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## WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO SPREAD THE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY?

By Dr Christopher Dias, www.thebatimmessage.com

On October 8, 2000 Pope John Paul II consecrated the New Millennium to the Most Holy Virgin in St. Peter's Square in front of the original Statue of Our Lady of Fatima that was brought from the Chapel of Apparitions, Fatima. Present among the thousands of faithful and pilgrims were approximately 1500 bishops from throughout the world.

This year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to 3 shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. In honor of this important centennial, Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year from the 27th of November 2016 till the 26th of November 2017. The Jubilee concludes this 26th November 2017 - let us take advantage of the remaining dates and remind

our friends and relatives to do the same.

As part of the Jubilee Year, the Holy Father has granted the opportunity for the Catholic faithful to obtain a plenary indulgence under the normal conditions (detachment from sin, confession, communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father) and meeting ONE of the following sets of conditions:

- 1. Make a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Fatima in Portugal, "devotedly participate" in prayer or celebration in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray the "Our Father" and the "Creed" and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;
- 2. Make a visit to an image or statue of Our Lady of Fatima that is on display for public veneration in any Church, Oratory, or "adequate place" on the anniversary days of the apparitions (the 13th of each month from May October 2017) and "devotedly participate" in prayer or celebration in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray the "Our Father" and the "Creed" and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;
- 3. If due to age, illness, or other serious reason are unable to meet either of the above sets of conditions should offer on the days of the apparitions (the 13th of each month from May October 2017) join "spiritually the jubilee celebrations, offering with confidence to the merciful God through Mary their prayers and pains, or the sacrifices of their own life" in front of an image of Our Lady of Fatima while having repented of all of their sins with the firm intention of carrying our the normal conditions for an indulgence including confession and communion.

Our Lady of Fatima was sent by God to ask us to amend our lives, warn us about the future and to give us a plan for the salvation of sinners (a remedy for evil) and the attainment of world peace. This embodies the implementation of God's request for the consecration to Her Immaculate Heart and the Five First Saturdays of Reparation. These are the means God has given us for the establishment of devotion in the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is what God wants.

Closer to us at home in Batim, Our Lady reminds us about the purpose of Her apparition and its relation to Fatima: ".....Batim lies in the shadow of Fatima, it is the forerunner of the future in God's salvific plan. Know and understand now, these are important moments....." - Message to Iveta on 13th October 2016

We do get large gatherings for the First Saturday afternoon service at Batim. It goes without mention that we as beloved children of Mary have still to make *Contd on Pg.8* 

# **SPEND QUIET MOMENTS WITH JESUS**

By Annabelle Mendonca

Listening to music is one of my hobbies, my favourite pastime. Sometimes it becomes more than that, it turns out to be a part of my daily activity. Whenever I am home doing some kind of work, reading or writing, I play some soft music; it revitalizes me as the sweet melody and fascinating sounds stir pleasant feelings and inspire creative thoughts inside me. Even as a child, I studied with music as a background shield, shutting off all other distractions, thus helping me to concentrate. Often the music evokes in me feelings of joy and serenity, soothing my frayed nerves and relaxing my tired body. It fills me with enthusiasm and hope.

There are other times when I walk around in the fields, or hilly terrain, amidst trees of all kinds, which are nature's wonder and gift to us; these days everything looks so green and fresh and the air so clean and pure, I just enjoy taking deep breaths in the open. I call it my quiet moments, making my physical exercise also a



spiritual exercise, praying the Rosary beads mentally, as I walk along in silence. I never feel lonely in my quiet moments. They are delightful—I listen to the wind, if there is one, stirring and strumming the green leaves on the branches above me, to the crisp sounds of dry leaves under my feet, to the bees humming as they get busy with their life's activity of collecting honey from flowers. I listen to birds chirping, some singing melodiously in different voices, to the bleating of young goats and the mooing of cows in the distance.

Listening to these profound and stimulating sounds of nature around me is an occasion of hope and renewal. I also listen to the soft silence, enjoying being all alone with nature, with God. Yes, I seem to hear Him speak, "I am here with you". Doesn't God help us hear His words when we listen with our heart? For those who listen, His voice is audible in silence. Whatever be my schedule, I make sure I have some quiet time every day; my unhurried moments of life. I feel an awareness of the mysteries and miracles around me. I learn to appreciate better the joy that life gives me every day, and the other wonderful gifts it generously offers.

There are some of us who are good at listening and others who are not. Listening is not the same as hearing. While hearing is passive, listening is active as it involves more than just hearing sounds or words. Listening needs attention, concentration, evaluation and understanding. Every day of our life, however dreary and monotonous it may seem, is touched by rare and charming things. The only way to recognize them and really enjoy them is to open our eyes a little more train our ears and listen with our hearts.

