



# Mother of God

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### THE MIRACULOUS HOLY ROSARY

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The miraculous way in which the devotion to the Holy Rosary was established is worth knowing and obviously proves its value and

importance.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, instructed by the Blessed Virgin as well as by his own experience, Saint Dominic preached the Holy Rosary for the rest of his life. He preached it by example as well as by his sermons, in cities and in country places, to people of high station and low, before scholars and the uneducated, to Catholics and to heretics. The Holy Rosary which he said every day was his preparation for every sermon and his little tryst with Our Lady immediately after preaching.

As long as priests followed St. Dominic's example and preached devotion to the Holy Rosary, piety and fervour thrived throughout the Christian world and in those religious orders which were devoted to the Rosary. But since people have neglected this gift from heaven, all kinds of sin and disorder have spread far and wide.

In her recent apparitions, the Blessed Virgin has earnestly requested that the Rosary be prayed frequently and fervently for world peace and for the

conversion of sinners. Who can doubt that even today the world is yearning for peace, sinners abound, and the Church is being attacked from within and without. Praying the Rosary is therefore as relevant and necessary today, and it will surely prove as efficacious as well, as it has been down the centuries.

On October 16, 2002, our late Pope John Paul II had issued an apostolic letter entitled *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (He also announced the ‘Year of the Rosary’) and added five new “mysteries of light” to the existing fifteen mysteries, suggesting that they be prayed on Thursdays. In his Apostolic letter the Pope recalls the importance given to the Rosary by his predecessors who considered the Rosary as “an effective spiritual weapon against the evils afflicting society.” He had a fervent devotion to Mary and gave us an example by reciting all the mysteries every day (often on his knees) for the salvation of the world.

Most Catholics say the Rosary at least five decades a day if not all twenty. So why is it then that so few benefit from it, go forward in the spiritual life and become more holy? To say the Holy Rosary to advantage one must be in a state of grace or at the very least be fully determined to give up mortal sin. Our Lord said: “This people honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.” (Mk. 7: 6).

The learned Cardinal Hughes says: “One should really be as pure as an angel to approach the Blessed Virgin and to say the Angelic Salutation.” One day Our Lady appeared to an immoral man who used to always say his Rosary every day. She showed him a bowl of beautiful fruit, but the bowl itself was covered with filth. The man was horrified to see this, and Our Lady said: “This is the way you are honouring me! You are giving me beautiful roses in a filthy bowl. Do you think I can accept presents of this kind?”

In order to pray well, it is not enough to give expression to our petitions by means of that most excellent of all prayers, The Rosary, but we must also pray with real concentration for God listens more to the voice of the heart than that of the mouth. To be guilty of wilful distractions during prayer would show a great lack of respect and reverence; it would make our Rosaries fruitless. How can we expect God to listen to us if we ourselves do not pay attention to what we are saying? When the Rosary is well said it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and it is more meritorious for the soul. But it is also the hardest prayer to say well and to persevere in, owing especially to the involuntary distractions which almost inevitably attend the constant repetition of the same words.

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## **LEARNING FROM THE ANGEL'S MESSAGES: 1916 2016 CENTENARY OF THE FATIMA ANGEL APPARITIONS**

It is a characteristic of God's interacting with His people that He often would send individuals to prepare His people for a powerful message. For example, Saint John the Baptist called himself "a voice of one crying out in the desert: prepare the way of the Lord" [Lk 3:4]. His father, Zechariah, said at the time of the Baptist's birth in the Canticum he spoke, filled with the Holy Spirit "And you child, will be called prophet of the most high, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins" [Lk 1:76-77]. Even the Apostles went before Our Lord into every town and village that Jesus was going to visit. They prepared the people for His coming so that they would be ready to receive His word and believe in the truths of salvation that He taught. Finally we know that before the Second Coming of Christ, Elijah the prophet will return and his mission will be to prepare the people to receive Christ at His Second Coming.

The Angel of Peace had to prepare the children for their mission. He told them in his First Apparition, in the spring of 1916 after teaching them the Pardon Prayer, that the hearts of Jesus and Mary were attentive to the voices of their supplication. In the summer apparition he encouraged them to pray: "Pray very much! The hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers giving them Holy Communion, he said to the children: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God."



