# The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



# SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE

- Welcome of statue at weekend Masses
- Sunday Holy Hour: Holy Rosary, Litany of Loreto, Benediction
- Enrolment in the Brown Scapular
- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday -
  - Daily Mass with Holy Rosary, devotions, sermons, Reconciliation
  - Celebration for children/school
  - Celebration for the elderly and sick Anointing of the Sick
  - Procession
- Thursday Consecration of parish/families
- Farewell
- Visit of smaller statue for Holy Rosary at nursing homes
- Box for intentions and/or Mass offerings
- Involvement of parish/prayer/social/service/apostolic groups
- Screening of DVD:

"Our Lady of Fatima" "The 13th Day" "The Day the Sun Danced"

• Piety Stall

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is transported in a wheeled box that can be lifted onto the back seat of a car. It also comes with a bier with handles if a procession is intended *(illustrated on back cover)*. The statue is light in weight and measures 1130cm from crown to feet. Without the crown the statue measures 1120cm and will comfortably and securely fit into the box for transportation.

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#### THE STORY OF FATIMA AND THE THREE CHILDREN

On 13 May 1917, three children were pasturing their little flock in the Cova da Iria, parish of Fatima, town of Vila Nova de Ourém, today the diocese of Leiria-Fatima. They were called Lucia de Jesus, aged 10, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, aged 9 and 7.

About midday, after praying the Rosary, as was their custom, they were amusing themselves building a little house of stones scattered around the place where the Basilica now stands. Suddenly they saw a brilliant light, and thinking it to be lightning, they decided to go home. But as they went down the slope another flash lit up the place, and they saw on the top of a Holm oak (where the Chapel of Apparitions now stands), "a Lady more brilliant than the sun", from whose hands hung a white rosary.

The Lady told the three little shepherds that it was necessary to pray much, and she invited them to return to the Cova da Iria during five consecutive months, on the 13th day at that hour. The children did so and the 13th day of June, July, September and October, the Lady appeared to them again and spoke to them in the Cova da Iria. On the 19th of August, the apparition took place at Valinhos, about 500 metres from Aljustrel, because on the 13th the children had been carried off by the local Administrator to Vila Nova de Ourém.

At the last apparition, on 13 October, with about 70,000 people present, the Lady said to them that she was the "Lady of the Rosary" and that a chapel was to be built there in her honour. After the apparition all present witnessed the miracle promised to the three children in July and September: the sun, resembling a silver disc, could be gazed at without difficulty and, whirling on itself like a wheel of fire, it seemed about to fall upon the earth.

Afterwards, when Lucia was a Religious Sister of Saint Dorothy, Our Lady appeared to her again in Spain (10 December 1925 and 15 February 1926, in the Convent of Pontevedra, and on the night of 13/14 June 1929, in the Convent of Tuy), requesting the devotion of the five first Saturdays (to pray the Rosary, in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary), and the Consecration of Russia to the same Immaculate Heart. This request had been announced by the Apparition on 13 July 1917, in what is called the "Secret of Fatima".

Years later, Sr Lucia related that, between April and October 1916, an Angel had appeared to the three seers on three occasions, twice in the Cabeco and once at the well in the garden behind Lucia's house, who exhorted them to prayer and penance.

Since 1917 pilgrims have not ceased to come to the Cova da Iria in thousands upon thousands from all parts of the world, at first on the 13th of each month, later during the summer and winter holidays, and now more and more at weekends and any day all the year round. **LUCIA OF JESUS:** The principal seer of the Apparitions, was born on 22 March 1907, in Aljustrel, in the parish of Fatima. On 17 June 1921, she entered the college of Vilar (Porto), directed by the religious of Saint Dorothy. Later she went to Tuy, where she received the Habit and the name Maria Lucia of Dolours. On 3 October 1928 she made religious profession of temporary vows, and on 3 October 1934, perpetual vows.