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY TO IVETA

ON 24TH SEP 2017 (in Canada)



Pilgrims attending the service in the early years of the Apparition at Batim

It was the Anniversary of the First Apparition on the Holy Mountain and Our Lady asked (iveta) for a suffering for the Domestic Church and the Universal Church......terrible suffering.....anyways, after her suffering, She gave us a Message and then after the Message, She pauses and She entrusts another Message, this Message is for all those who gathered on Mount Batim, Ganxim:

"My Beloved children, I thank you for remembering and commemorating this day in remembrance of My First Visitation, you ascended this Mountain to pray and to thank God for Me, a gift to you, your Heavenly Mother, always here waiting for you and will help you. Only pray for your Shepherds. I desire with great desire that many Holy Sacrifices be raised on this Mountain and you will see the fruit through which I will be able to rescue the most hardened sinner and those who not to believe in the Catholic teaching. Yet, they are My children too. I love them dearly. I thank all those who are known as non Catholics who come upon the Holy Mountain. I am their Mother and I love them and will intercede for them too. I bless you this day and I promise you to be with you always...."

She pauses again with a deep pause and a sigh:



"...I thank all those who are unable to come, yet they have kept, both My Chosen Sons, the religious and the laity that have prayed in remembrance of this day of My Visitation on this Holy Mountain. You will understand God's salvific plan to your world in the days ahead. Come beloved children, come in numbers and bring forth processions reciting the Holy Rosary. I love you dearly, I am the Mother, your

Heavenly Mother, the Mediatrix of all Grace, Co-Redemprix and Advocate in heaven. It will come to be known as the last Dogma, the Fifth Dogma on Earth through your prayers. Amen."

# **CONFESSION FOR THE ORDINARY SPIRITUAL LIFE**

BY BILL SOCKEY, CUSTODIAN OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE FOR THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, USA



Following the Second Vatican Council, a lamentable false spirit of "change for the sake of change" entered the Church. Some influential teachers pushed unsound theories about Catholic doctrine and practice. The faithful, lacking the theological training to judge such matters, often accepted these ideas because of the "expert" status or even priesthood of these teachers. They were confused and even deceived about what a Catholic ought to believe.

A notable example of this confusion of the faithful is in the teaching on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, which the Church also calls

the sacrament of confession. A false teaching was brazenly promoted, that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is only for those who, through mortal sin, have broken their relationship with God and the Church. They also taught that almost

ATTEND CONFESSION! OUR LADY ASKS US TO ATTEND CONFESSION ONCE A MONTH ON THE FIRST SATURDAY.

nobody ever commits a mortal sin. They thus implied that ordinary Catholics have no need for this sacrament. Many Catholics decided that actions traditionally regarded as mortal sins were no longer considered so (for example, missing Mass on Sunday, using artificial birth control or engaging in sexual activity outside of the Sacrament of Matrimony).

As a result of this false teaching, the traditional lines for confession on Saturday evening disappeared, even while serious sin seemed to increase. Against this false teaching we have the example of modern saints, like the popes, Mother Teresa, Padre Pio and Mother Angelica, who went to confession often, even weekly. In the message of Fatima, Our Lady asked her faithful followers to go to confession once a month, on the first Saturday.

A careful study of Our Lady's request indicates that she would prefer

that her faithful children go to confession every month, not just for the five First Saturdays. It is reported that Sister Lucia said one reason Our Lady asked us to make the five First Saturdays is so we would get into the habit of frequent confession.

Our Lady asks her children to seek and work to grow in holiness and to go to confession frequently. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1424) teaches that "It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament." This is not only about confessing mortal sins, but about maintaining a healthy spiritual relationship with God our Father by



frequently acknowledging our offenses against him and asking for His pardon. Not just mortal sins, but even venial sins, which the Bible tells us even great saints commit every day.

We are living in a time of Divine Mercy; but to receive God's mercy, we need to acknowledge our sins and ask for His mercy, even for small offenses. Jesus told us to be perfect, not just to be "good enough." None of us is good enough as long as we are living in this world. The weakness of our flesh and our will and the temptations that surround us are just too great. Our faults are so common that we don't even notice many of them. "Bad habits" that hurt ourselves or others are sins, and we should honestly wish to get rid of them.

