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## LIVING THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA 100 YEARS LATER

*By Fr. Edward Looney*

2017 is an exciting year for Catholics who have a devotion to the Blessed Mother. Like every year, May is a very important month for Marian devotion, with May crowning and celebrating Marian feasts. This year, May 13 has special importance because it marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Mary's apparitions to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.



I must confess, it took a long time for me to become a devotee of Fatima. My devotion went as far as praying the Fatima prayer after each decade of the Rosary. But I never fell in love with the

Fatima apparitions as I did with others. However, my appreciation and devotion to Fatima grew when I joined hundreds of Marian scholars last September in Fatima to discuss the profundity and importance of the Fatima message in our contemporary age. Since we find ourselves in the midst of this centennial year of Fatima, the anniversary allows us as Catholics to learn for the first time or rediscover, renew, and recommit ourselves to living the message Our Lady conveyed to the three children.

**The Angelic Apparitions.** Many people know Mary appeared in 1917 to three shepherd children: Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia. One of the forgotten facts is that the Angel of Peace preceded the 1917 Marian apparitions, visiting the children three times in 1916. The angelic apparitions served as a preface for the message Mary would speak later. The angel taught the children two different prayers during the apparitions. One prayer was relatively short, and the other was a bit lengthy. The children learned the first prayer during the first apparition: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

The second angelic apparition encouraged the children to offer sacrifices to God and to pray for peace. It was during this apparition that the angel identified himself as the Angel of Portugal.

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# OVERVIEW FOR THE MONTH

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The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color

white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). ☐

## FEASTS FOR MAY

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of May are:

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| 1 Joseph the Worker, Opt. Mem.  | Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin, Opt. Mem. |
| 2 Athanasius, Memorial  | 26 Philip Neri, Memorial  |
| 3 Philip and James, Feast   | 27 Augustine of Canterbury, Opt. Mem.                             |
| 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter, Sunday   | 28 Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Solemnity           |
| 10 St. Damien Joseph de Veuster, priest, Opt. Mem.  | 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast                   |
| 12 Nereus and Achilleus; Pancras, martyrs, Opt. Mem.  |   |
| 13 Our Lady of Fatima, Opt. Mem.  |   |
| 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter, Sunday   |   |
| 15 Isidore the Farmer (USA), Opt. Mem.  |   |
| 18 John I, Opt. Mem.  |   |
| 20 Bernardine of Siena, Opt. Mem.   |   |
| 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday   |   |
| 22 Rita of Cascia, Opt. Mem.  |   |
| 25 Ascension of Our Lord or the Optional Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor; St. |   |

The feasts of St. Matthias (May 14) and St. Christopher Magallanes (May 21) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy. The Solemnity of the Ascension (May 25) is celebrated on May 28 (Sunday) in most dioceses in the United States. ☐

### OUR CENACLE CORNER

*Seeking a deeper relationship with God  
through meditation of passages from Holy Scriptures*

#### **THE DANIEL PROPHECY FROM KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM ABOUT THE END TIMES**

# HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

## 5 REASONS TO HONOR MARY THIS MAY

*By Marge Fenelon*

It's been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. In most Catholic churches (and even in many Catholic homes), a "May Altar" is erected with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and perhaps candles. The altar stands from May 1-31 as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well.

Additionally, many Catholic churches and families hold a "May Crowning," presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King. I've even seen some crowns made of glistening metal and synthetic jewels.

### **Why is the entire month of May given to the honoring of Mary?**

The tradition dates all the way back to the ancient Greeks who dedicated the month of May to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. Romans also claimed May to honor Flora, the goddess of bloom or blossoms. They celebrated "floral games" at the end of April and petitioned Flora's intercession for all that blooms. In medieval times, a tradition arose of expelling winter at this time of year, since May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

It was during the Middle Ages (eleventh century) that the idea of giving the month of May to Mary began with an old tradition, the "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary", which was originally held August 15-September 14. During the month, special devotions to Mary were organized, and this custom, which began in Italy eventually spread elsewhere.

Although we don't see Mary as a goddess of any sort – Catholics do not worship Mary, we honor, or venerate, her as Jesus' mother – we've adapted the early Greek and Roman customs of honoring important women in their religions by honoring the most important woman in our religion: Mary.

Fine. That's why Catholics in general honor Mary during May, but why should you honor her?

