

Our Lady of the Rosary

The Story of Fatima



My Name _____

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The Story of the Apparitions of Fatima

Day 1



**"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You.
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."**

Prayer taught to the 3 children of Fatima by the Angel of Peace

Vocabulary Words to help us understand our lesson for **Day 1**

The Blessed Sacrament - One of the names for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It refers to Jesus truly present in the little white Host.

Outdoor Eucharistic Procession - A glorious event when a Catholic priest carries the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance (a beautiful metal holder) and the altar servers, adults, and children of the parish walk with the Lord Jesus through the streets.

World War I - A war that was fought from 1914 to 1918. It involved almost all the nations in Europe, the United States, some countries in South America, ...altogether over 100 countries were involved in some way! Well over 16 million people died as a result of this terrible war!

Sin - A hurt or an offense against God. We hurt God when we knowingly break His Commandments. Sin hurts us the most because if we keep saying "no" to God by breaking His Commandments, we choose not to be with Him in Heaven!

Our Lesson for Day 1



Our TRUE story begins in the year 1916. It happened way before you were born but did you know that some of your Grandma and Grandpa's Grandparents were alive then? So, it really wasn't that long ago...

There are three children in this true story and they were the ages of some of you right now. The youngest was a little girl named Jacinta Marto and she was 6 years old. Francisco was her brother and he was 8 years old. Lucia dos Santos was their cousin and she was 9 years old. They lived in a beautiful mountain village called Fatima in the country of Portugal. Portugal is across the ocean in the continent of Europe. The three children didn't go to school like you do. They spent most of their time watching their family's sheep. They were shepherds. They would get up early each morning and take their flocks out to pasture so the sheep could eat grass. While the sheep grazed, the children would usually talk, play games, sing songs, and say their prayers together.

Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta lived in peace in their little town of Fatima but not too far away there was a terrible war being fought. The war was World War I. Any war is very bad but this one was so sad because many millions of people died!



Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia loved Jesus very much! Their parents had taught them many wonderful things about their Catholic Faith. The children always tried to listen very carefully to what they were taught. They wanted to choose the way of Jesus! They would always try to tell the truth, even if they thought they might get in trouble, and they never caused fights or were troublemakers.

Every Sunday they went to Mass in their parish Church with their families. They especially looked forward to the beautiful outdoor Eucharistic Processions that took place in Fatima. Their parish priest would carry Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of the village. (Have you ever been in an outdoor Eucharistic Procession? We have one every year on the feast of Corpus Christi.) Lucia, Jacinta and their friends would dress in beautiful white dresses and walk ahead of the priest, scattering flower petals before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Can you find Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the picture? Do you see Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia? Look how the people in the village are kneeling to adore Jesus as He passes by their homes! He always returned their love by showering them with many blessings! The children loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. They would call Him the "hidden Jesus."

Have you ever played Hide-and-Seek when you were little? Let's say you were hiding in your closet and your Dad came into the room looking for you. You could tell your Dad was there but you couldn't actually see him with your eyes. That's kind of what Jesus does with us. In the Holy Eucharist, He is playing Hide-and-Seek with us. We can't see Him with the eyes in our head but if we look with the eyes of our heart, the eyes of Faith, then we can see Him! We see Jesus and talk with Him with our heart! That's what Lucia and Francisco and Jacinta would do. They would see the "hidden Jesus" with the eyes of their heart, with the eyes of Faith...



The children loved Jesus not just at Sunday Mass or only at the Outdoor Processions. No, they thought about Him everyday...

One day, the cousins were playing a game in which the winner could tell the loser to do anything the winner wanted. Lucia had won and teasingly asked Jacinta to give her brother one big hug and kiss.

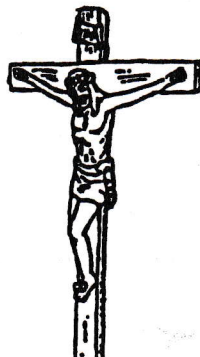
"Oh, no!" cried Jacinta. "How much better to order me to kiss and hug Jesus. See the Crucifix hanging on the wall?"

"Ok," answered Lucia. "Climb up on the chair and bring the Crucifix here. Then give Jesus three hugs and three kisses - one each for you, one for Francisco and one for me."

Her little cousin quickly ran across the room, took down the Crucifix and embraced and kissed it devoutly. Then Jacinta carefully looked at it and asked, "Lucia, tell me again, why is Jesus nailed to the Cross?"

Lucia then told Jacinta why Our Lord suffered and died on the Cross for us. About how our first parents, Adam and Eve, lived in a beautiful garden where there was no sin and no death. But how one day Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sin and death came into the world. Thankfully, God, our good Heavenly Father, promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and to open the gates of Heaven. And in the fullness of time, Jesus, our Savior, was born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus suffered and died on the Cross to take away our sins. When we look at the Crucifix, we can see how terrible sin is and what it cost Our Lord to be our Savior.

