



Marian Messenger

News from Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

FR. JOHN'S JOURNAL

Fr. John Hedges, Spiritual Director

As I write this article, I am preparing for a triduum in honor of Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto— February 20th-22nd-asking their intercession for the conversion of sinners, the sanctification of families and the eternal salvation of souls. Their short lives on this earth are a reminder of how fleeting temporal things are, how short time is, and how long eternity lasts. Ultimately, the most important thing in this world in the salvation of souls

I have composed a **little triduum** in honor of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and the Servant of God, Venerable Lucia dos Santos, based on the celestial and mystical apparitions of the **Angel of Peace** between the spring of 1916, and the autumn of the same year. May the children of Fatima obtain for us many graces and favors from heaven in this year consecrated to St. Joseph our Father and Protector. May we learn from the Angel of Peace, and from our Guardian Angels, how to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

First Day

Holy children of Fatima, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, shortly after praying the holy rosary, and while you were playing games, a young stranger, whiter than snow and transparent as crystal appeared to you and announced: **"Do not be afraid, I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me."** He knelt down, bowed low to the ground, touching his forehead to the earth. You did the same. The Angel said this prayer three times: **"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."**

Then the Angel rose and said, **"Pray thus The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."**

Dear children, pray for us that we may always be aware of the Presence of the Most Holy Trinity in our baptized souls, the supernatural world of the Communion of Saints that surrounds us, and the companionship of our holy Guardian Angels who accompany us through this life to the heavenly life that has no end.

Please obtain for us from God, the favors we implore...Amen.

Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Second Day

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, in the summer of 1916, finding shelter from a heat wave in the shade of some trees, the Angel of Peace appeared for the second time near the well of the Santos' farm.

You gazed at him enraptured and he encouraged you to pray and to make sacrifices for sinners, as Jesus and Mary wanted to show mercy on the world through you. The Angel said: **"Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of**

reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and hear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you."The Angel said: **"Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and hear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you."**

Dear children of Fatima, pray of us that we may offer sacrifices for the conversion of our poor nation. May the Angel Guardian of the United States intercede to end abortion, infanticide and the desecration of marriage; and to restore the sanctity of life, and the family.

Please obtain for us from God the favors we now implore...Amen

Pray the sorrowful Mysteries.

Third Day

Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, on an autumn day the heavenly messenger appeared a third time at the Loca de Cabeco while you were at prayer. Lucia, you recalled that he held a chalice in his hands **"with a Host above it for which some drops of Blood were falling into the Sacred Vessel."** Leaving the Chalice and the Host suspended in the air, the angel knelt down, prostrated himself with his forehead pressing the ground and prayed three times:

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You 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 with which He Himself is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners."

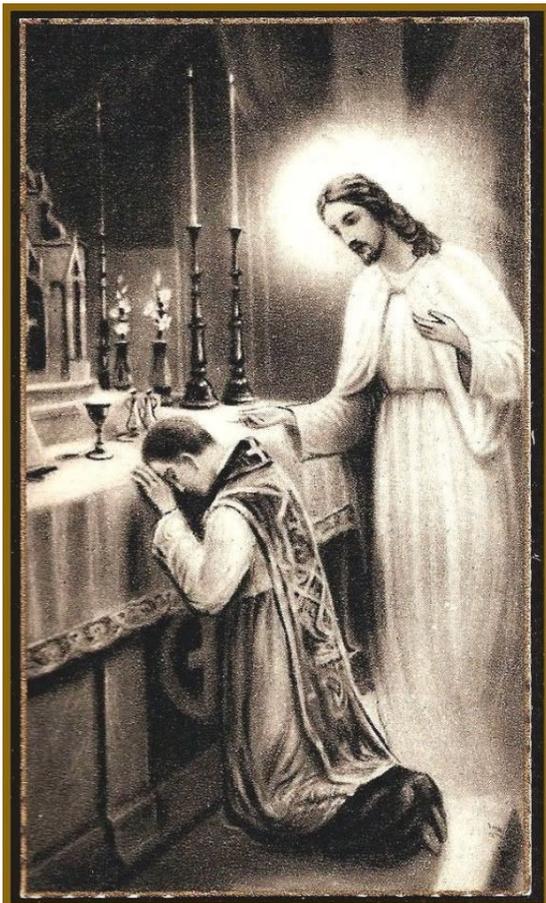
Dear children of Mary, the Angel stood up, took the Host and the Chalice, and gave you Holy Communion. Lucia you received the Sacred Host, and Jacinta and Francisco you received your first Holy Communion from the Chalice – the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Angel said: **"Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Repair their crimes and console your God."**

Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco pray for us so that we may adore the Eucharistic Lord as you adored Him; that our Holy Communion will be received with great faith, purity and love, and in a spirit of reparation for sins, and that we may spend much time with our Lord in the tabernacle for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. Please obtain for us from God the favors we now implore...Amen Pray the Glorious Mysteries.

