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First Saturdays: a Fatima request!

During her July 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucy, *"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."*

Request of the Two Hearts

On December 10, 1925, our Blessed Mother again appeared to Lucy at Pontevedra, Spain. Sr. Lucy, while a Dorothean postulant, was in her cell when Our Lady appeared to her, placing one hand on Sr. Lucy's shoulder and in the other hand showing her a heart surrounded by thorns. Next to the Blessed Virgin was the Child Jesus borne by a luminous cloud and He said to her:

Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."

Then the Most Blessed Virgin said:

Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at very moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Five parts of the request

1. Spirit of reparation

The spirit of reparation is a loving desire to make reparation to and console the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Our Mother. It considers the offenses which the Immaculate Heart of Mary now receives from those who reject her maternal intervention and despise her prerogatives.

One should make this intention before carrying out Our Lady's requests. A renewal of the actual intention at the time is best.

2. Confession in the spirit of reparation

If one cannot go to confession the first Saturday of the month, one can go within eight days. Even one's monthly confession would be sufficient, which would need the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

3. Reparatory Communion

This is the essential act of this devotion. If a just reason prevents the Communion on a First Saturday, with the priest's permission it may be received the following Sunday.

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4. Recitation of the rosary

The rosary is a vocal prayer said while meditating upon the mysteries of Our Lord's and Our Lady's lives. To comply with the request of our Blessed Mother, it must be offered in reparation for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart and said properly while meditating.

5. 15-minute meditation

Also offered in reparation, the meditation may embrace one or more mysteries; it may include all, taken together or separately. This meditation should be the richest of any meditation, because Our Lady promised to be present when she said "...those who keep me company...."

Five types of offenses

One could wonder: why five Saturdays? Our Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucy May 29, 1930.

My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;
2. Blasphemies against her virginity;
3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men;
4. Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children, indifference or scorn or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;
5. Offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images.

Here, my daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of reparation..."

Three fruits of this devotion

To those who faithfully follow our Lady's requests, she has made this wonderful promise to "*assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation.*" This means that our Blessed Mother will be present at the hour of death with the actual grace of final perseverance.

This devotion obtains the conversion of sinners. "*So numerous are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against me that I come to ask for reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.*" (Our Lady to Sr. Lucy at Tuy, June 13, 1929)

As Lucy put it

In consideration of this little devotion, They [Jesus and Mary] wish to give the grace of pardon to souls who have had the misfortune of offending the Immaculate Heart of Mary." (Letter of May, 1930)

In His Providence, God decided that the peace in the world will depend on this devotion.

Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is why I desire its propagation so ardently, especially because this is also the will of our dear Mother in Heaven." (Sr. Lucy, March 19, 1939)

After completing the five first Saturdays, one may continue the devotion simply to console the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady. A tender love of our Blessed Mother will lead one to do all he can to make reparation for the sins which pierce her Immaculate Heart.

Let us remember, too, that although Our Lady made this promise to those who would observe five consecutive first Saturdays, in her July apparition she asked simply that Communions of reparation be made on every first Saturday to atone for the sins of the world.



Some points of Catholic Doctrine on Family

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One has been waiting in vain to hear clear doctrine from the Synod of Bishops on the Family, but rather heard very dangerously ambiguous reports. Since the faithful – and the less faithful – do need to receive from the Church the light of clear doctrine, and it behoves a good shepherd to feed his sheep with such proper doctrine, so here are some simple concise considerations that should help.

- [1/ Nature of a family, as God has established it](#)
- [2/ Virtues required for a good family](#)
- [3/ Virtues required to prepare for a good family](#)
- [4/ Vices before the marriage, that will make a good family more difficult](#)
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- Special consideration in special cases:
- [9/ Teenage pregnancy](#)
 - [10/ Abortion](#)
 - [11/ Imprudent or dysfunctional marriage](#)
 - [12/ Broken marriage](#)
 - [13/ Divorced and remarriage](#)
 - [14/ Unnatural vices](#)

- False solutions:
- [15/ “Perverse mercy”](#)
 - [16/ Marriage annulments](#)
 - [17/ False discernment](#)

6/ Obstacles outside the family that make a good family more difficult

At Baptism one has “renounced Satan, and all his allurements and all his works”, and these are found in the “world”, **worldliness** so manifest in the modern medias, with their immodesty, bad language and blasphemies, pornography, scandals, indifference to God, etc. One characteristic of worldliness is “to count sin for nothing”, having lost all horror for sin.

The **workplace** makes life often difficult, by keeping the men’s salary so low that it almost forces women to work (which itself makes the problem of unemployment only worse!) which does not help good families, taking the mother away from her children.

