

OBSERVANCE OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT FATIMA, PORTUGAL



The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Portugal from May to October 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance of sin, prayer (especially the Rosary), and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

TIMELINE

March 22, 1907: Birth of Lucia dos Santos.

June 11, 1908: Birth of Francisco Marto.

March 11, 1910: Birth of Jacinta Marto.

Spring, 1916: First apparition of the angel.

Summer, 1916: Second apparition of the angel; he appeals to the children to pray.

Fall, 1916: Third apparition of the angel; he brings them Communion and teaches them the Angel Prayer.

May 13, 1917: First apparition of Our Lady. She asks the children if they will offer all they have to suffer for poor sinners. Our Lady further says, "Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war."

June 13, 1917: Second apparition. Lucia told that Francisco and Jacinta would soon be taken to Heaven, but Lucia would remain in the world to help establish devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

July 13, 1917: Third apparition. Our Lady gives the children a secret in three parts.

August 13, 1917: The local mayor kidnaps the children, releasing them two days later.

August 19, 1917: Fourth apparition. Our Lady says, "Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them..."

September 13, 1917: Fifth apparition. Our Lady says, "Continue the Rosary, my children. Say it every day that the war may end. In October our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. St. Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world."

October 13, 1917: Sixth apparition. The assembled crowd of around 70,000 witness the "miracle of the sun."

October 24-25, 1917: Bolsheviks take power in Russia.

November 11, 1918: End of World War I.

April 4, 1919: Death of Francisco.

February 20, 1920: Death of Jacinta.

December 10, 1925: Apparition of Our Lady and Jesus to Lucia in Spain. Jesus describes how Mary's Heart is wounded by blasphemies against it. The Blessed Virgin requests the Five First Saturdays devotion.

December 17, 1927: Sister Lucia given permission by Our Lord to write down the first two parts of the secret.

June 13, 1929: Our Lady asks Russia's consecration by the Holy Father in union with the world's Bishops.

May 29-30, 1930: Our Lord reveals to Lucia five kinds of blasphemies against Mary's Immaculate Heart.

January 25-26, 1938: Strange light in the sky across Europe, identified by Sr. Lucia as the signal Our Lady spoke of for a coming war.

March 12-14, 1938: Hitler announces Germany's annexation of Austria.

January 3, 1944: Lucia writes down the third secret.

April 4, 1957: The envelope containing the third secret is placed in the Secret Archives of the Holy Office.

May 13, 1981: On the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, St. John Paul II is shot in St. Peter's Square. He sees in his shooting Our Lady of Fatima's maternal intercession to save him from death.

March 25, 1984: St. John Paul II, in union with the Bishops of the world, consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart.

August 29, 1989: Sister Lucia confirms the 1984 consecration fulfilled Our Lady's request.

December 25-26, 1991: The USSR is dissolved.

May 13, 2000: Beatification of Francisco and Jacinta.

June 26, 2000: The Vatican publishes the third part of the secret of Fatima.

February 13, 2005: Death of Sr. Lucia.

May 13, 2013: Upon his request, Pope Francis' pontificate is consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima.

October 13, 2013: Pope Francis consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

May 12-13, 2017: Pope Francis to visit Fatima for the 100th anniversary.

FATIMA PRAYERS

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in the most need of Thy mercy.

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.

O 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 by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners. *To be said whenever making some sacrifice.*

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us