The sacrament of confession is the most effective way to do this. Suppose we have a habit of being grouchy in the morning, and making sure others suffer because of this. Perhaps we sometimes feel we are wasting time watching television, at our computer or engaged in some other harmless form of entertainment when we have more important things to do; but we just can't break the habit. Perhaps we are aware of not being helpful enough around the house, or of gossiping or speaking badly about others. Maybe we have a habit of saying things that hurt other people's feelings. Maybe we have a habit of smoking or drinking to the extent that it threatens our health, and we need God's help to break the habit.

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#### POOR SOULS OR HOLY SOULS?

By Francis S. Barreto

Adapted from the "Reality of purgatory" by Rev. Charles Mangan

The reality that often comes to mind is about addressing the souls in purgatory. Should we call them Poor Souls or is it right to call them Holy souls? If we believe in the teaching of Christ through his Bride the Church, we don't have to choose as we will find that both are correct and appropriate!

The thirty days of November and especially the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November provide us with a special opportunity to consider what the Church proclaims about those in purgatory. Those in purgatory are both poor and holy. They are poor because they are dependent on the saints in heaven and the disciples of Christ on earth for spiritual assistance. When we pray, perform penance and engage ourselves in charitable works for the faithful departed, we help them on their journey to the Father. The poor souls in purgatory require "the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." they rely upon us to implore the Almighty on their behalf.

These souls are also Holy because they "are indeed assured of their eternal salvation." Those who die in God's friendship (i.e "the state of grace") but who must be cleansed from the lingering residue of sin enter purgatory. Hence they have achieved while on earth a certain sanctity. They loved God and sought to please him, though not perfectly.

Saint Catherine in her 'Treaties on Purgatory' writes "souls in purgatory unite great joy with great suffering. One does not diminish the other... No peace is comparable to that of the souls in purgatory except that of the saints in heaven. On the other hand, the souls in purgatory endure torments which no tongue can describe and no intelligence comprehend, without special revelation.

The souls in purgatory are worthy of our imitation since they are guaranteed a place in heaven. They also deserve our pity because of their state of rigorous purification. They are the members of the Church Suffering. They are in need of our prayers and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They cannot help themselves but are totally dependent on our prayers and sacrifices.

For many today, purgatory seems light years away. The possibility of having to be purified is not often thought about. Infact it appears that purgatory is routinely denied. A preacher at a funeral Mass claimed that because "John" loved music, he now was basking in heaven! Such preaching has made purgatory so remote as to seem nonexistent.

One evening Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, now a saint, was called to the door of his friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. Some of his brother Franciscans noted that he was speaking with several persons, but they couldn't discern their identity. When St. Padre Pio returned to the table in the refectory, the Friars squeezed him. Who were those people? The saintly stigmatist

nonchalantly responded that his visitors were souls from the purgatory who having just been released from purgatory, "stopped by" before entering to thank him for all his Masses, prayers and sacrifices for them. To Padre Pio, purgatory was real and close. He had no difficulty in accepting the Church's doctrine and remembering those souls who were currently there, being freed from their attachment to spiritual blindness.

The poor and the holy souls in purgatory must not be forgotten. November is the perfect time to recall their plight and the unfathomable mercy of the Lord who is summoning them to unending happiness in his kingdom

Why did Our Lady at Fatima show the three children hell (July 1917)?

Because people in the world today do not believe in hell and the devil. We live in an immoral and godless society. The vision of hell was given for our age when Christians would downplay the idea of eternal punishment or even deny its existence. Fatima confirms the existence of angels and demons, and the existence of hell. Fatima requires prayer and penance, values which people today say they do not need and consequently dispense with, to the detriment of their eternal salvation. (Catherine Moran, Soul, Spring 2017, WAFUSA)

#### PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF CALAMITY

Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God, hear our prayers for your servants, whom you have summoned out of this world. Forgive their sins and failings and grant them a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Let them pass unharmed through the gates of death to dwell with the blessed in light, as you promised to Abraham and his children for ever. Accept them into your safekeeping and on the great day of judgment raise them up with all the saints to inherit your eternal kingdom.

Lord our God, you are always faithful and quick to show mercy. Our brothers and sisters were suddenly and violently taken from us. Come swiftly to their aid, have mercy on them and comfort their families and friends by the power and protection of the Cross.

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our neighbours and friends aware of the Fatima Message. How many of them have responded to our Mother's love? The words of Our Lord in 1926 to Sr. Lucia: "My daughter, what are you doing to spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of My Mother?" is addressed to each one of us as Apostolate members or First Saturday Devotees.

"O thou Mother! fount of love! Touch my spirit from above; Make my heart with thine accord. Make my soul to glow and melt with the love of Christ Our Lord."

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When we are able to listen deeply to what happens to us and around us, we will understand life better and live it better. Setting aside some quiet time, listening to our thoughts, observing our priorities and examining what we do with our lives helps us get a clearer picture of what we really are, and what we are capable of being.

