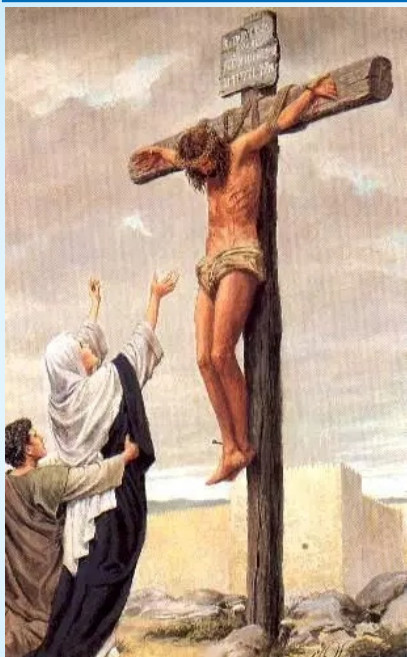




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Mediatrix of All Grace

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“Welcome back into the abode of God’s Heart”

- Dr Christopher Dias,
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In a vision to the Batim seer Iveta on Sept 12th, 2012, Our Lady urges us to pray for lost souls - to bring them back to the abode of God. Let us this Lenten period pray for these souls.

“Welcome back into the abode of God's Heart. The Eternal Father is pleased with your sacrifices and your manner of wanting to walk blameless before God. I will help you. I thank you My beloved children of striving to work for the Holy state of your Souls, your minds, your heart and the temple of God, all your senses, your body. You have entrusted all to Me, I will not fail you, I desire only to make you blameless before God. I Am capable as Mediatrix of all Graces and Mother of God to bring this Grace into your Souls, into your hearts and into the areas in which you lack. Beloved children all is coming to pass now, all that Scripture says lay hidden, will now be seen clearly..... Be not afraid, if you pray through Me as Mediatrix of all Graces, I Am capable of bringing them

back, that is their Souls..... Amen.”

This Lenten season also gives us an opportunity to repent, to purge away those evil desires that influence our daily commitment to God. And now after having been through the passion of Christ, like the first disciples, we too stand before the empty tomb. Let us experience the Resurrected Christ in our lives. Let us proclaim: Christ has risen! The Lord is alive! This is the joyful proclamation of our faith. Christ has risen! This Easter proclamation calls us to leave behind the things of earth. Leave behind the things of the flesh, which have nothing to offer for it is the spirit that gives life.

Jesus tells us to set our hearts on the kingdom of God and on His righteousness and all these other things you need will be given to you. Our task is to seek out the sacred and discover holiness. Let us become holy as God is holy. Let us roll back the stone entombing our inner emptiness and discover the joy of knowing and serving our risen Saviour and loving Him above all else.

Our tired and weary world, so sinful and so fractured needs the hope, healing and new horizons that the light of Easter offers humankind. The light of the Easter Candle is a symbol of the radiant light of Christ whose risen life and powerful love break through the tomb of death.

Jesus is alive. He has risen from the dead. He goes before us. Christian faith begins when we turn away from staring at the empty tomb, turn our backs on the dark prospects of lifelessness and seek the living Lord who is the light and life of the world. The journey of our life becomes an adventure of conversion, of being reborn, of discovering Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, of new horizons, of a life of love which reaches out beyond the grave.

This Eastertide, let us call to mind Mary's 'fiat' at the Annunciation, her consent to do the will of God was at the same time a consent to stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. **Let us her beloved children identify with her sorrowful heart as we offer our sacrifices this First Saturday for the conversion of sinners in reparation for the offences to Her Immaculate Heart.**

Let us approach with greater confidence now than before the throne of mercy and grace of our Queen and Mother to help us in difficulty, be our light in darkness and solace in trouble and sorrow.

St. Augustine says that Mary conceived the Redeemer in her mind before conceiving Him in her body. It means in fact that God was not going to come into the world until the world, or someone in it, understood and invited

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"GOD HAS FAVOURED US WITH THIS GRACEFUL & MERCIFUL SEASON"

**- Archbishop Filipe Neri at the Goa Velha Deanery Lenten
Penitential Celebration at Batim, Goa - Dr Celcio Dias**

More than a thousand devotees from all walks of life thronged the Sts.Simon and Jude Church, Batim on 18th Feb 2018 to take part in the Goa Velha Deanery Lenten Penitential Celebration.

