

Our Lady of Fatima

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MARY OUR QUEEN - August 22

We can think of today's feast as connected with Mary's Assumption, which we celebrated on August 15. Today we think of Mary with her Son in heaven. She is there with her body as well as her soul.

Even though governments today are often democracies, we can still understand the importance of kings and queens in the history of many countries. A good queen was greatly loved and served with joy. That is the kind of queen Mary, our Mother, is. She is a kind and loving queen. She is our Mother and teacher, too.

As our Mother, Mary takes care of us. We never have to be ashamed to ask her for anything. She will give us spiritual gifts. She will help us with our physical needs. She is also our teacher, because she left us examples of how to be true disciples of Jesus. If we invite Mary to be our queen, she will teach us many wonderful things about the life of Jesus in us. She will take us to her Son.

We can honor Mary every day in several ways. We can whisper a Hail Mary when we are walking along or doing a chore. We can spend some quiet time in our room or another location and say the Rosary. We can keep a little statue or picture of Mary near our bed to remind us to honor her with prayer.

This is the way we make Mary the center and queen of our hearts.

We can say the Hail Mary often throughout the day:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

***Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit
of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God,***

Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

~Saints for young readers for every day Vol. 2 Pauline Books & Media

Fatima Prayer: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you, I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love you. Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us. Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us. Mary, Our Loving Mother, pray for us.

Adoration Chapel

Guardians are
needed for the
following hours:

Monday
7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Wednesday
6:00 AM, 7:00 AM,
3:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Saturday 12 NOON

Sunday 11 PM

Please call:

Gerry 732-266-4145

Or

Pat 732-752-4479

*O heart of Jesus in the
Most Blessed Sacrament,
burning with love for us,
inflame our hearts with
love for thee.*



Our Lady of Fatima Choir

Reprint from July article:

The “history” part of the concert included songs composed through devotion to the Black Madonna (of Czestochowa) and *Beloved Mother* (favorite of St. John Paul II), sung by the Adult Choir.

They also performed hymns composed after the apparitions at Knock, Ireland (*Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland*) and Fatima (*Hymn to Our Lady of Fatima*). **Veronica Klein** and **Rose Fay** were soloists. The final *Fatima Farewell* song closed the concert with everyone waving white handkerchiefs for the Blessed Mother, as is the traditional practice at Fatima, Portugal.

Stewardship Prayer for August 2017

Lord God, As we prepare for the transitions of August; of routines becoming regular, signs of schools beginning to emerge, and traffic patterns getting heavier, help us to appreciate the sacred rhythms in our lives.

Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still, much as the August wind is still, so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us.

Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.

And help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all the gifts you have entrusted to us; tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase.

In this month of August while a measure of summer’s stillness remains, speak to our hearts, guide us in your Son’s ways, and through your Spirit, give us the strength to proclaim your justice and peace in our every day words and deeds. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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100th Anniversary OLF Prayer Quilt

This traditional Irish Chain quilt was handmade in honor of our Lady and to raise funds for the renovation project for our church. I chose blue and white floral fabrics because in Catholic Tradition, the color blue represents “heavenly love, unveiling of truth. It is the traditional color of Mary, the Blessed Virgin. Azure blue pigment was always the most expensive and thus the only paint color considered worthy to use for the sky and in images of the Virgin. White is the symbol of purity, innocence of soul, holiness of life.”*

Begun on August 17, 2016 I held the fabrics before my crucifix and prayed, “Lord Jesus Christ, I entrust the making of this Her title Our Lady of Fat- to Your Sacred Heart and You for taking care of eve- building up of Your Holy this and in grand ways. All every need, is known to love. I ask You Lord and dinary grace: the grace of sonal Motherly care to be of this quilt. May that per- this blanket know the Love and Her embrace.” work on this quilt I prayed ing the needs and intentions of the winner to our Lord and our Lady.



quilt to Your Mom, under ima. I surrender my plans offer all to You. I thank ryone participating in the Church, in little ways like of us, each person and You. Thank You for Your dear Mother for an extraor- Our Lady of Fatima’s per- made known to the winner son and all who rest under warmth of Your unfailing Each time I sat down to a similar prayer, entrust-

Last September, a dear friend made a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, took the binding fabric with her, and at the very site where our Lady appeared 100 years ago a Priest blessed it. I finished this prayer quilt on February 16, 2017.

*www.catholictradition.org/Saints/signs6.htm

Date of Drawing: Saturday, October 14, 2017 - 2:00 PM

Location: Our Lady of Fatima Cafeteria

Queen size; will fit double & overlay King. \$1,200 value **Ticket Price \$5.00**

No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.

Tickets can be purchased everyday in the Parish Center, on days when the tent is setup beside the parking lot, and from John with the 50/50 raffle.

Net proceeds to benefit the Renovation of Our Lady of Fatima Church
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Photos Left to right:

Father Bert, Father Virgil and parishioners enjoying picnic.

The Paras family, finishing up great Filipino BBQ sticks, Line dancing with Father Virgil, **Deacon Stan** and the men's musical chairs,

Monica and Jacinto Fernandes and **Rochielle and Vincent Guanlao** participating in the water balloon dance contest. (Article concerning the event will be in the September Issue)