Listening to others, especially when what they are going through is something difficult and painful, can be a silent ministry we perform. What most people want and need now-a-days is to be listened to, accepted and understood. When we listen to a person, we are showering care, understanding, respect, devotion, and reassurance. Listening to someone with our ears and hearts, as he/she is trying 'just to let it out' touches chords so deep that all painful and unhappy feelings recede to misty nothingness. It puts a song in their heart, comforts and heals them. God has given us one tongue, but two ears, obviously He wants us to listen more, and speak less. So let us spend more quiet moments with Jesus and others and listen more often. Happy listening!

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Monthly confession is the most effective way to break bad habits, not just serious sins, but even venial sins. By confessing our bad habits, we become more aware of them, and more aware of how difficult they are to break. We also receive God's merciful grace to assist us in overcoming these habits. Monthly confession is necessary for breaking bad habits, because if we wait too long, the habits will return to their original strength and we will lose the advantage we gained over them. We need to chip away at them month after month until they are gone. Wait too long between confessions and we lose the advantage we were gaining. The secret to using confession to break bad habits is to want to break them and to confess them with honest repentance, at least once a month.

A good examination of conscience is important. We need to pray for enlightenment to recognize our bad habits, which often are so habitual we have difficulty seeing or admitting them; we don't notice we are hurting ourselves or others until we put our minds to thinking about it. Only then can we set about eradicating our bad habits and making progress toward the spiritual life God created us for, even in this present life.

Confession is a powerful gift given to us by God. It is part of a normal spiritual life that strengthens and maintains our relationship with God as His loving children, continually admitting our faults and asking for His forgiveness. It is necessary for overcoming bad habits and for establishing the good habits that strengthen us against committing sins and give us the power to fulfill our own mission of spreading the kingdom of Christ on earth, according to our talents and opportunities.

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# Daily Act of Consecration to Mary, our Mother and Queen (According to St. Louis De Montfort)

Avoi ani Ranniê Mariek Zonn Ekleachem Dispottem Orponn(Bhag. Louis De Montfort-hannem ghoddlolem)Nixkollonk Maiê, hanv, N......, ovisvaxi patki -- mhojeô Bautismacheô Bhasavnneô tujea hatantlean novsortam ani thiraitam; hanv sasnnak devcharak, tachea dobajeank ani tachea kamank fatt kortam; ani mon'xea-soimb ghetlolê Zannvaiêk, Jezu Kristak, sompurnnaiên mhoji bhett kortam, jivit bhor Tachê fattlean mhozo khuris vhorunk ani adlea poros odik Taka visvaxi ravunk. Sorginchea dolbhara mukhar hanv tuka mhoji Avoi ani Ranni mhunn venchun kaddtam. Tuzo chakor koso (Tuji chakorn koxi), mhoji kudd ani atmo, mhojê lagim asa titlemi ani mhojea boream kornneanchem adlem, atanchem ani fuddlem mol legun tujê suvadin kortam; Devachê vortê mhoimê khatir, kainch addainastanam, mhojê vixim ani mhojê lagim asa ani nam tachê vixim, tuka zai toxem korunk tuka purai ani sogllo odhihar ditam, atam ani sasnnak. Amen.

Jezuchea Omolik Rogta, amchem taronn kor!

Jezuchea Povitr Kallza, amchi kaklut kor!

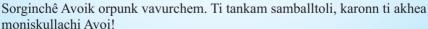
Nixkollonk Kallza Mariechea, amchê pasot mag!

Mariechea Nixkollonk Manta, amchi rakhonn kor!

Bhayevont Juze, amchê pasot mag! Bhagevont Fransisk Xaviera, amchê pasot mag!

Bhagevont Juze Vaza, amchê pasot mag!

Soglleamnim – bhov korun avoiamnim – dor disa apleam bhurgeank, ekekleachem nany kaddun, Mariê amchê





I, N....., a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in thy hands, O Immaculate Mother, the Promises of my Baptism; I forever renounce Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the



Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before. In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day for my Mother and Queen. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future, leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good

pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity.

Amen.

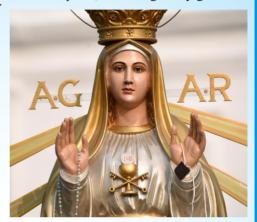
Precious Blood of Jesus, save us!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Immaculate Mantle of Our Lady, protect us!
St Joseph, pray for us!

St Francis Xavier, pray for us! St Joseph Vaz, pray for us!



All -- especially mothers -- are called to entrust all their children to the Blessed Mother, by name, each morning. She will protect them, for She is the Mother of all humanity!