The Celebration, presided by Goa Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao began at each of the 9 parishes of the Goa Velha Deanery, namely: Agassaim, Azossim, Batim, Curca, Goa Velha, Mandur,Neura, Siridao and Talaulim.



Each of the wards/parish was led by their respective parish priest. Each of the penitential rite procession was led by the way of the Cross - each displaying their own parish banners. The Rosary, penitential prayers and Hymns were sung while the faithful

made their way in a solemn procession atop the mount to the Sts.Simon and Jude Church, Batim where upon congregating they began with the Rosary at 3.30pm. Devotees from afar together with the parishioners from Goa Velha then began the 'Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' in the Church.

His Grace, Archbishop Filipe Neri was welcomed by the Goa Velha Dean Fr Ronald Carvalho and by Fr Ubaldo Fernandes the Batim Parish Priest who led the traditional welcome song. Deacon Joseph Fernandes assisted.



The Solemn Mass, presided by Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao was concelebrated by 16 priests. **"Repent, the kingdom is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Repent, the kingdom is at hand"** began the ArchBishop in his homily recalling Jesus' fasting in the desert for 40 days before He began His ministry - His Grace thus reminding us of the Spirit of penance permeating this penitential Celebration - calling each one of us to repent of our old ways and renew our relationship with God.

“Have we become untruthful and enslaved to vices ? Are we enslaved



to self-centredness, riches and materialism - thereby serving Satan?" the Archbishop questioned as he called all those present to convert and renew their lives as did Zaccheus in Luke 19. His Grace, reminded us that just as Jesus looked at Zaccheus - so does He look at each and every one of us and however sinful and far from the truth we may be - He is concerned for each one of us and wishes us to be saved and live in his kingdom".

"Zaccheus' life was completely changed by personally experiencing Jesus. He made Jesus the centre of his life by making an offering. Earlier Zaccheus was enslaved to sin. Following meeting Jesus, he got true freedom and came forward to serve others whilst pledging half of his possessions to the poor. Since he met Jesus - he began to spread the light of truth, justice, peace, goodness and righteousness in the community."

"God has favoured us with this Graceful and Merciful Lent season. We do not know if we will be favoured similarly next year. Let us use this opportunity to deepen our experience with Jesus. May Our Blessed Mother, the Patron of this Church Sts Simon and Judas intercede and pray for us"

Fr.Ubaldo led the post communion hymn to "God My Father". Fr Roland expressed his gratitude to everyone - specially Archbishop Felipe Neri, Fr Ubaldo, the local MLA, the Panchayat and the Staff of the Electricity Dpt. The Church of Sts Simon & Jude was recently renovated - thanks to Fr Ubaldo who spared no efforts in all areas. Thanks also to the Choir from Maina Batim that performed well!



At the conclusion of the penitential service, Archbishop Felipe Neri congratulated and thanked all those who attended - specially the Dean, Parish Priests, all Priests, Nuns, Brothers, leaders, laity, elders, youth and children who in a spirit of penance participated in the service. **"Let us pray that this season of lent be a time of grace and blessing for us, our diocese, the universal church and through us to the whole of mankind"**, his Grace concluded.

FATIMA IS A CALL TO LIVE BY FAITH

By Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR

If we live the message that Our Lady gave us at Fatima, our personal faith will grow much stronger. At the same time, it will have an increased effect on the very life and mission of the Church, which is the mystical body of Christ -Father Andrew Apostoli

Faith: the foundation of the Christian life

The Council of Trent taught that faith is the beginning, the foundation and the measure of the Christian life. In other words, we begin to live our Christian life based on our belief that God exists, and that He created us and called us to a new life with Him through baptism. This new life reaches its fulfillment when we are called to eternal life with God in heaven. Then, faith will give way to the glorious vision of God for all eternity. St. Paul said of faith that we see now obscurely as in a darkened mirror, but in heaven through the beatific vision we will see God clearly as He is (cf. 1 Cor 13:12). It is absolutely important, however, to remember the apostle's other words that while we are here on earth, the just person must live by faith and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7).