The children learned much and responded by living the Angel's instructions with great devotion. These apparitions prepared them for the message of Our Lady. They learned well and responded to Our Lady's request with great enthusiasm and generosity.

### **DO I MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THOSE IN SPIRITUAL NEED?**

One of the most important requests that Our Lady would make during her



apparitions would be to use prayer and penance for the conversion of sinners. This is something she asked for frequently and with utmost urgency. She said many souls were lost from God because there was no one to offer prayers of intercession on their behalf. Our prayers are also needed as intercession for those who are not praying for themselves. This is causing the faith of many of them to wither and die leaving them far from God and often in the state of serious sin. Just as the Angel requested prayers so these people would not be lost, we must take the Angel's message into our own hearts and respond as the young visionaries did. This is key to God's plan for the salvation of souls throughout the world. As we have entered into the Centenary of the Angel (2016) and approach the Centenary of Our Lady's apparitions (2017) do we believe and have a deep conviction that we are called to a personal mission of prayerful intercession? There are probably many many souls who will be dependent on our prayers, so let us pray with earnestness in imitation of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta.

### **WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY FOR?**



No doubt we should pray for people who have lost their faith to be renewed by the Holy Spirit. This is the first and fundamental act leading to conversion. We should also pray for those whose lives have drifted far from God and particularly who are now immersed in lives of great sin and selfishness, especially in purity through fornication, masturbation and pornography. Remember that Jesus told the Apostles, when they could not drive out an unclean spirit

(probably a demon of lust), that particular demon could only be driven out by prayer and fasting [Mk 9:29]. We should also remember in prayer those who are trying to live a good life but fall occasionally into sins against charity such as anger, impatience and gossip. There are many people in need of prayer. The best approach is to leave it up to God to choose who He wants to receive the benefit of your prayers. The list of sins is endless so the list of those in need would also be endless. Our prayers will no longer be needed when the final sinner has turned back to God.

### **DO YOU OFFER SACRIFICE?**

Sacrifice seems to have gone out of the practice of many Catholics today. In past years the Church gave us Lent when we had an obligatory fast. The

Church also gave us abstinence [not eating meat] on Fridays. These obligations are now minimal for the average Catholic, at least in terms of obligations. For example, fasting is required on only two days of the year, namely, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence is required on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. On the other Fridays of the year, the



individual Catholic can substitute another act of penance. How many remember to do that? Archbishop Sheen used to say that "lukewarmness is love without sacrifice," because it is love that requires very little generosity on our part. In his Second Apparition to

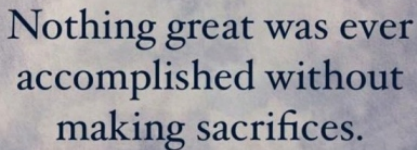
the children, the Angel told Lucia to make many sacrifices. When she asked him what that meant, he answered, "Make of everything you can a sacrifice and offer it to God in reparation for the sins by which He is offended and in supplication for the conversion of sinners." The children responded very generously to the Angel's request. For example, they gave away to poor children the nice lunches their parents had made them and were satisfied to eat bitter fruit instead. They also endured thirst in a land where the heat of summer can be very intense.

### **WHAT SACRIFICES CAN WE MAKE?**

To prepare ourselves to enter more deeply into the message of Our Lady for our own salvation and sanctification and that of the world, little sacrifices of any kind will bear much fruit. We can think of depriving ourselves of a dessert we may like or an extra cup of coffee that we might not really need. What might be a great sacrifice is to give up our favourite TV program and use the time to read a good spiritual book or spend time in prayer or adoration. Remember it is a basic law in the spiritual life, according to St. Paul that the flesh and the spirit are at odds. If we give the flesh too much in terms of enjoyments and personal satisfaction, the spirit often grows more slothful; but when we deny ourselves the enjoyments of the flesh, we often experience a new vitality of the spirit (cf Gal 5:17). This will help us grow in virtue by overcoming the temptations that the flesh often brings by being freer to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. This is a perfect way to prepare for the centenary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima.