### **Here are ten reasons why it makes sense for you to honor Mary this month.**

1. Mary is Jesus' mother. She is the instrument of the Incarnation and her yes, or fiat, made it possible for our Lord to become the God-Man who was Crucified for our salvation.

2. She is the first and most perfect disciple. Mary was the first to hear the Good News, and the first to follow Christ. Her entire life was devoted to Him and assisting Him, in whatever way she could, to carry on His mission. Unaffected by Original Sin, she was able to perfectly open herself to God's will.

3. She's your mom. No, really. She is. To put it simply, she's our mother because we are all members of the Body of Christ. Since she gave birth to that Body, then she's our mother, too. At the moment she gave her fiat, she became our mother in the order of grace. She may not have given birth to us physically, but she certainly has given birth to us spiritually. (Check out CCC #964)

4. She loves you more than you can ever imagine. If she didn't, would she have endured the horror of seeing her Son tortured, scourged, crowned with thorns, carry the Cross to Calvary, and die a gruesome death on it? She did it for you, for all of us, because she understood that Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion was the only way to your (our) salvation. She loves you like no human mother ever could.

5. Not only is she Mother, but she also is Advocate, Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix (CCC #969). Her job, so to speak, began at the moment she conceived Jesus in her womb and continues until this day. What's more, it will continue for all eternity. As the first and most perfect disciple, she is devoted to accompanying him and continuing her saving office by interceding for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. She's at work 24/7/365/forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it.

For all these reasons and more, Mary deserves honor, not only during the month of May, but always.

What will you do for her this May? ☐

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## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED



*By Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira*

Two of the three Fatima seers, Blesseds Jacinta and Francisco, died young because of the need for victim souls to give necessary fecundity (fruitfulness) to Our Lady's plan. Their lives were proof that nothing great is done without suffering.

Indeed, suffering helps those souls who are absorbed with themselves and unwilling to open up. We should see suffering as normal for man and we should practice it with courage and daring. The acceptance of sacrifice is necessary to combat the Hollywood myth of the "happy end."

Jacinta and Francisco died as children by Our Lady's design as she had foretold. The third seer, Lucia, lived for many more years. What was the reason why Jacinta and Francisco died so early? This was obvious for they spoke openly about it.

The reason was that Fatima asked people to offer up their sufferings. It called for victim souls to associate themselves with the entire mystery of Fatima, and through their sufferings and pains help bring about all the spiritual fecundity<sup>1</sup> Our Lady wanted to give to the events at Fatima. This is exactly what happened to both children who died in extraordinarily difficult and arduous circumstances that caused them much suffering.

Such sufferings are needed because when it comes to the salvation of souls, all great works of God are done with the participation of men. In general, this is only accomplished with people willing to fight, suffer and pray for God's work to be brought to its fruition.

In other words, sacrifice is necessary. Otherwise, nothing great is done.

The importance of this principle stood out especially at Fatima. Our Lady directly intervened there by performing miracles especially the "miracle of the sun." She did this

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<sup>1</sup> Spiritual fecundity is not always visible. The children of our prayers and tears may remain unknown to us in this life but we will see their faces in heaven. Our part here below is to accept the responsibilities of spiritual fatherhood and motherhood. "You did not choose me, but I chose you" (Jn 15:16).

to underscore the fact that Fatima is one of the most important if not the most important message she has ever given in history.

On that occasion and in those circumstances, Our Lady wanted the sacrifice of two souls who would offer themselves up for the fulfilment of the plan of Divine Providence. This clearly shows how the apostolate of suffering is truly irreplaceable and how it opens up the way for the Church to act upon souls.

A German painter once painted Our Lord as the Good Shepherd knocking on the door of a simple house. Afterwards someone told him: "You made a mistake, for the door has no outside knob to get in." He answered: "That's true, but it is not a mistake. This door symbolizes the human heart. Our Lord knocks on it, but there is no knob outside, only inside. There are certain souls that open up only to themselves and to no one else, and in that case no one can intervene, they are really closed."

Prayer and sacrifice are precisely the way to influence this type of person. They open up to the grace and find life when they suffer and carry the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ lovingly. They come to understand how normal it is to suffer. A person acquires greatness to the degree that he suffers. The great men in history are those who bear great sufferings for the love of God.