Secularism, the modern enemy of faith

Our faith rests in the conviction that God is real, that He calls each one of us to eternal life.

What has entered into our society in a most insidious way is even now seeking to enter the Church by a growing sense of secularism. In fact, Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that secularism, the spirit of the world that removes God from all aspects of society, is the greatest challenge to the Catholic Church in our time. Let us for a moment briefly compare how the Christian person and the secular person view life.

The Christian view of life is that we were created by God to live in this present world as a time of test of our love for Him. If we are found worthy by our faithfulness and through His mercy that forgives us our sins, Christians hope to enter the kingdom of heaven.

The secular person looks on life quite differently. In the true secularist view of life, there is no afterlife. This life is all there is, and so "what you see is what you get." This is why secularists live for all the pleasures and satisfactions that this world can give because, for them, there is no belief or hope in a life beyond. As one secular phrase would have it, "eat dessert first!" This is not a new idea! St. Paul, when writing about the resurrection of the dead in his first letter to the Corinthians, stated that there were many who did not believe in the resurrection. These people also lived for this life only. He quoted the popular pagan slogan of the day: "Eat, drink

and be merry for tomorrow we die!” (1 Cor 15:32).

Our Lady’s message counters the secularism of our time



What Our Lady spoke of to the three little children of Fatima, was a message that emphasizes that heaven is real. It also makes it clear that our supreme responsibility is to live in such a way that we may be found worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven. She also warned us that the alternative would be to lose our souls in hell forever!

Mary’s message, then, clearly sets before us a choice of life or death, of eternal bliss or eternal misery. She was deeply concerned that all her children would be saved and none would be lost. She expressed this again with great sorrow when she told the children in her August apparition: “Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls

go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.”

The faith of many will grow cold

One of the most unsettling statements of Our Lord in the Gospel is when He said that in the end times, because sin will be so widespread, the faith and love of many will grow cold. I often wonder if we are coming to this critical state. So many people today seem to have less faith in God, less desire to live in a way that pleases Him and less concern to arrive at the kingdom. The most obvious cause of this terrible state is the widespread darkness of sin and immorality, especially sexual sins! When abortion, which is the legalized murder of innocent human life, is accepted in a society, this is a sign of great decadence.

When same-sex marriage is being upheld as the equivalent of marriage as God gave us between one man and one woman, we are immersed in a moral decline. Unless we reverse these directions by re-establishing the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death and unless we uphold the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman, the moral reform we need for faith to thrive once again would be impossible. This is why heeding Our Lady’s call at Fatima and living as she asked us to is absolutely essential to living by faith once again. Sin, especially serious sin, undermines the life and vitality of faith.

Renewing our faith

How can we renew and reinvigorate our faith especially in a very secularized society such as our own?

First of all, we must live faithfully by God's commandments. This entails, above all, avoiding sins which offend our Creator and Savior.

As Our Lady told the children in her October 1917 apparition with a heartfelt plea: "Do not offend the Lord our God anymore because He is already so much offended." Jesus said that by keeping His commandments we show Him that we love Him. Such faithfulness in choosing God and His demands above our own selfish pursuits is a sign we are living by faith. We may not see God, but we are choosing to love Him and to serve Him above all else!

A second way to strengthen faith is obviously to receive the sacraments regularly. The beautiful sacrament of confession has been neglected by many of our Catholic people today. Our Lady, no doubt, wanted



to encourage her children to receive this important sacrament of peace and reconciliation with God when she asked as part of the First Saturdays devotion that her children go to confession once a month. If we neglect this sacrament, we will not experience the stirring of our faith through the profound peace that fills our souls after we have made a good confession.

"WHEN WE OURSELVES ARE PRAYING THE ROSARY, WE ARE BEING FORMED IN THE METHODS OF PRAYER, BEGINNING WITH VOCAL PRAYER, THEN MENTAL PRAYER AND FINALLY AFFECTIVE PRAYER...."

How many people today live daily lives burdened with guilt, shame and fear that could easily be removed by the sacrament of God's mercy? It may be difficult at times to tell our sins in confession to a priest, for we all have a certain sense of shame for the wrongs we have done. But how does that compare with the peace and joy that usually flood our souls when, as Christ's representative, he absolves us from our sins. He sets us free from the burden of our guilt and shame, allowing the peace of Christ to abundantly enter our hearts.