On 25 March 1948 she was transferred to Coimbra, entering the Carmel of Saint Teresa, and taking the name of Sister Maria Lucia of the Immaculate Heart. On 31 May 1949 she made profession of solemn vows. Sister Lucia has come to Fatima several times, in May 1946, 13 May 1967, in 1981 to direct, in Carmel, a series of paintings on the Apparitions, on 13 May 1982, 13 May 1991 and 13 May 2000.

**FRANCISCO MARTO:** He was born on 11 June 1908, in Aljustrel. He died a saintly death on 4 April 1919, in his parents' house. Very sensitive and contemplative, he directed all his prayer and penance towards "consoling Our Lord".

His mortal remains were buried in the parish cemetery until 13 March 1952, on which date they were removed to the Basilica, on the eastern side.

**JACINTA MARTO:** She was born in Aljustrel on 11 March 1910. Her holy death took place on 20 February 1920 in the Hospital of D.Estefania, in Lisbon, after a long and painful illness, offering all her sufferings for the conversion of sinners, for peace in the world and for the Holy Father.

On 12 September 1935 her body was solemnly translated from the family tomb of the Baron of Alvaiazere in Ourém, to the Fatima cemetery, and placed beside the mortal remains of her brother Francisco. On 1 May 1951, the translation of Jacinta's mortal remains took place, with the greatest simplicity, to a new tomb prepared in the Basilica of Cova da Iria, on the western side.

Francisco and Jacinta were proclaimed Blessed by Pope John Paul II, in Fatima, on 13 May 2000 and were canonised by Pope Francis on 13 May 2017.

# **RITE OF WELCOME OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Mass commences in the usual way with the Processional Hymn, Sign of the Cross and greeting.

Celebrant:	Our Lady of Fatima is with us! We welcome her, confident of her intercession with her Son, Jesus Christ.	
	We welcome you, Mother of God and Queen of Peace.	
All sing:	Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!	
	We welcome you, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of the Church.	
All sing:	Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!	
	We welcome you, Queen of the Family and Refuge of Sinners.	
All sing:	Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!	
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The Gloria is sung, while the Celebrant receives the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

The COLLECT of the Mass follows.

# MASSES IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

- 1. Our Lady of Fatima, Roman Missal p 904
- 2. Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Roman Missal pp 1098 ff
- 3. Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Roman Missal pp 1411–1995
- 4. The Most Holy Name of Mary, Roman Missal pp 1415–1416
- 5. Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Roman Missal p 1417
- 6. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p 258
- 7. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pp 260–261

### Mass of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto Votive Mass

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Mt 18: 3

Unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

#### Collect

God of infinite goodness who loves the innocent and exalts the humble grant that, in imitation of Saints Francisco and Jacinta, we may serve you with purity of heart and so be worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

#### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Humbly we beseech You, Lord, that you accept the homage of our prayers and sacrifices, which we offer for the forgiveness of our faults and for the conversion of sinners. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**CF Mt 11:25** 

May you be blessed, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

By this divine sacrament which we have received, Lord, inflame in us that wondrous love which inspired Saints Francisco and Jacinta to give themselves entirely to you and to offer themselves in love for the salvation of all men. Through Christ our Lord.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st R	1 Samuel 3:1, 3-10;	Lect Vol 3, p475
Psalm	Lk 1:46-55	Lect Vol 3, p843
Gospel Accl:	Ps 118(119): 130	As your word unfolds, it gives light and the simple
		understanding.
Gospel	Mt 18:1-5, 10	Lect Vol 2, p1149

# **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **Celebrant:**

In the presence of the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, let us present our prayers to God our Father, who gave us the Mother of his Son to be our Mother.