### **HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO SUFFERING?**

In his Second Apparition, the Angel of Portugal encouraged the children “Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you.” Everyone has suffering of one kind or another in life. This is what Jesus taught in the Gospel to his disciple, namely, that we must deny ourselves (these are our sacrifices), take up our crosses each day (these are our sufferings, even if just carrying out our daily duties), and follow Me (these are our efforts to imitate Christ each day) (cf Mt 16: 24). Our Lady would later ask the children: “Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which he is offended? ..” The children enthusiastically responded “Yes we are willing.” Our Lady then told them: “Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.” The children did undergo many forms of suffering, particularly from people who ridiculed them or considered that they had made up the whole story about the apparition of a “beautiful Lady from Heaven.”



**Nothing great was ever  
accomplished without  
making sacrifices.**

Probably hardest of all was the fact that Lucia's own mother never believed that the apparitions her daughter spoke of were true. That was a most difficult cross for Lucia. She was even somewhat ignored by her brothers and sisters.

### **HOW DO WE HANDLE SUFFERING?**

It has been said that suffering can make a person either better or bitter. It makes us better when we see it coming from God and are willing to accept it from Him. Many lessons in life come through suffering especially the building of character and the strength of enduring with perseverance. On the other hand, we know that suffering can make people bitter. This happens when they resent them and refuse to accept them. Many people become angry at God when crosses come their way. They resent it because these sufferings take away the ability to live a happy life according to their own hopes and desires. Yet it is only when we embrace the cross in our hearts that we find the peace that comes in doing God's will, even in adversity. In our Christian faith the cross is no longer a tragedy; God turned it into a source of blessings and eternal happiness. The Angel would encourage us to accept our sufferings with patience and trust. Abundant fruits will follow!

### **DO WE EVER THINK OF MAKING REPARATION?**

Reparation is the offering of our prayers and sacrifices to atone for our sins

and for the evil effects our wrongdoing has had in the world. Sin has offended God who is infinitely good and deserving of all our love. Reparation is the atonement by prayer, or sacrifice, or works of mercy that make up for the wrongs we or others have done. When Our Lady in her first Apparition asked the children if they would bear the sufferings that God would send them, she said that these sufferings would be “an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners.” It is so important that we atone to God for the wrongs by which He is offended and intercede for those who have offended Him, especially those who are neglecting to do this themselves. God is offended constantly in our world today. I believe it is by the prayers of intercession and reparation of those who love Him that we obtain God’s mercy and the hand of His chastisement is held back. We all need to make reparation that the triumph of the Immaculate Heart Of Our Lady will come as she promised.

### **ARE WE MAKING REPARATION?**

In the Old Testament when the people of Nineveh were warned by the prophet Jonah that God would destroy their great city for their many sins, the people at the order of the King put on the penitential garb of sackcloth and ashes and prayed for forgiveness and they were spared. Sodom and Gomorrah would have been spared if they could only have found ten just men who could make reparation for the sins of those cities.

We do not know if God will send a chastisement upon the world—St. John Paul the Great thought there might be some chastisement for our sins, but he also said we could mitigate it by prayer and penance and reparation. This is why it is important for all of us to heed this message of our Lady because she came to help us avert any chastisement and lead us to Heaven. It is not too late to respond because Our Lady told Lucia that when enough people do as she asked, the triumph of her Immaculate heart would come and this would bring peace and conversion into the world. Let us heed the message of the Angel so we can fully respond to the message of Our Lady.

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## **FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION**

**REPARATION TO MARY**

**FOR OFFENCES AGAINST HER IMMACULATE HEART**





## “WHY DOES OUR LADY APPEAR?”

-Fr. Divo Barsotti

Fr Divo Barsotti, 80 year old theologian, and founder of the monastic Community called Figli di Dio, explains from a theological point of view the reasons for Marian apparitions and why they last so long.

**What does it mean when we say Our Lady appears?** It's a general question that doesn't take into consideration time or place or the historical, cultural and social situations, which accompany the events. The apparition itself presents the problem, but we can find help in oriental theology with its interpretation of the evangelical episode of Jesus transfiguration (Mt 17:1-8). According to this theology it wasn't Jesus who changed before the eyes of the Apostles; but the change was in the eyes of the Apostles who were able to see God's light. We cannot think that God would stay far away from us; for He is more intimate to us than ourselves. And if this is true for our Lord, it is also true for Our Lady. Could a mother stay away and not care for her children?

