



# The Newsletter of

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## EL ENCUESTRO/THE ENCOUNTER



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### MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

"To whom shall we go, Lord?" says St. Peter. It was a simple question, but so deep that the question made it on to the Bible. According to most scholars, the Gospel of John was written between years 90-100. St. John's vivid memory recounts St. Peter's admission that it is Jesus who has the words of eternal life and that somehow Jesus is attached intimately and inseparably to God.

In the face of the first events of apostasy in Christianize, the apostles clung to the Lord. And so must we cling to Him who presents salvation and eternity to us. Just a few lines earlier, Jesus was talking about eating His flesh the words He used were words for chewing and masticating; and some of His disciples could not bear the thought and left the first apostates.

Lord Jesus, give us your flesh and blood so we may share with you in eternity. Most Holy Virgin Mary, you visited us in Fatima 100 years ago intercede for us for the good of all. St. Peter, pray for us in these times of apostasy where many people turn their back on Him. St. John, pray us so we may always remember the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. St. Francis, for the love of God, pray for us so we may be a channel of His peace.

*Pax et Bonum Jose*



**Council Meeting: Thur., April 28, 2017**

6:15pm — Holy Spirit Catholic Church school building.

**Fraternity Meeting: Sat., May 06, 2017**

8:00am — 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Mass

Rite of Admission – Carol Foy

9:30am — Gathering at H.S.C.C. School Room

9:15am — Formation: 10:00am — Fraternity Meeting

**Remember: Your Fair Share \$55.00**

**FRANCISCAN SAINTS**



**May – Month of the Holy Virgin Mary**

- 12. St Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother, Capuchin religious
- 13. St. Michael Garicoits, Priest, had been a tertiary
- 16. St. Theophilus of Corte, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order
- 17. St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order
- 18. St. Felix de Cantalice, lay brother, Capuchin religious
- 19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular
- 20. St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order
- 21. St. Crispin of Viterbo, lay brother, Capuchin religious
- 23. Bl. Gerard of Villamagna, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular
- 24. Bl. John of Prado, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order
- 25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253
- 30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
- 31. Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost Pentecost



***PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY***

*Georgia J Ferreira 05/13/00*

*Sr. Madeleine Harper 05/13/00*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

*Karen Rooney May 07<sup>th</sup>*

*Rosemary Shaffer May 19<sup>th</sup>*



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rosemary Safner, for a speedy recovery  
Karen Rooney for a speedy knee recovery

# The 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima



## **May 13, 1917**

By May of 1917 several months had passed since the final apparition of the Angel to the three children. They had continued their task of shepherding their flocks, and had resumed their former vivaciousness and playfulness. On the thirteenth of May, after Sunday morning Mass, they chose to lead their sheep to a property of Lucy's parents called Cova da Iria. After eating their meal at noon and praying the Rosary, the children began to play. Suddenly they saw a kind of lightning, making them believe that a storm was approaching, and they began to descend the hill to make for home.

When about halfway down the slope there was another flash of light, and a Lady appeared above a holm-oak tree. Lucy says that the Lady was "all dressed in white, more brilliant than the sun, radiating a light clearer and more intense than a crystal glass filled with clear water pierced by the most burning rays of the sun." The children stopped and found themselves in the light that emanated from Her.

Lucy describes the apparition in this way:

Then Our Lady said to us: **'Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm.'**

'Where is Your Grace from?' I asked Her.

**'I am of Heaven.'**

'What does Your Grace want of me?'

**'I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the 13th day, at this same hour. Later on, I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterwards, I will return here yet a seventh time.'**

'Shall I go to Heaven too?'

**'Yes, you will.'**

'And Jacinta?'

**'Also.'**

'And Francisco?'

**'Also, but he will have to say many Rosaries.'**

I remembered then to ask about two girls who had died recently. They were friends of mine and they used to come to my home to learn weaving with my eldest sister.

‘Is Maria das Neves already in Heaven?’

‘Yes, she is.’

It seems to me that she was about sixteen years old.

‘And Amelia?’

‘**She will be in Purgatory until the end of the world.**’

It seems to me that she must have been between eighteen and twenty years old.

‘**Are you willing to offer yourselves to God to bear all the sufferings He wants to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and for the conversion of sinners?**’

‘Yes, we are willing.’

‘**You are then going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.**’

It was in pronouncing those last words (the grace of God, etc.) that Our Lady opened Her hands for the first time, and communicated to us, as by a reflection which emanated from them, a light so intense that, penetrating our heart and even to the depths of our soul, it made us see ourselves in God, Who was this light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best mirrors.

Then, moved by an interior impulse which was communicated to us, we fell on our knees and said repeatedly: ‘**O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee. My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Holy Sacrament.**’

The first moments passed, and Our Lady added:

‘**Recite the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.**’

‘Can You tell me whether the war will still last a long time, or if it will soon end?’

‘**I cannot tell you yet, as I have not yet told you what I want.**’

Then She began to rise serenely, going up towards the east until She disappeared in the immensity of the sky. During the apparitions, each child’s part was distinct: Lucy was the only one who spoke to Our Lady; Jacinta saw and heard Her but did not speak; and Francisco saw Her but could not hear Her, and had to be told afterward what She said.

In the Divine light that had shone forth from Our Lady’s hands in this apparition, the most profound impression the children received, especially Francisco, was the sadness of God. In fact, consoling the sadness of God would afterward become Francisco’s particular vocation. The children understood that God is very much offended by the sins of humanity. Another important theme that would be reaffirmed in each apparition was the necessity and power of the Rosary. Our Lady always held a Rosary in Her hands when She appeared, and in each apparition reminded the children to say the Rosary to obtain peace.

Lucy explains the experience: "The apparition of Our Lady came once again to plunge us into the supernatural, but in a much milder manner [than the apparitions of the Angel]. Instead of this annihilation in the Divine Presence, which prostrated us, even physically, this last apparition left us a peace, an expansive joy which prevented us from speaking afterwards about what had happened."

Since Our Lady did not ask them to make known what they had been told, the children decided that it would be best to remain silent about the apparition. Little Jacinta, however, could not contain her joy for long and, prompted by a special grace, immediately gave an enthusiastic account of the apparition to her parents. As a result, the news spread quickly.



## **The Seven Fatima Prayers**

During the course of the apparitions at Fatima, the three child seers were taught five unique and powerful prayers, two by the Angel of Peace and three by the Mother of God. Later, appearing to Sister Lucy at Rianjo, Spain, Our Lord Jesus Christ dictated two further prayers. For millions of people, these prayers are today a living embodiment of the Message of hope and peace which Our Lady gave the world at Fatima.

In the past few years, through the efforts of Our Lady's Apostolate, a pious practice has developed of reciting one (or more) of these prayers on a daily basis. The following schedule of prayers is a suggestion only; please feel free to recite them in any order which you find most comforting and appropriate.

### **MONDAY**

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!

### **TUESDAY**

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.

### **WEDNESDAY**

O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need.

### **THURSDAY**

O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!

### **FRIDAY**

Sweet Heart of Mary, be the salvation of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and the whole world.

### **SATURDAY**

By your pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, obtain for me the conversion of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and the entire world.

### **SUNDAY**

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, 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 sacrileges, outrages and indifference by which He Himself is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners."