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Mediatrix of All Grace

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PURIFICATION OF PURGATORY

- By Annabelle Mendonca,
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**“But I say unto you, that every idle
word that men shall speak,
they shall render an account for it in the day of judgment.” -- Mt 12:36**

It is a fact of divine revelation that the soul of every person who dies in the state of grace, but without having made sufficient expiation on earth for his/her forgiven sins, will undergo the punishment and purification of Purgatory before entering Heaven. Purgatory is a prison of fire in which nearly all (saved) souls are plunged after death and in which they suffer the intensest pain. So grievous is their suffering that one minute in this awful fire seems like a century.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the Prince of Theologians, says that the fire of Purgatory is equal in intensity to the fire of hell, and that the slightest contact with it is more dreadful than all the possible sufferings of this Earth!

St. Augustine, the greatest of the Holy Doctors, teaches that to be purified of their faults previous to being admitted to Heaven, souls after death are subjected to a fire more penetrating, more dreadful than anything we can see, or feel, or conceive in this life. Though this fire is destined to cleanse and purify

the soul, still it is more acute than anything we could possibly endure on earth. Our fire, in comparison with the fire of Purgatory, is as a refreshing breeze.

The fire we see on earth was made by the goodness of God for our comfort and well-being. Still, when used as a torment, it is the most dreadful one we can imagine. The Fire of Purgatory, on the contrary, was made by the Justice of God to punish and purify us and is, therefore, incomparably more severe. Our fire, at most, burns/kills this gross body of ours, whereas, the fire of Purgatory acts on the spiritual soul, which is unspeakably more sensitive to pain. It inflicts the keenest, most violent pain, but never kills the soul nor lessens its sensibility. The soul separated from the body craves with all the intensity of its spiritual nature for God. It is consumed with an intense desire to fly to Him. Yet it is held back. No words can describe the anguish of this unsatisfied craving.

We have sinned, the graver, the more frequent the sins, the longer will be the period of expiation and the more intense the pain. It is not God's fault, nor God's wish, that we go to Purgatory! The fault is all our own. Even after our sin, God, in His infinite goodness, places at our disposal many easy and efficacious means by which we may considerably lessen our term of expiation, or even entirely cancel it. This "Year of Mercy" was one way our Pope Francis made God's grace more available to us all.

Most Christians, with incomprehensible rashness, neglect these means and so have to pay their debts in the dreadful prison house of Purgatory. Let us use every means in our power to secure a happy and holy death, by taking active part in the Holy Sacraments regularly. In every prayer we say, every Mass we offer, every Communion we receive, every good work we perform, have the express intention of imploring God to grant us a holy and happy death and no Purgatory. Surely God will hear a prayer said with such confidence and perseverance. A daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament is another easy way of obtaining grace.

Always seek and do God's will. We need to accept sufferings, sorrows, pains and disappointments of life, be they small or great. Bear everything calmly and patiently for love of Him and in penance for sins. Christ's life and actions teach us much which we need to imitate. The greatest act was His Passion. Our passion consists in the sufferings and labours of every day. The penance God imposed on man for sin was to earn his bread in the sweat of his brow. Therefore, let us work judiciously, accepting hardships, pains and problems in union with the Passion of Christ. We gain more merit by a little pain than by years of pleasure.

Let us forgive all injuries and offences, for in the proportion as we forgive others, God forgives us. Avoid mortal sins and deliberate venial sins and break off all bad habits. Do many little acts of kindness and charity, give alms and never refuse to do a favour when it is possible. Do not grumble and complain when things go awry. Cultivate regularity of life, method in work and punctuality in the performance of duty. Such little acts are a splendid penance.

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“ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA COMES TO THE MARIAN VALLEY”

-Dr. Christopher Dias

Hundreds of pilgrims gathered on October 13th, 2018 at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Canungra, Qld Australia as the statue of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was unveiled, blessed and installed in a specially built chapel at the Marian Valley by His Grace Bishop Ken Howell, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane. Today we also commemorate 101 yrs of the Final Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the 3 Shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. The month of October is specially dedicated to the Holy Rosary.



The Marian Valley has many beautiful chapels including the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima where First Saturday and Fatima Day prayer services are held regularly in honour and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Procession to the chapel dedicated to St. Mother Teresa, led by His Grace Bishop Ken Howell and the Sisters of Missionaries of Charity began from the Black Madonna Church with a welcome and introduction by Fr Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, the Rector of the Shrine.