Clearly, this includes not only passive suffering like, for example, allowing another to strike us. It also means active suffering that is, taking the initiative to find suffering. This can be done by confronting bad public opinion or overcoming human respect. In short, it means accepting suffering entirely, embracing it fearlessly and daringly, and taking the initiative to look for ways to sacrifice for an ideal. This is what it means to suffer par excellence and we should seek to do this.

The Hollywood myth of the "happy ending" is a great obstacle to accepting suffering and sacrifice. Not all things turn out well in the end as in the movies.

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# GOD TOUCHED ME

## HOPE AND SAINT JOSEPH

*For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.*

*- Jeremiah 29:11*

*By Debbie Lorenzo, a devotee*

Since my mother passed away, I have been living all alone. I have a job and make a meager amount. My mother left me the house that she owned and I have continued to make the mortgage payment. Our Lord God has been an awesome God because He has always provided at the right time.

About a month ago, I woke up in the middle of the night, hearing the wind howling and I could hear some scraping sounds on my roof. I was afraid that the roof would cave in. What would I do? I cannot even climb up the roof to check it out. Then, I remembered someone tell me that in times like this, we should ask for the intercession of St. Joseph. He has provided for the Holy Family so I asked him for this since I would not know what to do in case the roof caved in. After praying, I just gave all my trust to God that He will listen to my plea through Saint Joseph.

That morning, I immediately went outside to see what has happened during the night. On the ground, I saw several pieces of loose shingles, so I went to pick them up. While doing this, I noticed a ladder on the side of our house which was never there before. When I looked up at the roof, I saw my neighbor's husband checking out my roof and doing a little repair. I thought to myself, "Thank you, Saint Joseph for your intercession, and thank you, God, for your Divine Providence." I firmly believe that God has sent my kind neighbor to help me, a female, senior at that, living all by myself.

The next day, a female friend who most would say is not a believer, called to invite me to have lunch at the casino. During lunch, we talked about my experience during the strong wind. She gave me a phone number to call. It was a government office that helps seniors in low income areas. We called and they immediately responded, went to the

house to check it out and now we are waiting for the approval so that they can fix my roof. They are optimistic that I would qualify for the said assistance. Thank you God and Saint Joseph!

Meanwhile, back to my friend who I had lunch with. After lunch, she played the slot machines. She won \$400 and she gave me some money – another Divine Providence.

I thank God, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, that He has helped me turn this unfortunate incidence of my roof, into a hopeful journey because He has sent

His angels on earth to help me get through. My life has been a lot of lows materially but as long as I do my best according to His will, I am fully convinced that He watches over all of us, and provides in HIS time. We just need to TRUST HIM. In these words, I live by: "There go I, and it is by the grace of God that I have come to realize all that has passed. Now I am very hopeful." □



## **Living the Message of Fatima**

The third apparition emphasized the Eucharist as the angel appeared with a host and chalice and taught the second prayer as an act of adoration of the Eucharist and reparation for sin. Not only did the children learn a prayer, but they received the Eucharist from the hand of the angel. Lucia received the host, while Jacinta and Francisco received from the chalice.

These often-forgotten angelic apparitions contain great significance and should be a part of living the message of Fatima. The angel taught those two prayers to the children because they were efficacious and pleasing to God. In imitation of the Fatima children, we could learn the prayers and pray them often, making intercession for those who do not believe and offering reparation for sinners. Secondly, the angelic apparitions make known the biblical reality of guardian angels (see Matthew 18:10). Not only do each of us have a guardian angel, but countries have one too. If you find yourself dissatisfied with what is happening in our country, why not ask the intercession of our nation's guardian angel?

**Mary visits Fatima.** Mary appeared a total of six times to the three Fatima children between May 13 and October 13, 1917. During the first apparition, Mary said she would return on the 13th of each month and at the same hour. The children faithfully kept each "appointment," except for August when the local authorities imprisoned them. They saw Mary a few days later on August 19.

Over the course of the six apparitions, Mary revealed to the children specific things that have become a part of the overarching Fatima message. The most significant aspects of that message include the Rosary, the Immaculate Heart, and a devotion known as the Five First Saturdays. Another important part of the Fatima story was a solar miracle that occurred in October 1917, validating the heavenly visitations.