A third thing we must do to restore our faith is to perform works of charity and mercy. Today our society is characterized by a great sense of narcissism or self-centeredness. This preoccupation with one's self results in excluding from our minds and hearts the true needs and concerns of others. We

need to break from this self-focus by a spirit of sacrifice and doing good for others. The three little visionaries learned to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. Some of the sacrifices they made were to give their tasty homemade lunches to children far poorer than themselves and to be satisfied with eating wild berries and bitter nuts. This is something we need to return to in our own practice of the faith. As we deny ourselves the goods and pleasures of the body, the blessings and joys of the spirit will be renewed within us.

A final way to invigorate our faith, and perhaps the point at which we must begin the process, is to pray. Someone once said that what water is to a fish, prayer must be to a Christian: We can't live in any other environment! Some years ago, there was a phrase that was going around from a secularist philosopher by the name of Friedrich Nietzsche; namely, "God is dead!" One of the best rebuttals to Nietzsche's claim was on a car bumper sticker: "My God is alive and well; I just spoke to Him this morning!"

At Fatima, prayer played a very important role. For example, when the Angel of Peace appeared to the children in 1916, he taught them two prayers. One was a prayer to ask pardon for those who did not believe, adore, hope in and love God. The other was the prayer of reparation to Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament.

Our Lady herself encouraged the children to pray the Rosary every day. When we pray the Rosary, we are being formed in the methods of prayer, beginning with vocal prayer [the prayers we recite like the Our Father and Hail Mary], then mental prayer [when we meditate in our minds on the mysteries of the Rosary] and finally affective prayer [the prayers that spontaneously spring from our hearts in our own words]. These three forms of prayer are usually referred to as "the prayer of the lips, the prayer of the mind and the prayer of the heart."

Most of us probably learned our prayers from our mothers, fathers and grandparents. Mary was just a good mother teaching all her children how to pray through her Rosary.

If we follow these four ways, we will be living by faith and doing what our heavenly mother at Fatima asked us to do for the salvation of souls and the ultimate peace of the world.

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Father Andrew Apostoli passed away on Dec. 13, 2017, after a difficult battle with cancer. Many of us from WAF, India would have met this wonderful priest, custodian and promoter of the Fatima Message. May his soul R.I.P and may Our Lady of Fatima welcome her beloved son into heaven!

US Pilgrims visit Apparition site at Mt. Batim.



On 24th Jan 2018 "Totally Yours" a Pilgrimage tour operator based in Chicago, USA brought in 30 American Pilgrims to the Holy Mount of Mt. Batim, Ganxim. The pilgrims were accompanied by Bishop Joy Alappat

who has served as the Auxiliary Bishop of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Chicago. Among the faithful were 2 priests of Indian Origin.

The pilgrims were given a background of the Apparitions at Batim including Our Lady's requests. The Rosary was prayed with a reflection before each decade. Confessions were heard in the open as the Church of St. Simon & Jude was being renovated. After spending much time at the Mount, the Pilgrims visited the Main Parish Church at Batim, Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fr Ubaldo Fernandes, the Parish Priest attended to these foreign pilgrims and took them around the Church attending to their queries. The group also visited Churches and places of interest in Old Goa, Sancoale, Calcutta, Kerala, Vailankanni, Chennai and Agra.

May Our Lady of Fatima bless these pilgrims ! May they be blessed by Her loving protection and preserved in the grace of Her Son.

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Him. He was not going to impose Himself on the world or on the Blessed Virgin. This would accord with the freedom God gives to man, freedom so much abused. And that is why we have to surrender our will to God, if we want to receive Him in our hearts.

Let this be our resolve this Lenten Season !

PURIFICATION OF PURGATORY

By Annabelle Mendonca

“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.

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."

TAKE SERIOUS THE MESSAGE TO DO PENANCE

By Father Dana Christensen

As a young man growing up in a small town in South Dakota, I read a small booklet on Our Lady of Fatima. The story of the apparitions inspired me greatly and devotion to the holy Rosary and the brown scapular became part of who I was. During high school, I was in a prayer group that went every summer to the Marian Congress at the MidAmerica Fatima Family Shrine in Alexandria, S.D., founded by the late Father Robert J. Fox. Those days of prayer, processions, spiritual talks, holy Mass and confessions were blessed days of grace. When I was a seminarian, Father Fox invited me and another seminarian to assist with the liturgies during the congresses — another blessed opportunity to learn more about Our Lady of Fatima and her messages to the world.

