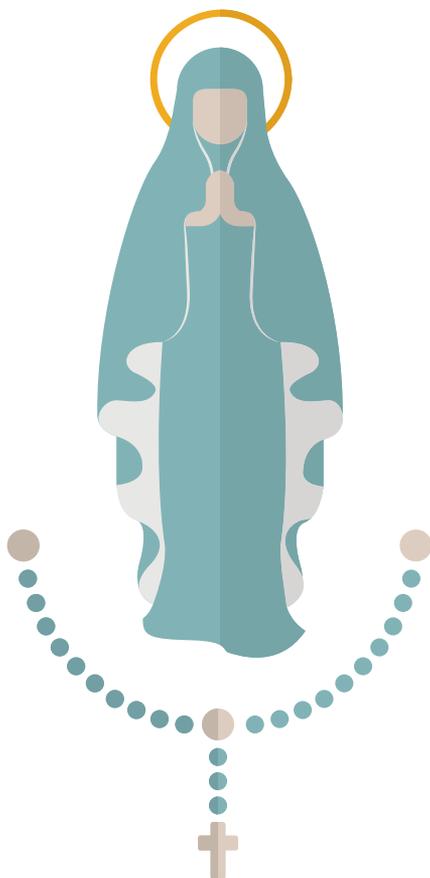




OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH



First Saturday Devotion

HISTORY OF FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

During her July apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucia, "I shall come to ask...that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world." Our Lady then spoke: "See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary "

To those who faithfully follow Our Lady 's requests for the Five First Saturdays, she has made a wonderful promise "I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation."

DEAR LADY OF FATIMA

Dear Lady of Fatima,
We come on bended knee,
To beg Your intercession,
For peace and unity.
Dear Mary, won't You show us,
The right and shining way,
We pledge our love and offer You,
A Rosary each day.

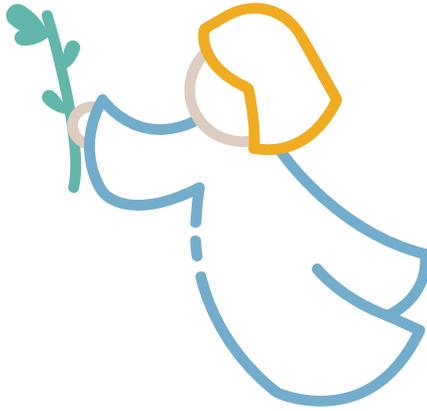
You promised at Fatima,
Each time that You appeared,
To help us if we pray to You,
To banish war and fear.
Dear Lady, on first Saturdays,
We ask Your guiding hand,
For grace and guidance here on Earth,
And protection for our land.



The Pardon Prayer

The angel who appeared to the children called himself the Angel of Peace and the Angel of Portugal. He taught them the following prayer:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.



The Angel's Prayer

On one occasion, the three children saw the angel prostrate before a host and chalice that hung in the air. Worshipping the Eucharist, the angel prayed,

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 indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.

Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin, and our beloved Mother, we listen with grief to the complaints of thy Immaculate Heart, surrounded with thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Moved by the ardent desire of loving thee as our Mother and of promoting true devotion to thy Immaculate Heart, we prostrate ourselves at thy feet to prove the sorrow we feel for the grief that men cause thee and to atone by means of our prayers and sacrifices for the offenses with which men return thy tender love. Obtain for them and for us the pardon of so many sins. A word from thee will obtain grace and forgiveness for us all. Hasten O Lady, the conversion of sinners, that they may love Jesus and cease to offend God, already so much offended, and thus avoid eternal punishment. Turn thine eyes of mercy toward us so that henceforth we may love God with all our hearts while on earth and enjoy Him forever in Heaven. Amen.



Rosary



The Five Joyful Mysteries

First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation to Mary

Luke 1:28, 31, 38. The Angel Gabriel said to Mary: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women...You shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus...Mary answered, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word."

Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

Luke 1:42-44. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...The moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy."

Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity

Luke 2:6-7. "And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for Mary to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in waddling clothing and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation

Luke 2:22, 34, 35. When the days of her purification were fulfilled they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...Simeon blessed them and said to his Mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted; and thy own soul a sword shall pierce."

Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:46,51. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions...And He returned with His parents to Nazareth and was obedient to them.

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries



First Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this sixth decade in honor of Thy bitter Agony in the Garden of Olives, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy most Holy Mother Mary, the grace of true contrition for our sins. Amen.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Agony in the Garden come down into our souls. Amen.

Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this seventh decade in honor of Thy bloody Scourging at the pillar, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother Mary, the grace of mortifying our sense. Amen.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Scourging at the pillar come down into our souls. Amen



Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this eighth decade in honor of Thy being crowned with the mocking crown of thorns, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother Mary, the grace of contempt of the world. Amen.



May the grace of the Mystery of the Crowning of Thorns come down into our souls. Amen.

Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross



We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this ninth decade in honor of Thy carrying of the heavy Cross to Calvary, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy most Holy Mother Mary, the grace of patience in bearing our crosses in this life. Amen.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Carrying of the Cross come down into our souls. Amen.

Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion

We offer thee, O Lord Jesus, this tenth decade in honor of Thy Crucifixion and ignominious death on Calvary and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy most Holy Mother Mary, the conversion of sinners, the perseverance of the just and the relief of the suffering souls in Purgatory. Amen.



May the grace of the Mystery of the Crucifixion come down into our souls.

The Five Glorious Mysteries

First Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection



We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this eleventh decade in honor of Thy most glorious Resurrection from the dead, and we ask of Thee through this Mystery, and through the intercession of Thy most Holy Mother Mary, the grace of a deeper love of God and fervor in Thy service. Amen.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Resurrection come down into our souls. Amen.

Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this twelfth decade in honor of Thy triumphant Ascension into Heaven, and we ask of Thee through the Mystery, and through the intercession of Thy most Holy Mother Mary, an ardent desire for Heaven, our true home. Amen.



May the grace of the Mystery of the Ascension come down into our souls. Amen.

Third Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Ghost



We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this thirteenth decade in honor of the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through her intercession, the coming of the Holy Ghost into our souls. Amen.

May the grace of the Mystery of Pentecost come down into our souls Amen.

Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fourteenth decade in honor of the Resurrection and triumphant Assumption of Thy most Holy Mother, body and soul, into Heaven, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and her intercession, a tender devotion for so good a Mother. Amen.



May the grace of the Mystery of the Assumption come down into our souls. Amen

Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fifteenth decade in honor of the Coronation of Thy most Holy Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth, as we ask if Thee through this Mystery, and through her intercession, for perseverance in grace, and a crown of glory hereafter. Amen.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary come down into our souls. Amen.



Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth and tender Mother of men, in accordance with Thy ardent wish made known at Fatima, I consecrate to thee myself, my brethren, my country and the whole human race. Reign over us and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us as It has reigned and triumphed in Thee.

Reign over us, dearest Mother, that we may be Thine in prosperity and in adversity; in joy and in sorrow; in health and in sickness; in life and in death. O most compassionate Heart of Mary, Queen of Virgins, watch over our minds and our hearts and preserve them from the deluge of impurity which Thou didst lament so sorrowfully at Fatima. We want to be pure like Thee. We want to atone for the many sins committed against Jesus and Thee. We want to call down upon our country and the whole world the peace of God in justice and charity.

Therefore, Most Gracious Virgin and Mother, I hereby promise to imitate Thy virtues by the practice of a true Christian life without regard to human respect. I resolve to receive Holy Communion regularly and to offer to Thee five decades of the Rosary each day, together with my sacrifices, in the spirit of reparation and penance. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

As I Kneel Before You

1. As I kneel before you
As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day - make it yours
And fill me with your love.

Refrain: Ave Maria, Gratia plena
Dominus, Tecum, Benedicta Tu

2. All I have, I give you
Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine
Present them to my Lord.

3. As I kneel before you
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in Your embrace.

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