In each of the six apparitions, Mary instructed the children to pray the Rosary every day, especially for peace in the world and an end to war. During the apparition on July 13, Mary requested that the children add a simple phrase after each mystery: "O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need." Many devotees of the Rosary still pray this phrase in response to Mary's request.

Lastly, Mary promised the children she would reveal her identity during the last apparition in October. While we often refer to the apparitions as "Our Lady of Fatima," Mary told the children: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." The revealed identity of Mary and the message she spoke to the three shepherd children of Fatima draws attention to one of the most common forms of Marian devotions — and calls us to pray the Rosary daily.

The Fatima apparitions enhanced devotion to Mary's heart. During the June 13 apparition, Mary revealed a desire of Jesus, saying, "[Jesus] wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." Also during that same apparition, Lucia was told that Our Lady's Immaculate Heart would be Lucia's refuge and the path that would lead her to God.

Through the Fatima apparitions, we learn that the sins of humanity outrage Mary's heart. We also see her desire for reparation to be made to her Immaculate Heart. This became apparent during the July 13 apparition. First Mary encouraged the children to make sacrifices for sinners and to specifically pray, "O Jesus, it is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart."

Second, on July 13, Mary showed the children a vision of hell. The children saw the suffering of those detained there, and in response Mary affirmed Jesus' desire for devotion to the Immaculate Heart:

You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.

Third, during the same July apparition, Mary requested the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the communion of reparations of the Five First Saturdays. At the conclusion of the July apparition, Mary finalized her revelation about the Immaculate Heart, saying, "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." Indeed, her heart will triumph when her children live her message of devotion, prayer, sacrifice, and reparation.

What occurred on October 13, at the end of the apparitions to the three children, validated the apparitions in the eyes of many. During the July 13 apparitions, Mary told the children she would perform a miracle for all to see in October and that St. Joseph and the Child Jesus would come as well. (An animated film, *The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima*, teaches children the importance of Fatima and captures the essence of the miracle.)

At the designated time, the apparition revealed herself as Our Lady of the Rosary. Afterward, as she began to ascend back to heaven, St. Joseph appeared with the Christ Child and Mary. Then Jesus appeared with Our Lady of Sorrows and lastly Our Lady of Mount Carmel. And then the great solar miracle happened. Nearly 70,000 people witnessed this miracle, when it seemed the sun was plunging toward the earth, only to return to the sky. For the onlookers, this confirmed what the Fatima children claimed.

**Living the message.** Knowing the story of Fatima is not enough. We are called to live the message of Fatima. Mary requested the daily recitation of the Rosary for peace in the world. Turn on the television, and you

will realize that we do not know the peace God wishes to offer us. Consider praying the Rosary each day to fulfill Mary's request.

Secondly, during the July apparition Mary mentioned the Five First Saturdays devotion. In a later apparition to Lucia in 1925, Our Lady spoke of the conditions for this devotion. Those conditions include confession, reception of Holy Communion, praying five decades of the Rosary, and meditation on the Rosary mysteries for 15 minutes. These conditions must be performed with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. As you read this article in May 2017, it is still possible to observe the Five First Saturdays before the conclusion of the 100th anniversary. Find a morning Mass on June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, and October 7, and fulfill the other requisites for the First Saturdays devotion.

Lastly, Mary requested the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. Consider consecrating yourself to Mary during this centennial year. There are a lot of resources out there, including St. Louis de Montfort's Total Consecration, Fr. Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration (Marian Press, 2011), and my latest book, A Heart Like Mary's: 31 Daily Meditations to Help You Live and Love as She Does (Ave Maria Press, expected to be released in October 2017).

This year's 100th anniversary of Fatima renews Mary's message in our contemporary age and calls us to begin or renew living the message. Mary has given us a plan for peace in our world. It's on us now to live the message and obtain the peace our world so desperately needs.

**St. John Paul II and Fatima.** Mary entrusted a three-part secret to the Fatima children. The third part of the secret revealed a man dressed in white, presumably the pope, who was killed by soldiers shooting bullets and arrows. In similar fashion, other bishops, priests, men and women religious, and lay faithful were killed. It is believed the May 13, 1981, assassination attempt on St. John Paul II's life was the fulfillment of this prophecy. The incident occurred on the 64th anniversary of the Fatima apparition. In gratitude for Mary's hand guiding the bullet, St. John Paul II visited Fatima as a pilgrim. The nearly fatal bullet was given to the Fatima Sanctuary and placed in the Virgin of Fatima's crown, where it remains today.