Today, I find myself as pastor of St. Mary of Mercy Catholic Church in Alexandria taking care of the same shrine where I came on pilgrimage so many times during my formative years. Only God could arrange such a thing, and for it, I am very grateful.

This past year, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions, we gathered on the 13th of every month from May to October for a talk on the particular message for that month, followed by a rosary procession. As I prepared for these talks, I learned two things: First, that people are hungry for, and in need of, the message of Fatima now more than ever.



It's as if Our Lady came in 1917 to prepare us for these very times. We can see clearly 100 years later that what she prophesied has come to pass. Second, that we have in many ways lost sight of one of the most important parts of the message of Our Lady, the

call to do penance and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Our Lady told the children during the August 19 apparition: "Pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice." This reminds us, in a very blunt way, that the consequences of sin are serious, that hell is real and that people go there. Our Lady, as a good mother, pleads with us to help her in her mission to

save her sons and daughters from the fires of hell through prayer and sacrifice. Like her Son, she desires all of her children to be saved, but sadly, so many refuse to accept salvation and live lives of sin.

I can't help but wonder if this is the way Our Lady spoke in 1917, what would she say today? Sin has multiplied since then. Abortions by the millions have been committed, the legalization of so-called same-sex marriage and the proliferation of pornography are only three examples of things that would have been unthinkable to people in the early 20th century.

If Our Lady pleaded with us then, how much more must she plead with us today? We should ask ourselves the hard question of whether or not we have responded to our Blessed Mother's pleas. Are we doing penance for our sins and the sins of others? Are we making sacrifices for sinners?

" Pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice."

The three children of Fatima, even though they were very young, took seriously the request to do penance. They had taken to wearing rough cords around their waists, causing them discomfort. In fact, they went so far in their sacrifices that in the September 13 apparition, Our Lady had to ask them to lessen them. She said, "God is pleased with your sacrifices, but He does not want you to wear the cords to bed. Keep them on during the day." These words remind us that God is indeed pleased with sacrifices, but we also have to be careful and prudent.

Most of us could easily fast two days a week, unless our health requires us to do less. Traditionally, Christians from the most ancient times fasted on Wednesday and Friday in order to commemorate the day Our Lord was betrayed by Judas and the day that He died on the cross. Fasting can be a challenge no doubt, but that's the point. It is MEANT to be hard. It is MEANT to be uncomfortable. As a man who for many years struggled mightily with the idea and practice of fasting, I can tell you that it is a great blessing if we stick with it. I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Another sacrifice we could offer Our Lord is turning off the TV and silencing the phone and other forms of distraction. We live in a world filled with noise and have in many ways become addicted to it. Turning these things off, if even for an hour, can be a good form of penance that benefits us spiritually and can be offered to God as a sacrifice. The Fatima children, for example, gave up their favorite pastimes, dancing and playing games, as a sacrifice to God.

There are myriad ways that we can make small sacrifices, and, at times, even larger sacrifices. When we offer these to God through the heart of Our Lady, we are living more fully the message of Fatima — a message that warns of the consequences of sin and indifference toward God.

What a joy it will be if we, responding to our Blessed Mother, cooperate in the salvation of sinners through our penances and sacrifices and enter heaven to a throng of souls who, because of our sacrifices, responded to God's grace, repented of their sins and were saved.

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Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

Sunday, March 11, 2018 - Monday, March 19, 2018



Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, foster-father of Jesus Christ, obtain for me a pure, humble and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, my father and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (mention your request).

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I am confident that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Our Father (1)

Hail Mary (1)

Glory be to the Father (1)

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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 2018

19th: St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
25th: Palm Sunday
29th: Maundy Thursday
30th: Good Friday
31st: Holy Saturday
1st, Apr: Easter Sunday

PRAYER PETITIONS AND TESTIMONIES

- + 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:
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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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Office at 1145 am, near Don
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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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