The devotion that St Mother Teresa had to Our Lady of the Rosary is very well known. On 26th September 1928, this humble soul from Albania (present day Macedonia) joined the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Loretto sisters) in Dublin, Ireland. On the 6th January 1929, the little novice arrived in Calcutta, India to begin her formal religious training. On the 7th

October 1958- the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary she established the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. The Rosary was her favourite and constant prayer. She prayed the rosary anytime, anywhere; but was especially fond of praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. Thus it is not by coincidence that St Mother Teresa of Calcutta be honoured and venerated on the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima at Mt. Canungra.

Before the dedication of the Grotto, Sr Milada of the Order of Missionaries of Charity spoke about her contact with St. Mother Teresa and recounted the journey of the Statue of the



saint from Penrose Park, NSW to the Marian Valley, QLD...as a place where “she deserved to be and properly honoured...Marian Valley will be her home.” Sr Milada recalled the words of the saint: **“By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus.”** Her union with Christ and her ability to see her Saviour in the distressed and destitute took her to the path of fulfilling God's will in her Life and crowning her with Sainthood. At her death, there were 3,842 sisters serving in 594 houses in 120 countries around the world.



At her Grotto at Marian Valley, St. Mother Teresa can be seen in her usual genuflected and sitting posture, head bent in prayer and with the Rosary in her hands. The practice of praying the rosary in the street became part of the Missionaries of Charity way of life, and the hallmark of the sisters as they made and make their way through the slums, going in haste

with Our Lady in search of souls.



Bishop Ken Howell with Fr Albert Wasniowski the Rector of the Shrine with the relic of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Following the dedication of the Grotto and Blessing of the Statue of St Mother Teresa, Bishop Ken Howell concelebrated Mass with over 500 of the faithful gathered. His Grace spoke of the witness of God's love and mercy to our neighbour... the very attribute that St. Mother Teresa practised in her life on earth.

It was a rainy day at the Marian Valley as Bishop Ken Howell welcomed the showers of blessings sent from above. And as the earth in the drought laden parts of Queensland soaked in the rain, the pilgrims that gathered atop the mount went home with this powerful testimony from St Mother Teresa of Calcutta. **"It is not how much we do, but how much we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving".**

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Pray for Us!

When Mother Teresa received the Nobel Prize, she was asked, *"What can we do to promote world peace?"* She answered *"Go home and love your family."*



JOIN OUR LADY'S INTERNATIONAL PRAYER GROUP ON 3 DAYS

(1) FIRST SATURDAYS COMMUNION OF

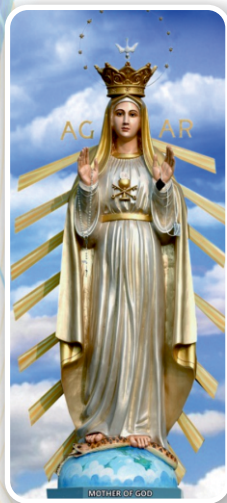
REPARATION:

(1) Confession, (2) Holy Communion (3) Recitation of Five Decades of the Rosary and (4) Keeping company to Our Lady for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary (5) with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sins committed by mankind.

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



(2) 13TH OF EVERY MONTH:

- For the proclamation of the 5th Dogma, Our Lady Mediatrix of all Grace, Co-Redemptrix and Advocate. offer maximum Hail Mary's as possible for this intention and get friends to join as possible in their place.

(3) 1st OF EVERY MONTH:

For Holy Father Pope Francis I and also Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI.

- offer maximum Hail Mary's as possible for this intention and get friends to join as possible in their place.



Our Lady: "...Only remember, if you pray for My intentions all your intentions are also in them. I will reward you according to the Will of God for each of your intentions that lay in your souls..." (September 12th 2012 Wednesday 9:00am Holy Name of MARY Feast day)

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ALL GRACES COME THROUGH MARY

- By Don Sharkey

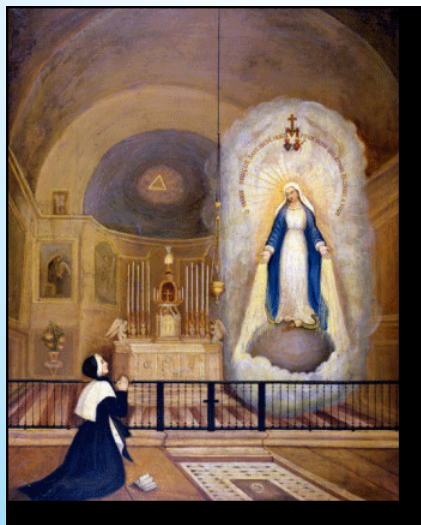
In recent times, special attention has been given to Mary's title of Mediatrix of all Graces. This means that Mary is our mediator with her divine Son. All our prayers and petitions go to Him through her; He distributes through her all the graces we receive.