#### **Reader:**

- 1. For all the faithful, that by obeying the appeals of Mary in a spirit of true penance and prayer, they may work wholeheartedly for the renewal of the world and for the Kingdom of Christ. *We pray to the Lord*
- 2. For those who exercise sacred ministry in the Church, that they may be attentive to the word of God, love it and proclaim it with fidelity and enthusiasm, as Mary did. *We pray to the Lord*
- 3. For those who govern nations, that they may work for justice and peace in the world, and harmoniously collaborate in the just distribution of earthly goods among all the inhabitants of the world. *We pray to the Lord*
- 4. For all those who suffer, that in union with Mary, consoler of the afflicted, in the loving care of others and in the contemplation of the Cross of Christ, they may find courage to face life. *We pray to the Lord*
- 5. For all of us here present and for our families, that by the intercession of Mary, those who seek Christ may find him, sinners may be converted and young people may open their hearts with enthusiasm to the Gospel. *We pray to the Lord*

#### **Celebrant:**

God of infinite goodness, attentive to the supplication of your people, and with the prayers of Mary, Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church, to help us, listen to our pleas and increase our faith. Through Christ our Lord.

#### All: Amen

# HOLY ROSARY

# **THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES** (recited Monday and Saturday)

The Annunciation The Visitation The Nativity The Presentation The Finding in the Temple

**THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES** (recited Tuesday and Friday)

The Agony in the Garden The Scourging at the Pillar The Crowning with Thorns The Carrying of the Cross The Crucifixion

#### THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

(recited Wednesday and Sunday)

The Resurrection The Ascension The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Assumption The Coronation of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

# **THE MYSTERIES OF LIGHT** *(recited Thursday)*

The Baptism of Jesus The Wedding Feast of Cana The Proclamation of the Kingdom with the call to Conversion The Transfiguration The Institution of the Eucharist

#### THE HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail 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 towards 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.

#### LET US PRAY

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

#### ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Mother of the Church! Enlighten the People of God along the paths of faith, hope and love! Enlighten especially the peoples whose consecration and entrustment by us you are awaiting. Help us to live in the truth of the consecration of Christ for the entire human family of the modern world.

In entrusting to you, O Mother, the world, all individuals and peoples, we also entrust to you this very consecration of the world, placing it in your motherly Heart.

Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths towards the future!

From famine and war, deliver us.

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.

From sins against the life of man from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings, laden with the sufferings of whole societies.

Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world", in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the Redemption: the power of merciful Love! May it put a stop to evil! May it transform consciences! May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of Hope!

St John Paul II, 25 March 1984

#### ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we consecrate ourselves, in an act of total entrustment to the Lord.

By you we will be led to Christ. By Him and with Him we will be led to the Father.

We will walk in the light of faith, and we will do everything so that the world may believe that Jesus Christ is the One sent by the Father.

With Him we wish to carry His Love and Salvation to the ends of the earth.

Under the protection of your Immaculate Heart, we will be one people with Christ. We will be witnesses of His Resurrection. By Him we will be led to the Father, for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, whom we adore, praise and bless forever. Amen

## A SOLEMN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfil the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of your Son on earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to you, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as you wish to accomplish your designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully.

We come with confidence to you, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. Inflame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home. Amen

Ven Pius XII

#### LITANY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for our dear country Our Lady of Fatima, sanctify our clergy Our Lady of Fatima, make our Catholics more fervent Our Lady of Fatima, guide and inspire those who govern us Our Lady of Fatima, cure the sick who confide in thee Our Lady of Fatima, console the sorrowful who trust in thee Our Lady of Fatima, *deliver us from all dangers* Our Lady of Fatima, help us to resist temptation Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us all that we lovingly ask of thee Our Lady of Fatima, help those who are dear to us Our Lady of Fatima, bring back to the right road our erring brothers and sisters Our Lady of Fatima, give us back our ancient fervour Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us pardon of our manifold sins and offences Our Lady of Fatima, bring all people to the feet of thy Divine Child Our Lady of Fatima, obtain peace for the world O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death

**LET US PRAY:** O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with great confidence in Thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### LITANY OF SAINTS FRANCISCO AND JACINTA

Lord, have mercy on us Christ, have mercy on us Lord, have mercy on us

God the Father, Creator of the world, *have mercy on us* God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, *have mercy on us* God the Holy Spirit, perfection of those who are chosen, *have mercy on us* Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us* 

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *pray for us* Our Lady of the Rosary, *pray for us* Immaculate Heart of Mary, *pray for us* 