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## JACINTA OF FATIMA

Not everything is joy and success. Thus, we should not look at suffering as a kind of seven-headed monster that invades people's lives uninvited. To the contrary, we should realize that everyone suffers and a life without crosses is worthless. Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort goes so far as to say that when a person does not suffer, he should ask for crosses. For a person to whom God gives no sufferings should be wary of his eternal salvation.

All this comes across very clearly in the sacrifice made by Blessed Jacinta and Francisco.

In this sense, we should frequently pray to them to ask Our Lady of Fatima to obtain for us this true sense of suffering that is indispensable for all those faithful who want to become generous and dedicated Catholics. ☐

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Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira (December 13, 1908 – October 3, 1995) was a Brazilian intellectual and Catholic activist. He was a devout Roman Catholic, and educated by Jesuits. In 1928 he joined the Marian Congregations of São Paulo and soon became a leader of that organization. In 1933 he helped organize the Catholic Electoral League and was elected to the nation's Constitutional Convention by the "Catholic bloc", and at 24 was the youngest congressman in Brazil's history.

*... " Immerse your heart in the love for individuals who are spiritual but are astray with no directions because of anger and distress.*

*As you raise your prayer to the Father, let your heart be open to accept the plan of God through me (my Sacred Heart) and with a contrite heart. I will accept offerings only if you are willing and have no condition for my Sacred Heart."*

*- Jesus, Your Savior*  
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# SPIRITUAL ARMY NEWS DISPATCH

## THE SPIRITUAL ARMY CELEBRATES DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is an international Catholic feast day promoting Jesus' message that He is merciful to everyone and that people should trust in His mercy and lead a compassionate life. During last year's Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis had said "I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time," He further stated, "From this moment, we entrust this holy year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey."

"In a world that is torn by violence, division and the horrible effects of humanity's sinful nature, this Jubilee year is an oasis of hope and comfort to all who seek the peace that is rooted solely in the mercy of our loving God," said Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts .

The first call to mercy was given to a young nun, several years ago. When this young nun, St. Faustina, was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II, the church then made the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday and Second Sunday of Easter. The words " Second Sunday of Easter" followed it so that the faithful will be reminded that the Feast of the Divine Mercy is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter.

In Los Angeles, California the Divine Mercy Sunday culminated with the liturgical services at the Monastery of the Angels. The celebration was



officiated by Fr. Truc Nguyen of the Cathedral Chapel of St. Vibiana. It was highlighted by a procession and flower offering from the devotees bringing their Lamentations of forgiveness before our merciful God. Devotees enjoyed an hour of fellowship sponsored by generous devotees.

At St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated with a prayer service, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual reading, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in English and Spanish, veneration of the Divine Mercy image and floral offering. This parish celebration was planned and coordinated by The Spiritual Army of God the Father. The celebration was attended by the devotees, the parishioners of St. Francis de Sales and visitors from other parishes who all responded to Jesus' call of mercy.

Please visit our website at [www.spiritualarmyofgod.org](http://www.spiritualarmyofgod.org) for more photos of our Divine Mercy celebration. ☐

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **TOY DRIVE FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

PLEASE DROP OFF  
YOUR NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS  
EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAYS AT  
THE CONVENT OF  
THE SISTER DISCIPLES OF  
THE DIVINE MASTER

### **PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, MEXICO** DECEMBER 9-13, 2017

DAILY ACTIVITIES AND OTHER  
INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG](http://WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG)

### **INFANT JESUS CELEBRATION** JANUARY 19-21, 2018 LAS VEGAS, NV



# THANK YOU

*... a small and simple phrase that comes from a grateful heart!*

*Psalm 106:2*

## THE 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

The Spiritual Army of God the Father acknowledges with thanks our generous May sponsors of the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion. We are grateful that we have merited their partnership and support in providing a venue of spirituality and fellowship for the devotees of God the Father.

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Linda Fajardo | Marilyn Saraza

## FOR PRAYERS HEARD AND PETITIONS GRANTED

HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN OUR CRY FOR MERCY RECEIVES ITS LOVING ANSWER FROM OUR MASTER?

