

First Saturday Devotion



Begins Saturday, January 5, 2019 in the Church

3:00 pm Rosary

3:30 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

With the intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are asked to :

- 1) Go to confession (may be 8 days before or after)
- 2) Receive holy Communion
- 3) Pray five decades of the Rosary
- 4) Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary

Here is some information about the first Saturday Devotion from the 100th Anniversary of Fatima magazine written by World Apostolate of Fatima USA.

The First Saturday Communions of Reparation

One of the most important aspects of our Lady's message of Fatima was her request for the First Saturdays devotion. Sister Lucia described in her memoirs a vision given to the three children during the June apparition of the Immaculate Heart in the palm of Our Lady's right hand encircled by thorns which pierced it. "We understood that this was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by the sins of humanity, and seeking reparation."

In July she said she would "come to ask for... the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays." She fulfilled this promise on December 10, 1925 when she appeared to Sister Lucia at the Dorothean Convent in Pontevedra, Spain. During this apparition the Christ Child told 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 auto of reparation to remove them."

Our Lord revealed to Sister Lucia the means by which the Immaculate Heart is offended and communicated that it was His own mother who asked for these acts of reparation in the First Saturday devotion in order to move Him "to forgive those souls who have the misfortune of offending here" because they are in jeopardy of losing their souls for these sins seriously offend God himself. In fact, these blasphemies are sins against the works of the Holy Spirit in the person of Mary.

The five ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1) Against the Immaculate Conception
- 2) Against her perpetual virginity
- 3) Against her divine maternity, refusing at the same time to accept her as Mother of All Mankind
- 4) For those who publicly implant into the hearts of children indifference, disrespect and even hate against the Immaculate Mother
- 5) By those who insult Our Lady directly in her sacred images.

The Great Promise

Our Lady promised to assist all those who would practice the devotion on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death.

The Blessed Mother said at Fatima, "Many people go to hell because they have no one to offer sacrifices for them." Our regular monthly practice of the First Saturday devotion atones for their sins, consoles the Immaculate Heart of Mary and is a spiritual work of mercy.