So the first reason for Mary's apparitions is that they respond to a real necessity of man: he needs to recognize his mother and form a bond with her. In the eyes of God and the Blessed Virgin we are all children, little children in need of care, little toddlers who still can't walk steadily. **Our Lady cannot stay away from anyone;** when we pray to her she listens. It is unthinkable that a human being could listen to millions of people and all their problems and difficulties all at the same time. Yet we believe that Our Lady has been given this power, because she is already in God's world, and God allows the human creature to participate in the attributes which are His own. Of course, it is only a participation: there is no real identification of Our Lady with God, but the participation is real. Since Mary is already part of the divine life she is not conditioned by time or space. So, Mary is present all over; she is present for each of us, and her presence is a maternal presence.

Why should she remain in paradise? St. Therese of Lisieux wrote: “When I shall be dead I won't remain in paradise, but I shall descend; for I want to remain with the people.” If this is true for a saint, then it is true all the more for Our Lady: **we are her paradise!** Is not the paradise of a mother the life of her children?

God's grandeur is in his **humility**. It is because He is infinitely great that she is the most humble of creatures. We do not see her; she is pure divine transparency. Through her we see and know nothing but God, God who lives in her, God who made her great by uniting and associating her to himself in the mystery of His





Grace and love. So what comes of this? It comes that the question at the beginning is turned around: **it is not Our Lady who appears ; it is our eyes which are able to see.**



It is for this reason that Jesus' last miracle in the Gospel- before he went to Jerusalem to be crucified- was in response to the blind man who cried: "Master, I want to see!" (Mk10:51). It is something we should ask of her too; it is the miracle which allows us to see her appear. An apparition by Our Lady is a gift from her; it is the gift of a new vision. With this new vision we are able to see things which don't normally appear; not because they're not there, but because our vision is unable to perceive this light. It is not death either that makes us see, but the opening of our eyes upon a reality which already exists. It exists and we have been

immersed in it since we were baptised, and in it we will remain forever.

The answer can be thus summed up: it is not our eyes, which see; it is that Mary needs to be in communion with us. And it can't be any other way. A psalm says that God loves us the way a groom loves his bride. If this is true of Christ, it is even more so of our Mother. We are the woman's life, **She cannot live without us.** We are her joy, her wealth, her holiness, because everything she has as mother, she cannot keep for herself- that wouldn't even be christian!

What I have said so far concerns man in whatever state or moment he happens to be, so we now have to consider that if apparitions take place at a certain moment and in a certain place, we need to delve further for the answer to our question.

The first thing needed to **understand God's signs is the humbleness** of not presuming we know the King's secrets. At times we can understand why Our Lady appears in certain places and times only when it is all over. Take Fatima: when Our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children it was 1917 and communism was about to overwhelm Europe. We did not and could not know what would come. It was only many years later, with the fall of Communism, that we were able to see that the apparitions in Fatima had to do with Russia and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart. This tells us that when we ask God something, we should be humble enough not to pretend full understanding of his divine plans.

One thing we do know is that God loves us and he loves us infinitely. There is no doubt about this; and there is no reason for us to be anguished because God is love and everything He does reflects this love. The filial love of a child for his or her father is precisely this: **not daring to question the Father out of respect for his will.** It is respecting the fact that He alone knows why he does the things he does.

With regards to the reason for Mary's apparitions, we should care to maintain

this humbleness: it is not up to us to know what will be wrought by the secret action of grace for our tomorrows, but we do know that when the action of this grace will have opened our eyes to contemplate the divine plan, we will know the reason for what has been happening.

That an apparition by Our Lady should continue **20 years** on a daily basis to more than one person would have been unthinkable just fifty years ago. Not only; the way in which she appears is new too. Previously, apparitions were related to holiness, where seers were pure and innocent, they being either very young or old and wise. In the case of Medjugorje, however, the seers are our brothers and sisters and no different to us. At first I was worried why does Our Lady not ask any of them to renounce matrimony in favour of Virginity? Have we not always thought that a nuptial relationship with Christ demanded this total offering of self? I felt confused, but then I understood. (However, in judging God one must be very humble!) I understood that this was **the beauty of these apparitions**: Our Lady descending into the abyss of our poverty (which is human reality), and creatures who turn to God without suppositions but are certain to receive everything in a trusting surrender of selves to God.

