@gmail.com
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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION IN HONOUR OF AND IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Church of St Simon and St Jude, Batim, Tiswadi, Goa Velha, Goa 403 108 India.

- 1.00 pm:** +Stations of the Cross
2.00 pm: +Holy Rosary, +Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, +Divine Mercy Prayers, +Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, +Confessions.
3.30pm: +Holy Mass.

Services are held in Konkani and English

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Mapusa: From St Joseph's Chapel, Near Police Station at 11.45 am, Mob: 9822167665
Calangute: From Calangute Church at 11.30 am, Mob: 9421241248

In conformity with the directives of Pope Urban VIII, we have no intention of anticipating the judgement of the Holy Apostolic See and of the Church on Apparitions, reported by us, but not yet recognized; indeed, we submit to, and accept; her final decision without reservation.

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