It has not yet been declared an article of faith that Mary is the Mediatrix of All Graces. The belief, however, has gained almost universal acceptance.

In writing of Mary's Universal Mediation in *The Mother of Jesus*, Father James O.F.M.Cap., says: "No one can attentively watch the mind of the Church, as it finds expression in the Church teaching and the Church taught, without entertaining the hope that the day is not far distant when this prerogative of Our Lady will receive solemn affirmation on the part of the Church....The fact that a special Mass and Office for May 31 in honour of Mary Mediatrix was granted, at the request of the Belgian Hierarchy, to the dioceses of Belgium and to all other dioceses which should ask for it is significant.

There revelations to many saints seem to bear out the fact that Mary is the Mediatrix of All Graces.

"Tell everyone that Our Lord grants us all graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that all must make their petitions to her," Jacinta of Fatima said to Lucia.



Catherine Laboure saw rays of light streaming from gems in our Lady's fingers. The Blessed Virgin explained: "The rays are the graces which I give to those who ask for them. But there are no rays from some of the stones, for many people do not receive graces, because they do not ask for them."

At Pellevoisin our Lady said to Estelle Faguet that the Heart of her Son bears so much love for her "that He cannot refuse me any requests."

In another apparition Estelle saw

drops of rain falling from our Lady's hands. She understood these to be graces. "These graces," said the Blessed Virgin, "are from my Divine Son; I take them from his heart. He can refuse me nothing.

Pope Benedict XV clearly believed Mary to be the Mediatrix of All Graces. In May 1917, when World War I seemed to be going on interminably, he said: "Because all graces... are dispensed by the hands of the most Holy Virgin, we wish the petitions of her most afflicted children to be directed with lively confidence, more than ever in this awful hour, to the Great Mother Of God." It was eight days after this that Mary appeared at Fatima, as if in direct response to the Pope's pleas.



Mary shared in the work of the Redemption to such an extent that she is called the Co-redemptrix. It is only fitting that she should share in distributing the graces of that Redemption.

Just as God did not have to come into the world through Mary, so He does not have to distribute His graces through her. But the fact is that he wished to distribute them in that way.

St. Alphonsus Ligouri tells us: "Jesus Christ is the unique Mediator so far as strict justice is concerned, the only One who obtains grace and salvation for us by His merits; but we say that Mary is Mediatrix by the favour of her Son. While recognising that she obtains nothing except by the merits of Jesus Christ and by prayers made in the name of Jesus Christ, we yet maintain that all the graces we ask for are given to us at her intercession."

Mary's role as our mediator is an appropriate one to be emphasized in our day. The people sinking beneath the weight of their sins can be saved only by a return to God. But God in his august majesty, seems very far away to people who never know Him. And the thought of an all-just God is a frightening one. Today we need mercy rather than justice.

It is most consoling, therefore, to know that we can turn to Mary, our all-merciful Mother, and ask her to intercede for us. She who is our Mother is also the Mother of God, and he can refuse her nothing. She takes the graces

from his heart and distributes them to all who ask for them.

“We cannot have peace without the cause of peace,” says Father Edward Leen, C.S.Sp., in *Our Blessed Mother*. “Until the World assents to depend on its Mother Mary...there can be no peace.... Only when Mary's rightful place, as Mother of Men is fully accepted will the world be able to rise. The recent apparitions of our Lady at Fatima show us the truth of this.... Mary is the Mediatrix of All Graces, and it is through Mary alone, the grace of true peace among nations can come to the world. Justly then, in these days of turmoil...does the Church salute Our Blessed Mother with the glorious title Mediatrix Polentissima, Most Powerful Mediatrix.”

-Courtesy: The Woman Shall Conquer by Don Sharkey



At Batim in her messages, Our Lady frequently addresses herself as the “..The Immaculate Conception... the Mediatrix of All Graces.. Co-Redemptrix and Advocate..”

In her revelations to Iveta **"The Mother of God also reveals Her Supreme role in Salvation that God has entrusted Her with as Mediatrix of All Grace, Co-Redemptrix (with JESUS The Redeemer) and Advocate before JESUS Her Divine Son, The Divine Judge, Unto Her is given all Power, all Grace, all Gifts to bestow upon Her children, God's children who will Consecrate themselves to Her and call upon Her in each moment and decision of their lives."**

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Do all in your power for the Holy Souls in Purgatory -- pray for them constantly and get others to do so. The Holy Souls will repay you most generously when saved. The following prayer of St. Gertrude is said to be very efficacious;

“O Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory and for sinners everywhere -- for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and for those within my family. Amen.”