WE NEED TO PRAISE AND THANK JESUS FOR HIS HEALING POWER, MERCY, AND GRACE.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU FELL FACE DOWN AND PRAISED JESUS?

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PRAISED AND THANKED THE LORD

FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU

WITH A GENUINE HEART AND A PROSTRATE POSTURE?

*Thank you, Jesus, for hearing my prayer, for healing my cancer and responding so quickly. Lord, I thank you for healing me in more ways than one. I want to be the person you want me to be and that is to serve you with all my heart. I want to love, adore, and obey you in all things.*

*I am grateful for your unfailing love and for bringing me to the ministry of The Spiritual Army of God the Father that guides me to pray more and worry less to be closer to YOU!*

- Gertrude A.

*Thank you, my God, for giving me family and friends who have generous and helping hearts; for friends who are like family, for friends who are sensitive to my needs. Thank you, God, for your constant reminders to me which I get from the daily prayers and readings of the day, from people around me, and from my good friends who you have prompted to call me so I could be comforted. Thank you, my Lord and my God!*

- Mila

*Thank you, God, for your guidance, though sometimes I do not heed them; I feel you are always with me although, I sometimes deviate from Your path. Thank you for not giving up on me.*

- Your Prodigal Child

*My sincerest THANK YOU  
to all devotees who unselfishly dedicated  
their TIME TREASURE and TALENTS  
for our DIVINE MERCY celebrations  
at the Monastery of the Angels in Los Angeles  
and at Saint Francis de Sales in Las Vegas  
on Sunday April 23, 2017.*

*Our dear Lord will always shower you  
with His blessings and  
His unfathomable ocean of mercy!*

*In God's Love,  
Victor Araneta*



# DEVOTION SCHEDULE



## THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER

cordially invites you to the following devotions:

### IN LOS ANGELES:

#### 1st Saturday Devotion

The Convent of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master | 501 N. Beaudry Avenue | (213) 250-7962  
Holy Mass starts at 8:30 A.M. | 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotional Prayers follow.

#### Devotion to God the Father

Every 1st Sunday of the Month | The Monastery of the Angels | 1977 Carmen Avenue on Gower | (323) 466-2186  
12:30 P.M. - Rosary to the Father | 1:15 P.M. - Holy Mass  
2:00 P.M. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### 2000 Hail Mary Devotion – May 20, 2017

at the Convent of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master | starting at 8:30 a.m.  
*Please call Victor at (213) 385-7798 if you wish to become a Sponsor of the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion.*

### IN CHINO HILLS:

#### Sacred Heart Devotional Group for Departed Souls

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month | 16657 Tourmaline Street | Chino Hills, CA 91709  
Devotional Prayers start at 8:30 P.M.

### IN LAS VEGAS:

#### Sacred Heart and Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion for Departed Souls

Every 1st Friday of the Month  
at The Cenacle House in The Enclave 8455 W. Sahara Avenue #172 | Las Vegas, NV 89117  
Devotional Prayers start at 2:30 P.M.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion

at Saint Frances de Sales Parish | 1111 Michael Way | Las Vegas, NV 89108 at 8:00 AM  
Devotional Prayers follow.

and

at The Cenacle House in The Enclave | 8455 West Sahara Avenue #172, | Las Vegas, NV 89117 at 1:00 PM  
Cenacle will be at 10:00 AM before the devotional prayers.

*Please call Evelyn at (702)274-4315 for entry to The Enclave or for more information.*

#### Devotion to God the Father

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.  
at The Cenacle House in The Enclave | 8455 West Sahara Avenue #172, | Las Vegas, NV 89117

#### 2000 Hail Mary Devotion – May 13, 2017

*Please call (702) 255-9616 or (702) 274-4315 for  
dates and venues for the coming months or for more information or if you wish to Sponsor the Devotion.*

#### Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary Prayers

Every Wednesday of the month after the 7:30 AM Mass (*except during the Holy Week*)  
St. Francis de Sales Parish | 1111 Michael Way | Las Vegas, NV 89108

### IN THE PHILIPPINES

#### 2000 Hail Mary Devotion - Metro Manila Area

Letty Rollan has organized the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion in various areas of Metro Manila through the members of the "Mother Butler." Please call her U.S. Vonage phone (510) 779-6652, text her at Manila #916-384-9300, and/or call her Manila landline 939-4677. Mention Mila Lumba's name to be recognized.