In **bad schools**, children are not educated in virtue, or they meet bad children; co-educational schools are often occasions of sin; atheist teachers sow doubt in the mind of children.

Good Catholic families must beware of and avoid systematically worldliness, bad schools!

Beware of **false remedies**: typical example is **NFP** (“natural family planning”). It pretends to teach families “responsible parenthood” in conformity with the teaching of the Church, but it instils in the spouse the *contraceptive mentality* as if it were normal to avoid children in their marital relations. This avoidance is **not natural** at all! While temporary abstinence is permitted **for a proportionate reason** (sickness, etc.), it is not the norm for a married couple! Abstinence from marital relations should be done for a higher purpose; thus St Paul mentions that it can be done **for the sake of prayer**: “Defraud not one another, except, perhaps, by consent, for a time, that you may give yourselves to prayer; and return together again, lest Satan tempt you for your incontinency” (1 Cor. 7:5). It can also be done out of duty (=higher love) in case of sickness, etc. But to do it out of selfishness simply to avoid children as if they were burdens, this is a **wrong reason**, and therefore not without sin (venial). Venial sin is the slippery road to mortal sin!

7/ Helps that can be provided for families to be good

Two obvious main helps for Catholic Families:

1/ a **good Catholic parish community**, with other good Catholic families, where many parents go to daily Mass (Traditional), where boys can be Altar boys in St Steven’s Guild, and girls can be Children of Mary, thus helping one another to grow in a safe loving Catholic environment that fosters all virtue.

2/ a **good Catholic School**, non co-educational (of course!), with proper catechism and a teaching permeated with Catholic philosophy and spirit, is a tremendous help for parents in the raising of the children, and for themselves in the practice of virtue by the mutual example and friendship with other good Catholic parents.

3/ **The example of consecrated life**. Though this third help is less immediate, it is not less efficacious. Indeed marriage is good, but consecrated life is better. The example of the faithful practice of the counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience is a tremendous strength to draw the catholic spouses in the practice of virtue at their own (lower) level: if the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ can help the religious (and priests) to practice perfect continence, how much more can it help married faithful to practice the virtue of chastity at their own level! The importance of sacrifice is also stressed to the lay-faithful by the example of the religious. They see in the religious how all these virtues flow from a living Faith, and from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is at the heart of religious life, and can/should be at the heart of good Catholic families!

To be continued...

MON 1 February	ST.IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 11.00 – Low Mass 11.30 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i>	SAT 13 February
TUE 2 February	PURIFICATION OF THE BVM 5.30 – Blessing of candles followed by Low Mass	1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT 8.30 – <i>Rosary</i> 9.00 – Sung Mass	SUN 14 February
WED 3 February	FERIA 5.30 – Low Mass followed by the blessing of the throat in honor of St. Blaise	NO MASS	15-20 <i>February</i>
THU 4 February	ST. ANDREW CORSINI 4.50 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT 5.00pm – <i>Rosary</i> ← 5.30pm – Sung Mass	SUN 21 February
FRI 5 February	FIRST FRIDAY 5.30 – Low Mass	CHAIR OF ST. PETER 5.30 – Low Mass	MON 22 February
SAT 6 February	FIRST SATURDAY 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 5.30 – Low Mass	TUE 23 February
SUN 7 February	QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY 8.30 – <i>Rosary</i> 9.00 – Sung Mass	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 7.15 – Low Mass 5.30 – Sung Mass	WED 24 February
MON 8 February	ST. JOHN OF MATHA 5.30 – Low Mass	ST. MATTHIAS 7.15 – Low Mass 4.50 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	THU 25 February
TUE 9 February	ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 7.15 – Low Mass 5.30 – Low Mass	FRI 26 February
WED 10 February	→ ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Fast and abstinence</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 7.15 – Low Mass 5.30 – Low Mass	SAT 27 February
THU 11 February	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 5.30 – Low Mass	3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8.30 – <i>Rosary</i> 9.00 – Sung Mass	SUN 28 February
FRI 12 February	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA IN TIME OF LENT 7.15 – Low Mass 5.30 – Low Mass	MON 29 February

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Priests' Presence: Fr. Wailliez (1-7; 21-27; 29/2-6/3); Fr. Noronha (8-14/2); Fr. Loschi (24/2-4/3); Br. Francis (8-14; 21/2-24/3);

15-20 FEBRUARY: Priests' Meeting in Manila.

Please bring your **old palms** to be burnt to make the ashes for **Ash Wednesday**. Thank you.