The First Saturday devotion PRECEDED FATIMA

By Catherine Moran, Ph.D.

The request of Our Lady for the First Saturdays was not a new devotion. Its practice began 25 years earlier and continued to develop until Our Lady and Our Lord defined its purpose at Fatima.

In 1892, Pope Leo XIII granted to all the faithful a plenary indulgence to those who devoted 15 consecutive Saturdays in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. Later, St. Pius X granted a plenary indulgence to all who would perform the 12 First Saturdays in honor of Our Lady. Then, on June 13, 1912, St. Pius X granted new indulgences to the faithful who performed the devotion of reparation to Our Lady on the first Saturdays of the month. Five years later to the day — June 13, 1917 — Our Lady showed the three children her Immaculate Heart, “surrounded by thorns that seemed to pierce it,” which not only gave us the reason for this reparation, but demanded it.



In July, she explained further how this devotion could prevent wars and save souls. When our heavenly Mother requested the First Saturday Communions of Reparation on Dec. 10, 1925, she took a traditional devotion, simplified it and gave it greater efficacy. She said to Lucia, then an 18-year-old postulant in Pontevedra, Spain:

Look, my daughter, at my Heart surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, pray the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart.



When later the Child Jesus appeared to Sister Lucia asking if she had spread this devotion to His most holy Mother throughout the world, Sister Lucia said:

But my confessor said in the letter that this devotion was not lacking in the world, because there are many souls who receive You on the first Saturday in honor of Our Lady and of the 15 mysteries of the Rosary.

Our Lord replied:

It is true, My daughter, that many souls begin them, but few finish them, and those who do finish them, do so to

receive the graces that are promised. It would please me more if they did five with fervor and with the intention of making reparation to the Heart of their heavenly Mother, than if they did fifteen in a tepid and indifferent matter.

Later, Our Lord made known to Sister Lucia the five blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart, which further focused this devotion for the Church:

There, My daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary asked Me to request this small act of reparation, and in consideration of it, to move My mercy to forgive souls who have had the misfortune to offend her. As for you, seek unceasingly, through your prayers and sacrifices, to move My mercy with regard to these poor souls.

Finally, regarding this devotion, on May 13, 1962, Cardinal Larrona, the papal legate for St. John XXIII, said at Fatima:

It is urgent for us to establish devotion in the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. God wishes it! Our Lady told us! Our efforts must therefore multiply — we must be assiduous in practicing the five First Saturdays of reparation, not once, but continually, for those who do not or will heed Our Lady's plea!

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JOYFUL FAMILIES HAVE JOY-FILLED HOMES

-By Annabelle Mendonca

One of the most important missions a family has is to simply live together joyfully as a family – resisting the lure of activities or programs designed for good but resulting in pulling family members in different directions. The mission of a family is to create bonds that stretch enough to allow individual members to explore and become who they are meant to be, but are also strong enough to pull them back to that place called home where they will be valued, appreciated, and encouraged.

What is a family? It can take many forms, of course, but a family is primarily a group of individuals who are related to one another by marriage, birth, or adoption. While a balanced family provides a place for us to love and grow, a family that is out of balance may reveal individuals with a sense of selfishness and lack of respect for other family members. Neglect can occur when someone in the family, especially a parent, begins living as if the family does not matter. To the other extreme, the sin of idolatry is present when one makes the family his or her entire identity.

“Families these days tend to be child-centered -- everything revolves around the children,” writes John MacArthur. “The child’s activities, their relationships and their interests tend to set the family agenda. But God’s design for family is that it be first Christ-centered, and then marriage-centered, with the husband-wife relationship taking priority over all other relationships in the home and the parents, not the children, determining the family agenda.”



“Every home in the world is exposed to a thousand dangers. Enemies seek to destroy it, to desecrate its holy beauty and to carry away its sacred treasures. The very institution itself is assailed by the apostles of infidelity

and licentiousness. Countless social influences tend to disintegrate the home, to rob it of its sanctity, to break down its sacred barriers and to sully its purity. Nothing but the cross of Christ will save it. Those who are setting up a home, their hearts full of precious hopes of happiness and blessing, should consecrate it at once by erecting the altar of God in the midst of it.” – J. R. Miller. The altar he suggests is not only a physical one of course, but also the attitude and willingness of our hearts to make God, His Word, His commandments, His

love, center of our home life.