Francisco and Jacinta, children blessed by God, *pray for us* Children so dear to the Heart of Our Lady, *pray for us* Children so loved by all of us, *pray for us* 

Little shepherds, in admiration of the glories of creation, *pray for us* Little shepherds, gazing in wonder at the starry sky, *pray for us* Little shepherds, caring for the sheep and lambs, *pray for us* Little shepherds, with your clear, innocent gaze, *pray for us* Little shepherds, with your angelic smile, *pray for us* Little shepherds, with your pure souls, *pray for us* 

Hearts enchanted by beauty, *pray for us* Hearts yearning for truth, *pray for us* Hearts overflowing with love, *pray for us* 

Amazing wonders of prayer, *pray for us* Wells brimming over with sacrifices, *pray for us* Children totally committed and ready for martyrdom, *pray for us* 

Francisco, seeker of peace and contemplation, *pray for us* You who would console God, *pray for us* You who died smiling, *pray for us* 

Jacinta, faithful helpmate of the Holy Father, *pray for us* You, the apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, *pray for us* You, the friend of sinners, *pray for us* 

**LET US PRAY:** God of infinite goodness who loves the innocent and exalts the humble grant that, in imitation of Saints Francisco and Jacinta, we may serve you with purity of heart and so be worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

# THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### **BLESSING AND ENROLMENT**

- C: Show us, O Lord, your mercy
- *R:* And grant us your salvation
- C: O Lord hear my prayer
- *R:* And let my cry come to you
- C: The Lord be with you
- R And with your spirit

#### LET US PRAY

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of mankind, by your right hand sanctify  $\clubsuit$  these scapulars (this scapular) which your servants will devoutly wear for the love of you and of your Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel; so that, by her intercession, they may be protected from the wickedness of the enemy and persevere in your grace until death. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

The scapulars are then sprinkled with holy water, and each is placed on its recipient, the priest saying:

**R**eceive this blessed Scapular and ask the most holy Virgin that, by her merits, it may be worn with no stain of sin, and may protect you from all harm, and bring you into everlasting life. Amen

**B**y the power granted to me, I admit you to a share in all the spiritual works performed, with the merciful help of Jesus Christ, by the Religious of Mount Carmel: in the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\clubsuit$  and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**M**ay Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth bless  $\bigstar$  you whom he has been pleased to receive into the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. We beg her to crush the head of the ancient serpent in the hour of your death, and, in the end, to obtain for you a palm and the crown of your everlasting inheritance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

# **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

#### HYMN OF ADORATION

Tantum ergo sacramentum Veneremur cernui. Et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui; Praestet fides suplementum sensuum defectui.

Genitori genitoque Laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio; Procedenti abutroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen

#### **OREMUS**

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabilia, passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecular saeculorum. Amen Down in adoration falling this great Sacrament we hail; Ancient types have long departed newer rites of grace prevail, faith for all defects supplying where the feeble senses fail.

Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son, Honour, might and praise addressing while eternal ages run; and the Spirit, too, confessing, who proceeds from both as One. Amen

#### LET US PRAY

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant, we implore Thee, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of thy Redemption. Thou who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen

# **THE DIVINE PRAISES**

Blessed be God Blessed be his Holy Name Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man Blessed be the name of Jesus Blessed be his most Sacred Heart Blessed be his most precious Blood Blessed be Jesus in the Most holy Sacrament of the altar Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary, most holy Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception Blessed be her glorious Assumption Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints

#### Hymn of Reposition

# **PRAYERS OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA**

With each of the apparitions of the Angel of Portugal to the three shepherd children of Fatima, Lucia recalled that the Angel left them with a prayer or offering to God.

## **Apparition 1**

Once he drew near us he said: "Fear not I am the Angel of Peace, Pray with me". Kneeling down, he bowed until his forehead touched the ground. Led by a supernatural inspiration we imitated him, and repeated the words we heard him say: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee. I beg Thee for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee". After he had repeated this twice, he rose and said: "Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications." Then he disappeared.

