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## **Blessed Mother in Fatima The 100th Anniversary**

In the spring of 1916, there were three visitations by the Guardian Angel of Portugal to 3 children who were tending their flock of sheep. On the initial visit, his first words to them were,

"Do not be afraid. I am the angel of peace. Pray with me."

He visited with them 2 more times. Almost eight months passed since the last apparition of the Angel when on May 13, 1917 the children were visited by the Blessed Mother as they were tending their flock in a pasture.



On that day, they prayed a rosary after having noon lunch. Shortly after finishing, they were startled by what they described as "lightning in a clear sky." Thinking that a storm might be approaching they began to go down the slope driving the sheep towards the road.

About half way down, another flash of lightning, after a few steps, they saw on a small oak, a lady dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, spreading rays of clear intense light.

They stopped, astounded by the Apparition. They were so near that they were in the light that encircled her, which she radiated out 4-5 feet. Mary's first words to them were, "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you. I come from heaven."

Today May 13, is exactly 100 years ago that the Blessed Mother began the first of six visits with these three special children of Portugal. David Eich is going to walk us through that special series of visits of the Blessed Virgin to Portugal.



Let us pay close attention to the Scripture and our presentation.

May God bless us with His Wisdom, His Work and the wherewithal to complete the specific mission given to each one of us. Amen. And AMEN.

## **1 Corinthians 1:26-27 God selects His messengers, not man**

Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.



**Matthew 11:25 God reveals wisdom to children**

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Catechism #544** *Proclamation of the Kingdom of God*

The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to "preach good news to the poor"; he declares them blessed, for "theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

To them - the "little ones" the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active, love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.



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SISTER LUCIA  
ON THE HOLY ROSARY**



- Sister Lúcia of Fátima -  
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**Modern Comment**

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David Eich

**Focus Questions:**

1. Can you remember a time when the phrase, "Be Not Afraid" provided the spiritual strength to get you through a particular difficult time in life?

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2. In your life, do you experience small messages from God? Can you share?

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3. How do you see the Virgin Mary in the Grand Scheme of things?

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**You are God's representative on Earth. When you Bless and encourage the people in your life, you are revealing God's love for them.**

Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts. Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love and serve one another. It is not about us. It is about reaching out in love.

### **Men's Group Calendar**

<b>5/27/2017</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>6/10/2017</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>6/24/2017</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>7/8/2017</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>

A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.  
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.



**"Mary always leads us back to Jesus.  
Her role is always to invite and encourage us to  
follow Jesus."**

RJ Bradner

### **DAILY EXAMEN OF CONSCIOUSNESS**

#### **How Aware am I of God's Presence**

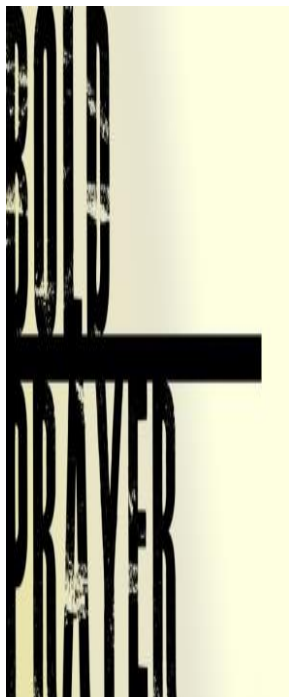
Modern Exercise – Twice Daily

- 1. Practice Gratitude for some current Blessing.**
- 2. Offer Petition or Prayer to God.**
- 3. Discern whether you are in Consolation (with) or Desolation (without) God.**
- 4. Forgive someone.**
- 5. Make a Resolution for rest of Day.**

#### **ACTION PLAN**

This week I will do my best to listen to God's will in my life by:

- Creating a daily prayer practice.
- Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence.
- Paying more attention to God's Blessings in my life.
- Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant.
- Use Every Moment to see Jesus in all things.



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself.  
Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing,  
not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son.  
Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me  
worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family,  
friends and those who I meet on this path. Where there is joy, give  
them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your  
peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, give them a renewed  
confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior.  
Amen. And AMEN.