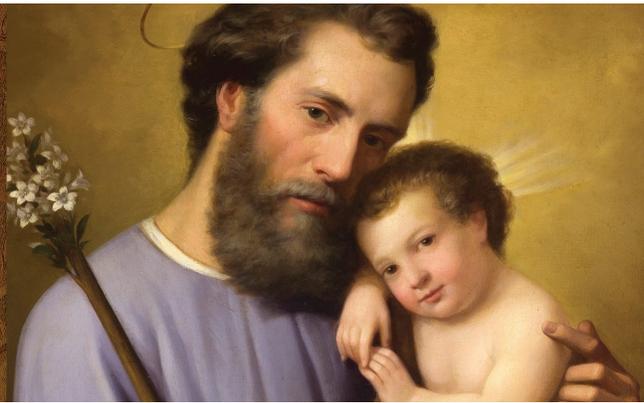
This **little triduum** can be prayed any time, but especially from April 4th-6th to commemorate the anniversary of the death of St. Francisco, and from May, thru October on the 13th, 14th, and 15th to honor Our Lady of Fatima whose visits to the children were pre-announced by the Angel of Peace. May we work with the Holy Angels in saving souls for all eternity.

God love you,
Father John



**Feast day of St Jacinta and St Francisco
February 20, 2020 at
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Visit fatimashrinedetroit.org to see more photos of this
special Mass.**

Year of ST. JOSEPH



Happy Easter!

God has been faithful to us during these challenging times and I pray that the joy of this Easter season fills your hearts and also comforts those of you who mourn due to the loss of a loved one or because of any suffering due to the pandemic. It's been a hard time for many people and our work here at the Shrine to pray, offer Masses and comfort the hurting is on the rise.

With our renewed efforts as a newly named Shrine, we need your financial support more than ever before. Please continue to help us by donating to our mission by using the enclosed envelope. You may also easily and securely donate online at fatimashrinedetroit.org

I'm thanking you as Blessed Solanus has taught us "ahead of time," for your much needed and greatly appreciated generosity. We are completely staffed by volunteers and are grateful for your support.

Join us during the upcoming months for Masses and private prayer time at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. The Shrine will always be open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays (along with the bookstore) from 11am to 4pm.

Please be sure to visit fatimashrinedetroit.org and/or the back of this newsletter for our updated Holy Mass Schedule, as our schedule will be very different over the next few months due to the Church calendar and the fact that we do not celebrate Sunday Masses or Feast Day or Holy Day Masses at the Shrine.

April at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

No Masses at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. This is due to the fact that Good Friday and Holy Saturday fall on First Friday and First Saturday. Feel free to visit the Shrine from 11am to 4pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays in April.

May Masses and Events

May 1st is the feast of St Joseph the Worker and First Saturday. Please try your best to attend 8am Mass at the Shrine for this special day when we honor both Our Lady and her most chaste spouse St Joseph. Pope Francis has proclaimed this the "Year of St Joseph," as we recall the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. For us at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, we are reminded that during the October 13, 1917 miracle of the sun, St Joseph appeared with the child Jesus in his arms and blessed the world. He plays a very important role with our Fatima work and we dedicate ourselves to him in a special way this year. I encourage you to Ite Ad Joseph "Go to Joseph" We will have a special May crowning of Our Lady during Mass on May 1 to honor her as well. First Saturday May 7th we will have 8am Mass at the Shrine.

Masses on the 13th of the month (May-October) begin again in May, join us for 7pm Mass on Thursday, May 13th at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine.

Bonus event off site, on Sunday, May 2nd, join our division of the World Apostolate of Fatima as we host a noon Mass at Old St Mary's Greektown celebrated by Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron. We will have a special May Crowning and Eucharistic procession in the streets of Greektown after Mass. There is free parking and plenty of room for everyone in this beautiful and historic church. Let's honor Our Lady together in the public square as part of our mission for the World Apostolate of Fatima.

June Masses at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Father John will celebrate our regularly scheduled First Friday Mass on June 4th at 7pm and First Saturday, 8am on June 5th. Note: On Friday, June 11th at 7pm (on this day as the 13th falls on a Sunday) we will be celebrating Mass in the Tridentine form. It's also known as the Traditional Latin Mass. The Tridentine Mass is the Roman Rite Mass which appears in the typical editions of the Roman Missal published from 1570-1962. It was the most widely used Mass liturgy in the world until the introduction of the Novus Ordo Mass in 1969, and it is celebrated in Liturgical Latin. We will have beautiful music and a guest priest celebrating Mass along with volunteers who will help you to follow along with the liturgy. I really enjoy this form of the Mass and highly encourage you to attend to experience the beauty and majesty of the Latin Mass.

We are blessed to have so much happening in the upcoming months ahead. I encourage you to visit fatimashrinedetroit.org and the back of this newsletter for updates. Also feel free to call the Shrine for our monthly recorded messages at (734) 281-1445. May Our Lady of Fatima bless you richly!



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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

April

No Masses at the Shrine
Due to Good Friday & Holy Saturday falling on
First Friday & First Saturday

May

May 1 | First Saturday 8:00 AM Mass
with May Crowning
May 7 | First Friday 7:00 PM Mass
May 13 | Thursday 7:00 PM Mass
In honor of Our Lady of Fatima

June

June 4 | First Friday 7:00 PM Mass
June 5 | First Saturday 8:00 AM Mass
June 11 | Friday, 7 PM Tridentine Mass
In honor of Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine & St. Joseph Bookstore Hours

Before and after all Masses
Wednesdays 11:00 AM— 4:00PM
Saturdays 11:00 AM— 4:00 PM

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