### **APPARITION 2**

"How must we sacrifice?" I asked the Angel. "Offer God a sacrifice of anything you can as an act of reparation for the sins with which He is offended and as a supplication for the conversion of sinners. Draw peace upon your country by doing this. I am its guardian angel - the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and endure with submission whatever suffering the Lord sends you." Then he disappeared. The angel's words were impressed upon our souls like a light that made us understand who God is, how much he loves us and wishes to be loved, the value of sacrifice and how sacrifice pleases God, and how He converts sinners because of it.

#### **APPARITION 3**

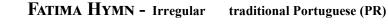
The Angel prostrated himself beside us and said the following prayer three times: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost I adore Thee profoundly and offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in the Tabernacles of the earth, in reparation for the insults, sacrileges, and indifference with which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg Thee for the conversion of poor After this, rising up, he again took the chalice and the Host in sinners". his hand; he gave the Host to me and the contents of the chalice to Jacinta and Francisco to drink, saying: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, who is horribly insulted by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God." He again prostrated himself on the ground and repeated with us the same prayer three more times. "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost I adore Thee profoundly and offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in the Tabernacles of the earth, in reparation for the insults, sacrileges, and indifference with which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg Thee for the conversion of poor sinners". Then he disappeared.

#### A TREIZE DE MAIO (Fatima Ave) Irregular traditional Portuguese (PR)



- 1. The thirteenth of May In the Cova d'Iria Appeared, oh so brilliant, The Virgin Maria. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- 2. The Virgin Maria Encircled with light, Our own dearest Mother And Heaven's delight. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- 3. To three little shepherds Our Lady appeared The light of her grace To her Son souls endeared. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

- 4. With war and its evils The whole world was seething, And countless of thousands Were mourning and weeping. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- To save all poor souls Who had wandered astray, With words of sweet comfort She asked us to pray. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- 6. By honouring Mary And loving her Son, The peace of the world Will most surely be won. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*





- 1. The shepherds were watching Near that stunted tree Francisco, Jacinta, Lucia made three. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- 2. There came from the heavens A flashing bright light; The children stood watching, All stricken with fright. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- 3. There stood a fair lady On top of the tree; She smiled at the children, And spoke tenderly. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- 4. 'Twas Mary, our Mother, From Heaven above; She gave them a message, A warning with love. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave, Maria.*

- 5. Her message repeated The words of her Son; By prayer and by penance Will Heaven be won. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- 6. She asked them to tell us To pray on our beads, For peace among nations, For all sinners' needs. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*
- Our gum trees were growing Near that hallow'd tree; Australia was present For Mary to see. Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.
- 8. Oh! Pray for our country, And keep her from harm, Madonna so lovely, And Fatima's charm. *Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.*



- Mother of all and Mother of each, To first and to last thy love doth reach.
  Shine on thy children, Star of our night, Lady of Fatima, Lady of Light.
- Mother of Mercy, Mother of Grace, Show us thy Son's compassionate Face.
  Shine on thy children, Star of our night, Lady of Fatima, Lady of Light.
- Virgin most loving, Virgin most pure, Be to us all a refuge secure. Shine on thy children, Star of our night, Lady of Fatima, Lady of Light.
- 4. Sun for thy footstool, Stars are thy crown, On exiles of earth look lovingly down. Shine on thy children, Star of our night, Lady of Fatima, Lady of Light.







#### PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

#### Reflect upon your sins and upon the mercy of God.

*I* did not come to call the just, but sinners (Mt 9:13)

T here will be greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent (Lk 15:7)

For if you forgive others the wrongs they have done your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, then the wrongs you have done will not be forgiven by your Father (Mt 6:14-15)

**O**ur Lady at Fatima said: "It is necessary that they change their lives, that they do not offend Our Lord anymore, because he is already so much offended". (October 13, 1917)

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### **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

#### In order to remember and recognise your sins:

# 1) The Lord says: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul" (Deut 6:5)

*W*hat place does God occupy in my life? Do I truly love God with all my heart, or do I live concerned only with material things, work, business, riches and temporal well-being?