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"In order to rid ourselves of self, we must die ourselves daily. That is to say, we must renounce the operations of the powers of our soul and the senses of our body. We must see as if we saw not, understand as if we understood not, and make use of the things of this world as if we made no use of them at all (1 Cor. 7:29-31). This is what St. Paul calls dying daily (1 Cor. 15:31). "Unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remaineth alone," and bringeth forth no good fruit (Jn. 12:24-25)."

— St. Louis de Montfort, True Devotion to Mary: With Preparation for Total Consecration

# 13 Oct 2017 at Mt Ganxim, Batim on the Centenary of the last Apparition at Fatima - Dr. Celcio Dias

About three hundered of the faithful, including many from Mumbai, attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fatima Celebrations on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the Holy Mountain of Mt Ganxi, Batim.



Many reflected on the stations of the cross as they walked up the mount in a spirit of Penance and Sacrifice. The service in the Church of St. Simon and St Jude began with the Holy Rosary followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Prayers. Priests were available for confessions. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass began at 3.30pm with Fr Anthony D'Souza, SFX of Pilar Monastery as the main celebrant among five other priests.



Devotees attending Mass at one of the Fatima Day Services

In his homily, Fr. Anthony recalled Iveta's visit to Batim based upon the Message of Our Lady to her. He also read out the 24 Sep 2017 Message as requested by the Parish Priest, Fr Ubaldo (Full text of Message is on Pg.4). Fr Anthony also elucidated on Our Lady of Fatima's message of Prayer, Penance and renewal of Faith. The

Mass was followed by the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate

Heart of Mary. The Procession with the Rosary to be led by the Parish Priest Ubaldo Fernandes could not be held due to the rain.

The service concluded with the veneration of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Celebrating the Fatima Centenary by Venerating the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Her Pilgrimage in India - By Anabelle Mendonca

As part of the Fatima Centenary Celebrations, the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, gifted by the Bishop of Fatima in 2007, began its Pilgrimage in Thrissur, Kerala on 30th Sept 2017. The Delhi based Santvana Community (whose Patron is Most Rev. Anil Couto, Archbishop of Delhi) together with members of the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF,Indian National Council whose Ecclesiastical Advisor is Most Rev. Peter Machado, Bishop of Belgaum) have been accompanying the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima through all the 29 Indian states though not covering all the dioceses.



At each of these venues the Fatima Message of the Holy Rosary, Consecration of the State, Veneration, Reparatory Adoration and Holy Mass will be celebrated and promoted in a spirit of Penance.



In Goa, the Statue was received at Dandewaddo, Chinchinim and travelled in an open jeep at 4 pm on 2nd Oct 2017 with Fr J Antonio Costa the Parish Priest. Thousands of the faithful thronged the pilgrimage route with candles. Our Lady was welcomed with much joy and enthusiasm with music, fireworks and festivity!

The prayer service began with the Rosary and Adoration conducted by Fr Clifford and his team from Baida, Chinchinim. Most Rev. Bishop Allwyn Barreto from Sindhurdurg diocese concelebrated the Mass with



Fr J Antonio Costa and seven other priests. Speaking on the Virgin Mary, Bishop Barreto asked the faithful to emulate the life of Mother Mary."Even though Mother Mary did not perform any miracle during her earthly life, She reached out to a family at the wedding in Cana through Her Son", said the Bishop explaining Mary's intercessory role. Earlier, Fr John Fernandes, OFM, Cap made a presentation on the Fatima Message

on how we can enhance the promised Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Later a procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was made around the Church with lit candles and recitation of the Rosary. The Veneration that followed and the customary kissing of the Statue - appealed to the goodness of the Mother of God in a public act to watch over Her children and to lead Her children to Christ. Around 8,000 attended including many of other faiths.

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was then farewelled at 1015 pm and the cortege made its way to the next destination – Carmelite Monastry, Margao and then to St John the Evangelist Church, Marol, Andheri E, Bombay.



"Mary help us to love Jesus as You loved Him -You who stood by Him on the Way of the Cross. May we always remember Your Visitation to us and remain close to You and Your Son. Amen!"

For more information on the Pilgrimage visits in other parts of India, please visit: https://worldfatimatv.blogspot.com.au/p/fatima-centenary-india-pilgrimage.html

# 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 - NOVEMBER 2017

1st: All Saints 2nd: All Souls

4th: First Saturday Service at Batim, Goa

21st: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

26th Christ the King 30th: St. Andrew, Apostle

#### **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: ourladybatim5thdogma.com or emailed to: ourladybatim@gmail.com

#### 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 1145 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 1130 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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