How do we do this? One way is to consciously model to our children the spiritual disciplines that draw us closer to Jesus Christ. Disciplines like: prayer/worship, service, study, meditation/solitude, even fasting – if not from food, then from T.V. or other activities that prevent God from being the family altar. Children may first be aware of their parents observing a spiritual discipline when they see their parents having a “quiet time”.

When children see parents making time for God and for one another, and making sacrifices for the good of the family, they realize that their parents really believe what they teach about values and what matters most in life. Sometimes the sacrifice takes the form of turning down a higher paying job, a position with more prestige, or a promotion requiring more time away from home -- self-worth is not determined by how much money you make or how well known you are.

The Holy Family is a great model for all families to follow. Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified family life. Jesus the eternal Word, who took flesh and dwelt in a human family, humbly submitted to his parents, Mary and Joseph. He must have helped Joseph in his carpentry work, besides spending time in silence, meditating and contemplating about His future ministry, leading a hidden life up to the age of 30. Mary the sinless virgin must have been a great mother and wife, doing her ordinary household chores, after accepting the Word who was very much present with her. What a privilege it must have been for her to have Jesus in her family. Joseph, descendant of the royal line of David, was a caring and humble husband providing for the family through his carpentry work, which may have not been that easy. He also protected his foster son Jesus and wife Mary from all harm, especially from Herod's fury.

In every family there has to be more than a little give and take, but in a healthy joyful family the needs of everyone will eventually be addressed and met if possible. Everyone in the family needs Christ, and a husband and wife need one another. Once those relationships are soundly established, it will be much more likely that the child's personal needs will be met. As we look at our earthly families and how they are running, we can be encouraged if we remember first and foremost that we are a part of God's family. Each one of us is already unconditionally loved, accepted, and valued in His eyes, because Jesus paid the price for our sins. Our attempts to create a home with a strong family mission will be less than perfect, but we have to keep trying because our efforts can lead our children to accept their place in God's blessed family. And then we all will have the best home of all. “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty” (2 Cor.6:18).

First Saturday and Fatima Day Service, Batim

First Saturday, 6th Oct 2018: Fr Johnsie Pereira, Parish Priest of St Anne's Church, Talaulim (Santana) was the main celebrant at Mass at the First Saturday Service held in honour and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr Ubaldo, Parochial administrator announced that the Patron Feast of St.Simon and St. Jude would be celebrated at the Church at Batim on 28th October 2018.



Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Commemoration of the 101st Anniversary of the last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima: Fr Tony Fernandes, SFX, Vice-postulator for the Cause of Venerable Fr. Agnelo D'Souza was the main celebrant at Holy Mass which was attended by hundreds of the faithful at the Church of Sts Simon and Jude, Batim. Fr Fernandes expounded on the Message of Our Lady of Fatima and commented on the spiritual motherhood of Our Lady over all mankind. In his homily he described the 3 natures of a mother. 1) Our Blessed Mother as Spiritual Mother given to us by Christ at his Crucifixion through the apostle John. 2) Our Earthly mother and 3) Holy Mother – the Church – through which we reach out and help the needy. Among the other priests that were present were: Fr Walter Gomes, SFX Superior of Pilar Monastery, Fr Johnsie Pereira from St Anne's Church, Talaulim (Santana) and Fr. Ubaldo Fernandes, Parochial Administrator.



Fr. Ubaldo Fernandes made an announcement about the opening of 'The Street Providence Home' ArchBishop Filipe Neri Ferrao could not attend the inauguration and sends his blessings, explained Fr Fernandes. Mr Donald Fernandes of the Street Providence Home Trust then spoke about the rehabilitation work that the organization would provide to the poor, sick, abandoned and homeless in their new shelter

within the confines of the compound of the St.Simon and Jude Church. The Street Providence Home Trust has recently sent 13 truckloads of humanitarian assistance from Goa to the flood affected areas of Kerala. Mr Donald Fernandes can be contacted on Whatsapp on Ph: 8380097564 / 7020314848.

Following the speeches, Fr Tony Fernandes along with the other Priests declared open the shelter of the 'Street Providence Home' and after the inaugural cutting of the ribbon and blessing with holy water, he invoked God's Blessing on this most noble cause. May Our Lady of Fatima - to whom we go to with confidence and to whose help and intercession we implore - hear and answer us as we dedicate this cause to her!

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.

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Dates to Remember - November 2018

- 1st: All Saints, Solemnity
2nd: All Souls
3rd: First Saturday (Prayer Service at Batim)
21st: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
25th: Christ the King
30th: St. Andrew, Apostle

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.
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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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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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