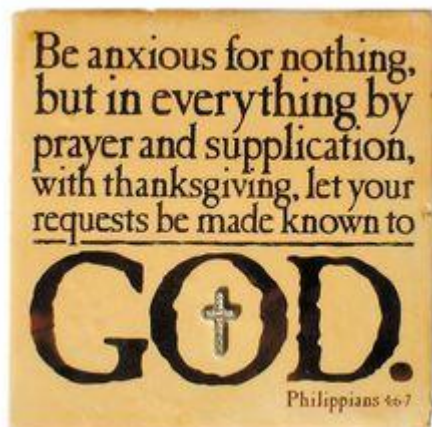


**"...Many souls go to hell  
because they have no one  
to pray and make  
sacrifices for them...."**

***Our Lady of Fatima***

It is NOT about us that counts.  
It is the Spirit of God that speaks through us  
that makes a positive difference in the world.

May God Bless You.  
St. Hilary Men's Group



**"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask  
when you pray, believe that you receive them,  
and you will have them."**

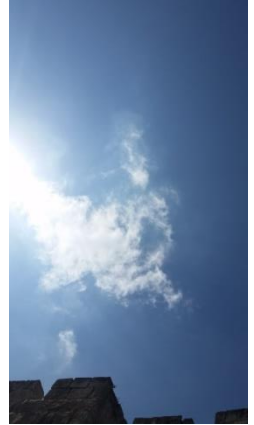
Mark 11:24



## **Act of Contrition**

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins not merely because of the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offended thee my God who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life. Amen



## **Road to Heaven Five Crucial Steps**

1. Repentance
2. Atonement
3. Forgiveness
4. Reconciliation
5. Redemption



***Litany of Saints***

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.  
Holy Mary: Pray for us.  
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael: Pray for us.  
Angels of God: Pray for us.  
Abraham, Moses, and Elijah: Pray for us.  
Saint Joseph: Pray for us.  
Saint John the Baptist: Pray for us.  
Holy prophets: Pray for us.  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul: Pray for us.  
All Holy Apostles: Pray for us.  
Saint Mary Magdalene: Pray for us.  
All disciples of the Lord: Pray for us.  
Saint Stephen: Pray for us.  
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity: Pray for us.  
Saint Agnes: Pray for us.  
Saint Boniface: Pray for us.  
Saint Thomas More: Pray for us.  
Saint Hilary: Pray for us.  
All Holy Martyrs: Pray for us.  
Saint Augustine: Pray for us.  
Saint Basil and Saint Gregory: Pray for us.  
Saint John Chrysostom: Pray for us.  
Saint Catherine: Pray for us.  
Saint Teresa d'Avila: Pray for us.  
Saint Patrick and Saint Barbara: Pray for us.  
Saint Benedict: Pray for us.  
Saint Ignatius: Pray for us.  
Saint Clare and Saint Ann: Pray for us.  
Saint Francis Xavier: Pray for us.

Saint Vincent de Paul: Pray for us.  
Saint Elizabeth: Pray for us.  
Saint Therese & Saint Joan of Arc: Pray for us.  
Saint John Vianney: Pray for us.  
All holy men and women: Pray for us.  
Lord, be merciful: Lord, save your people.  
From all harm: Lord, save your people.  
From every sin: Lord, save your people.  
From all temptations: Lord, save your people.  
From everlasting death: Lord, save your people.  
By your coming among us: Lord, save your people.  
By your death and rising to new life:  
Lord, save your people.  
By the gift of the Holy Spirit:  
Lord, save your people.  
Be merciful to us sinners: Lord, hear our prayer.  
Guide and protect your holy church:  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
Bring all peoples together in trust and peace:  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
Strengthen us in service: Lord, hear our prayer.  
Jesus, Son of the living God: Lord, hear our prayer.  
Christ, hear us: Christ, hear us.  
Praise the Lord, who is so good: God's love endures forever.  
Praise the God of gods: God's love endures forever.  
Praise the Lord of lords: God's love endures forever.  
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer:  
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.  
Amen. And AMEN.