How should this **offering to the Blessed Virgin** be lived? Totally: Wherever we are and at all times. It is not a question of saying many prayers, because the recitation of formulas can be deceiving when they are repeated without meaning. Our relationship with her should be like that with our loved ones. A mother doesn't need to be taught how to relate to her children, and her children don't need to learn how to relate to their mother. The heart simply opens and the soul receives God's message.

I don't know why God does what he does. **All I am asked is to believe**-really believe-in Love. God is Love and His loves reaches me through a mother's heart. May the life of us all become a joyful hymn, as that is what God wants from us. We must never forget that Our Lady is with us forever. We cannot be intimidated by death, for she will accompany us beyond the veil where everything will be beautiful. Sweet is the wait for that last apparition when we live forever in the joy of heaven.

**Courtesy: Echo Of Mary Queen Of Peace, July-August 2001**

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Our imagination, which is hardly still a minute, makes our task harder and then of course there is the devil who never tires of trying to distract us and keep us from praying. To what ends does not the evil one go against us while we are engaged in saying our Rosary against him. For through the Rosary: sinners are forgiven, souls that thirst are refreshed, those who are fettered have their bonds broken; those who are tempted find peace, the living learn to overcome pride, and dead souls have their pains eased by suffrages.

St. Dominic appeared to Blessed Alan and said: "See the wonderful results I have had through preaching the Holy Rosary! You and all those who love Our Lady ought to do the same so that, by means of this holy practice of the Rosary, you may draw all people to the real science of the virtues."

## THE AUTHENTIC QUESTIONS OF LIFE

- By Fr Ron Rolheiser, OMI

If you want to make yourself unhappy really quickly, ask yourself this set of questions. Am I happy? Does anyone really love me? Does anyone really understand me truly for who I am? Is my life significant or am I simply another nobody? Who is giving life for me?

Am I touched enough? Held enough? Loved enough? Is there real intimacy in my life? Who truly admires me? Who truly respects me? Is life unfair to me? Is my work meaningful? Is there joy in my life? Is life slipping away from me without my having accomplished my real dreams?

Haunting questions, valid questions, but the wrong questions, all of them. We torture ourselves by examining ourselves against them. They are, in fact, more of an instrument for healthy self-examination.

And the reason is that there will never be enough happiness, understanding, significance, love, recognition, touch, admiration, respect, sexual intimacy, and joy within our lives, no matter how ideal our situation. Moreover, most of us find ourselves so far from the ideal situation, that simply to ask ourselves these questions is to bring tears to our eyes. We are wounded people living in a wounded world. Perfection here can be the enemy of the good.

The point is that, despite the fact that they are valid questions, they are not the right ones because they invite us to come at happiness, love, meaning, understanding and significance, head-on, as if these were something that one could attain through active pursuit and as they were a treasure or resource that one could hold as in a bank.

What these questions intimate, however subtly, is that life has somehow failed us and we have somehow failed it. But this is not the wisdom of scripture, the saints, nor indeed even of the great secular figures of wisdom.

What these sources suggest is that happiness, love, understanding, meaning and joy are a by-product of something else, that they can never be accrued and held like the material treasure we possess. They don't work that way and they can't be had in that manner. They are paradoxical. We achieve them only when we actively give them away.

These things come to us not as a result of an active pursuit, but as a surprise, a by-product of something else. What is that something else? That something else is our effort to give these things away, our effort to bring joy, love, meaning and significance into other people's lives. We have these only by giving them away. Thus, the real questions we should ask ourselves are not whether we are happy, loved, recognized, respected, touched, held, admired, blessed, treated fairly, and joy-filled. Rather, like Francis of Assisi, we should instead ask ourselves these questions:

Is the main effort of my life the attempt to make others happy? Am I constantly trying to love others more deeply? Am I always stretching my mind, heart and soul in an effort to be more understanding of others? Am I always trying to recognize the significance of others? Do I strive to see the uniqueness and