**D**o I cultivate my faith and my Christian formation by participating in courses, reading the Bible, etc?

**D**o I pray every day and do I seek to bring my family members to pray also? Do I faithfully participate at Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation, or do I miss Holy Mass without a valid reason?

**D**o I respect other people's property? Did I refuse, without a good reason, to give or to lend?

**D**o I offer up, consecrate, to God my work, study and sickness? In difficulties do I turn to God for help with faith and perseverance, or do I consult "mediums" and the occult? Do I have vows to fulfil?

**D**o I collaborate in the apostolic activities of my parish, or am I totally uninvolved?

# EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE continued -

#### 2) The Lord says: "Love one another, as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12)

**D**o I share with those who are worse off than I am, do I give to the poor? Or am I greedy and egotistical always wanting the best for me?

**D**o I spend some time with the sick, sharing the faith, or going out to the needy? As far as it depends on me, do I defend the oppressed, help the unfortunate, foreigners and people of other races?

Am I honest at work, fair on the job and in business? Do I pay just wages and taxes? Do I take what is not mine? Do I harm others? Do I mislead others? Do I make rash judgments, criticise, swear, bear grudges or nourish hate against somebody?

As son or daughter: am I obedient to my parents, do I respect them? Do I help them in their spiritual and material needs? Do I get along with my brothers and sisters?

As father or mother: am I diligent in the Christian education and formation of my children? Am I overly demanding and intolerant with their failings, causing unnecessary conflicts?

As husband or wife: are we faithful to each other and do we love each other with all our hearts? Do we accept children as gifts of God, or do we try to eliminate them through abortion? Have we advised someone to abort or collaborated in one?

#### 3) Jesus says: "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48)

**D**o I try to live in the presence of God, doing my best to please him, or do I live as if God does not exist? Do I go to Confession when I need to be reconciled to God? Do I receive Holy Communion frequently?

Am I faithful to the moral and Christian law regarding the use of matrimony?

As I am a temple of the Holy Spirit, do I maintain my senses and body pure and chaste?

# **BLESSINGS OF FAMILIES, THE SICK, ROSARY BEADS, etc**

#### 1. Rosary Beads

In memory of the mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and in honour of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, may those who devoutly use this rosary to pray be blessed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\bigstar$  and of the Holy Spirit.

#### 2. Religious Objects and Articles of Devotion

Blessed be your name, O Lord, you are the fount and source of every blessing, and you look with delight upon the devout practices of the faithful. Draw near, we pray, to these your servants  $\blacksquare$  and, as they use these symbols of their faith and devotion, grant that they may also strive to be transformed into the likeness of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

#### 3. Families

A.

O God, you have created us in love and saved us in mercy, and through the bond of marriage you have established the family and willed that it should become a sign of Christ's love for his Church.

Shower your blessings  $\clubsuit$  on the families of our parish. Enable those who are joined by one love to support one another by their fervour of spirit and devotion to prayer. Make them responsive to the needs of others and witnesses to the faith in all they say and do. Through Christ our Lord.

#### B.

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as he lived his life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over the families of our parish, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

#### 4. The Sick

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless  $\clubsuit$  your friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign forever and ever.

# **PRAYERS FOR THE POPE**

#### LET US PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS

May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of the enemies.

May your hand be upon your holy servant, and upon your son whom you have anointed.

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### LET US PRAY FOR OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS

May the Lord guide him as he leads the holy and chosen people of God. Holy God, eternal shepherd, you build up the church with a rich variety of your gifts, and you rule us with the power of your love. Help your servant, Francis, whom you have chosen to lead your people, to guide us in the name of Christ as our teacher, priest and shepherd. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### LET US PRAY FOR OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS

May the Lord guide him as he leads the holy and chosen people of God. Loving God, shepherd and guide of all believers, look on your servant, Francis, whom you have chosen as leader of your Church. Sustain him with your love. By his word and example may he build up the people you have placed in his care. Together may we enter into eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### LET US PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Francis, our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant, Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

O God, who chose your servant, Francis, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

