

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Marian Messenger



1st Quarter 2024

In the Epiphany Season we celebrate the Child Jesus as an august and glorious King. He is the Savior whom we adore, and to whom we pay homage seated on the 'throne' of His Mother's lap – the undefiled Virgin and 'Seat of Wisdom'. His palace is a humble cave; the worshippers are the Wise Men of the East bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God manifests His glory and presence in the Star of Bethlehem; in the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan with the voice of the Father and the Dove; and in water becoming wine at Cana.

There have been many 'epiphanies' in Sacred Scripture: the 'burning bush' with Moses; the 'pillar of cloud and fire' during the Exodus; the 'cloud and lighning' at Sinai; the silencing of the waves and wind by Christ on the Sea of Galilee; the multiplication of the loaves and fishes; the eclipse of the sun, the earthquake, the splitting of rocks, the opening of tombs, and the rending of the curtain concealing the Holy of holies in the temple on Good Friday. There was an earthquake on Easter morning, and a strong wind and 'tongues of fire' on Pentecost.

But 'epiphanies' did not end with the Public Revelation of Scripture. There have been significant manifestations of God's power and presence at Fatima alone in the twentieth century. On October 13, 1917, the 'Great Miracle of the Sun', witnessed by 100,000 people, foreshadowed the upcoming 'Warning', or 'Illumination of Consciences' that will 'halt the wickedness' of global elites whose desire is a diabolical One World Order.

On January 25, 1938, Sister Lucia, from her convent window, saw the 'unknown' light illuminating the night skies and she remembered the words of Our Lady:

"When you see a night illuminated by an 'unknown' light, know that it is the sign that God is about to punish the world for its' crimes by war, famine, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father."

Join us for Masses

First Friday: February 2nd at

5pm

First Saturday: February 3rd at

8am

Mass in Honor of Sts. Jacinta and Francesco, Tuesday, February 20th at 5pm

First Friday: March 1st at 5pm **First Saturday:** March 2nd at 8am

First Friday: April 5th at 5pm **First Saturday**: April 6th at 8am

Rosary and Confessions
30 minutes before First Friday
and First Saturday Masses

Monthly Mass Schedule First Friday at 5pm First Saturday at 8am

5pm Mass on the 13th (unless otherwise noted) of each month during May - October

St Joseph Bookstore Hours

11:00 am – 4:00 pm Wednesdays and Saturdays before and after Masses

The Chapel will be open for private prayer during these hours. Come and visit Our Lord and His Blessed Mother!

At Akita, on October 13, 1973, the revelations of Fatima continued with the weeping statue of Our Lady of All Nations, and the prophesies concerning the greatest crisis the Church has ever experienced (not excepting the Arian heresy), Our Lady said:

"If men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will have never seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a greater part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will remain for you will be the Rosary (Garabandal). Each day recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops and priests."

"The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against other bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their conferers. Churches and altars will be sacked. The Church will be full of those who accept compromises."

All of this is unfolding at the beginning of 2024. This is the reason why this New Year must be the 'Year of Eucharistic Reparation' in order to console the Hearts of Jesus and Mary wounded and outraged by the sins of the Church and the world.

Following the idolatry of the Pachamama in the Vatican Gardens, and the desecration of Saint Peter's Basilica, a world-wide virus resulted with the diabolical control of the population and the closing of Churches and the suppression of the holy Sacraments. What will happen in the wake of Pope Francis' decree allowing priests to 'bless' same-sex couples? To call upon the Holy Name of God in order to bless a sin for which God annihilated five cities in the environs of Sodom, is blasphemous.

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord They God in vain."

What should be our response to this decree? Our Lord Jesus gives the perfect response:

"Say 'yes' when you mean yes, and 'no' when you mean no. Anything beyond that comes from the evil one."

The African bishops and the bishops of Kazakhstan deserve our support and prayers. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we entrust to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. We lift up Pope Francis in every Holy Mass and in every Holy Hour of this 'Year of Eucharistic Reparation', to the merciful Father.

This is also another jubilee year of Saint Francis of Assisi. In 2023 we marked the 800th anniversary of the first manger created by St Francis in Greccio on December 24, 1223. This year we follow Saint Francis to the Cross as we commemorate the 800th jubilee of his sacred stigmata on Mount LaVerna.

We take our place at the foot of the Cross with the Sorrowful Mother, St. John the Beloved Disciple, and St. Mary Magdalen – and St. Francis of Assisi, who immersed himself so much in the Lord's Passion that he became a 'Living Crucifix'.

From the Crucifix at San Damiano, Jesus spoke to St. Francis:

"Francis, repair my Church, for it is falling into ruins."

Our Divine Master calls us to 'repair' the Church by our acts of reparation offered in the Divine Will.

For Blue Army members, reparation is at the heart of Our Lady's message at Fatima. Bishop Venancio, first bishop of Fatima, summed up the message of Fatima in these words:

"Eucharistic reparation, Eucharistic reparation, Eucharistic reparation!"

The Blue Army is not a social club. It is an apostolate of reparation to console the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, and to <u>repair</u> the damage caused by sin.

Our models for living the Fatima message are Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. Study their lives! On February 20, we celebrate the feast day of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (Blue Army Chapel). Together with October 13, feast of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, the feast of the Fatima Shepherds is the principal feast of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Riverview. On this day the Archbishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, has granted a *Plenary Indulgence* to the faithful who 1) assist at Holy Mass, 2) go to Confession and receive Holy Communion worthily, and 3) pray for the intention of the Holy Father while visiting the chapel on this day. *A Plenary Indulgence is the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sin* (Baltimore Catechism III, Lesson Twenty-First). *While it is not necessary to go to Confession on that day if you are in the state of grace, Confession should take place within fourteen days of the feast day.* After Mass there will be veneration of the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

In these days of Apostacy, come to the Eucharistic Lord. Be faithful to Divine Revelation, Apostolic Tradition and Sacred Scripture!

Bless You,

Fr. John Hedges



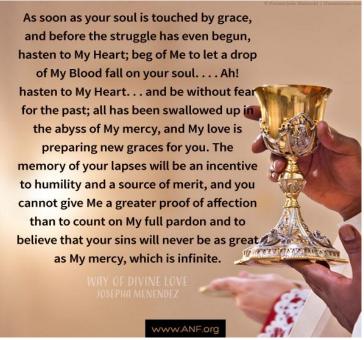


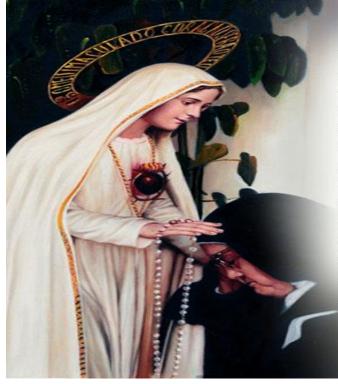




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The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

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