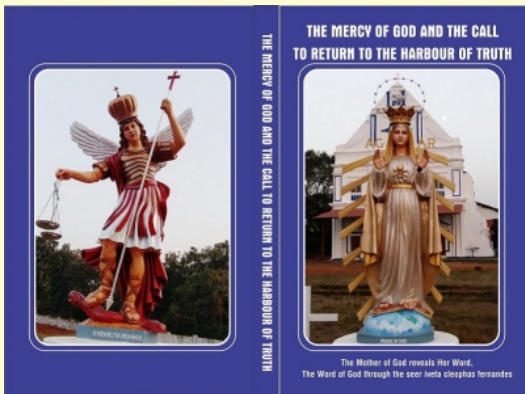
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preciousness of other people's stores? Am I giving enough of my life away? Am I giving enough of my time away? Am I giving enough of my heart away? Am I trying, through empathy and carrying the tensions that come to me, to hold others in their pain and struggles? Am I trying to admire? Am I giving others the gaze of admiration? Am I blessing others? Am I blessing beauty? Am I blessing the young? Am I always fair to other people? Do I constantly try to create joy and delight in other people's lives? Am I respectful enough of others? Do I, through my work, try to create meaning for others?

If questions of happiness, joy, love, intimacy, touch, significance, and meaning are so painful to me as to bring tears to my eyes, perhaps I am asking the wrong set of questions.

Courtesy: Catholic Herald, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1998

### The Messages of Our Lady at Batim



The Messages of Our Lady have been printed in a Book (Pictured here). This book comes into being at the request of Our Holy Mother, The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of Our God. The Mother of God reveals that we are entering the purification before the era of a thousand years of Peace.

JESUS said: "I will be with you till the end of time." We walk now hand in Hand with The Mother of God, of Whom Scripture reveals as The Woman clothed in the Sun, Who will take us through these moments of deep darkness of various spiritual kinds. In these messages, the Mother of God, Our Holy Mother reveals how and what we must do: "TOTAL TRUST," the only way, God's way through these times.

Here 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.

*The book is available at the First Saturday Service, Batim, online at [www.thebatimmessage.com](http://www.thebatimmessage.com) and and at the Shop Star of David Tours, Ground floor, Gomes Classic Bldg, G S 7 Behind Rebello Hospital, Madel, Margao, Goa. Ph: 9309778931*



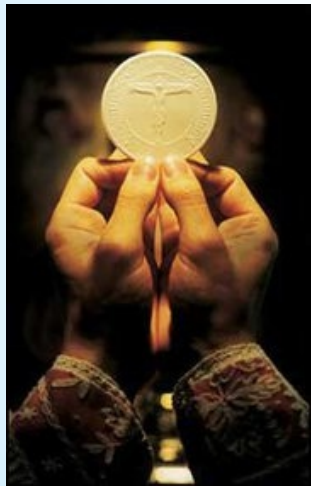
## **"Oh, I am so sorry for Our Lady...so sorry!"**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, at the hour of the evening Angelus, the patient asked for a priest. The priest of the local parish arrived at about 8.00 p.m., and heard the confession. "I am going to die shortly." She told him calmly. "Will you please bring me the Holy Viaticum?"

The priest answered lightly, "Now, now, you have many years of life before you. We don't want to say things like that. You'll get better, believe me." The patient was very weak, but resolute. "Please bring me Communion! I am going to die, and very soon."

"Of course you won't die, not for a long, long time." He took up a paternal firmness. "Now, the nurse says it is time for you to rest. That will be best for you. Go to sleep. No more of your dark works, now. That's it. You'll feel much better in the morning."

"Our Lady says I must prepare. My time is at hand. Won't you bring the Holy Eucharist!"



It was already late, and this was Friday night. To end the uncomfortable exchange the priest got to his feet, and bid goodbye to the patient. "The Holy Virgin wants you to recover." He assured her. "And so do I. Besides, you look well to me." He moved toward the door. "But I will come back again tomorrow, and if you still wish to, you may receive."

Her strength was drained. Her right hand lifted from the bed for a moment, forefinger raised toward the departing pastor as if in a blessing, but sank back to the covers at once. "I shall wish it always," she murmured. Then, "Goodbye Father. I'll pray for you."

At 10.30 pm. An expression of profound and tranquil peace suffusing her pale, emaciated features, the patient died. She had been registered in the hospital under an assumed name. Hospitalization had been necessary because no serious infirmity could be addressed in her hometown, which was small and remote from modern facilities. No member of her family, no fond friend, no one at all except the medical staffers who recorded her death was at hand to mark her exit from the world.

So passed a Horatio among men. She placed herself in the path of the armies of Darkness, nor would she yield. No soul within range of her fearsome word, which was the whole oblation of her being to the Beautiful Lady in whose guard of honour she served, no soul within range of her heart was not defended by her rosary, her penance's, her unseen sacrifices.

She was wracked by a virulent influenza, which so weakened her that infection reached even her bones. In her side was a wound left when doctors

hoping to arrest the inflammation removed two of her ribs. The effort, twice tried, was not successful.

She offered up every grievance, every hurt. But each trial was to her a gift, a golden coin by which to ransom hell-bound souls.

Her dearest friend, cousin Lucia, tells how "in the midst of her severe pains she would murmur:

'O Jesus! Now you can convert many sinners, because this is really a big sacrifice!'. Thus her very dying, in its loneliness, without the Holy Viaticum, was all the more an oblation to her beloved Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

One admirer wrote: "In those last days, in order to make the most of the flickers of life left to her, she prayed, counseled, censured. The immodest dress of some nurses, the behavior of a few doctors, led her to remind them of eternity and to ask them to avoid...luxury and immodest dress."

She told Lucia: "Our Lord is sad, because Our Lady told us not to offend Him any more, for He is already very much offended: yet nobody takes any notice, and they continue to commit the same sins! **Oh, I am so sorry for Our Lady, I am so sorry!**"

This Atlas of reparation, this valiant soldier of sacrifice, was nine years old when the Immaculate Heart of our Mother took her home. May we be even half so earnest as was this brave little girl when our turn comes to bear the Cross.

-Fatima Findings, February 1998

### **FIRST SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018 at Batim, Goa.**

Fr Johnsie Pereira, Parish Priest from St Anne's Church, Talaulim (Santana) was the main celebrant for the service.

He encouraged and praised all who come every First Saturday to the Holy Mount for Our Lady's devotion.

Fr Ubaldo Fernandes, Parochial Administrator read the Gospel and delivered the homily.

He preached about the preparation of the Novenas to Our Lady in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Nativity. "Her great virtue is that of faith and in all areas of her life we can see this manifest", he said. "We are called to have great faith like Her. Also Elizabeth bore her child St John the Baptist at an old age due to her great faith" he said. Further "the bleeding woman who touched Jesus' garment got healed due to her great faith".

The First Saturday Service was preceded by Adoration, Divine Mercy, Rosary with meditations and Stations of the Cross.

About 200 attended, including some for the first time.

An inverter (silent generator) has been installed through a generous donation. May Our Lady intercede for and bless this generous soul!



## 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 - October 2018

1st: St Therese of Lisieux  
2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels  
4th: St Francis of Assisi  
5th: St. Mary Faustina Kowalska  
6th: First Saturday ( details below)  
13th: Our Lady of Fatima, last Apparition

14th: St. Theresa of Avila  
16th: St Margaret Mary Alacoque  
17th: St Ignatius of Antioch  
20th: St Paul of the Cross  
22nd: St John Paul II, Pope

### PRAYER PETITIONS, TESTIMONIES & RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

- + Your prayer petitions may be submitted online at: [thebatimmessage.com](http://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](http://ourladybatim5thdogma.com) or emailed to: [ourladybatim@gmail.com](mailto:ourladybatim@gmail.com)
- + Mediatrix of all Grace Medals, Scapulars and the Messages of Our Lady printed in a book are now available at: Star of David Tours, Ground floor, Gomes Classic Bldg, GS7 Behind Rebello Hospital, Madel, Margao, Goa Ph:9309778931

#### 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

#### CONTACT DETAILS FOR TRANSPORT BY BUS:

**Margao,** Petrol pump closest to Main Post Office 11am,  
Mob: 9420712310

**Panaji:** Caranzalem near Post Office at 11.45 am, near Don Bosco at 12pm,  
Tel: 08322456306

**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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