Poor Jacinta felt so bad that she could not help crying! As she did, she whispered, "My Jesus, I will never sin. I don't want You to hurt any more!"



Early each morning the little shepherds met and took their sheep to pasture in the nearby hills. They carefully tended their flocks.

During the long day, Lucia, who had already made her First Holy Communion, taught Jacinta and Francisco many things about Jesus, Mother Mary, and the Angels.

One day Lucia saw Jacinta pressing a little lamb tenderly to her heart while she walked among the sheep. Lucia called out to her cousin, "Jacinta, why are you moving in the middle of the flock carrying the lamb?"

Jacinta said, "I remember the picture of Jesus. You know, Lucia, the one where He is holding a lamb in His arms while walking with His flock? Well, I want to be just like Him in all ways!"



The three shepherds spent a long time away from their homes because they were watching the sheep. To help pass the long hours, they would often play games and sometimes run races. Other times they would dance and sing.

Francisco and Jacinta especially enjoyed climbing the hills. Francisco would sit on the highest rock and play his flute.

Jacinta liked hearing her voice echo as she called out names from the top of the hill. Of all the different names "Maria" sounded best. (Did you know that "Maria" is also the same name for "Mary?") Sometimes Jacinta would slowly sing out the "Hail Mary." How happy she was when this beautiful prayer would echo and re-echo throughout the valley!



The children were always safe in their homes by evening. After dinner, when the sky was dark, they liked to watch the stars appear. Because they seemed to light up the heavens, the children called the stars "Angels Lamps." The moon was called "Our Lady's Lamp," while the sun was the great "Lamp of God." How much the children enjoyed and appreciated all of God's creation! (Why don't you look at the sky tonight and thank God for His beautiful creation just like Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta did!)

Now one beautiful Spring day in 1916, a most unusual thing happened to the children. They had just finished eating their lunches and saying their prayers, when, suddenly, a strange bright light appeared over the distant trees. As it moved towards them, an amazing and marvelous thing happened! A beautiful Angel came forth! He was full of light! He said to them:

"Do not be afraid! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me."

The Angel of Peace immediately knelt down, bowed his forehead to the ground and prayed these words three times:

**"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You.
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."**

The children were so surprised but they did just as the Angel of Peace had taught them. They knelt down, bowed their foreheads to the ground and prayed the prayer with him three times. Then the children watched him rise and heard him say:

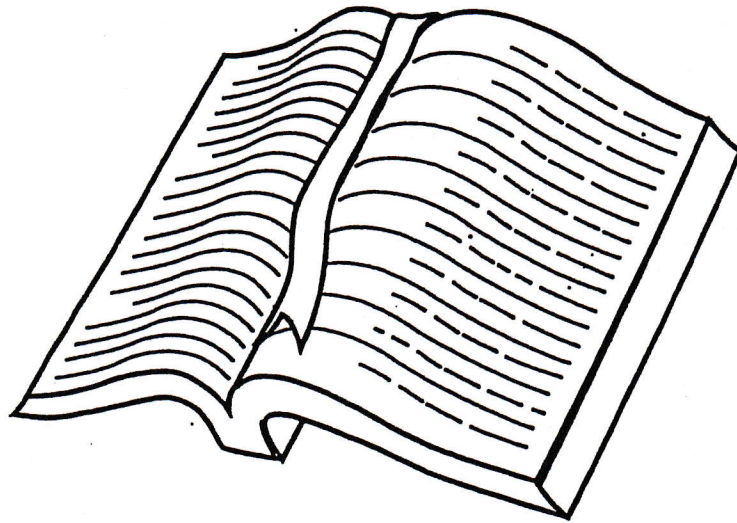
"Pray this way. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are ready to hear you."

Then, as quickly as he had come, the Angel disappeared!

What would you have done if that would have happened to you? How do you think Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta felt? Well, they were not frightened at all! In fact, they felt very peaceful! They wanted to remain quiet and alone, not wishing to talk to each other about their heavenly visitor. They only wanted to pray as the Angel had taught them. This was a great gift from God! They felt the power and nearness of God in the very depths of their souls! After a while, they finally had to go back and take care of their sheep. But they never, ever forgot about the visit from the Angel of Peace!



Tomorrow we'll find out what happened the next time
the Angel of Peace visited Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta!



Our Bible Verses for Day 1:

**"Come, let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before Him who made us.
For He is our God, we His people,
the flock that is led by His hand."**

Psalm 95: verses 6-7

Day 1

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates His Church and all her members with His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the Cross to His Father; by this sacrifice He pours out the graces of salvation on His Body which is the Church. (CCC#1407)

By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ Himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real and substantial manner: His Body and His Blood, with His Soul and Divinity. (CCC#1413)

Angels are spiritual creatures who glorify God without ceasing and who serve His saving plans for other creatures... (CCC#350)

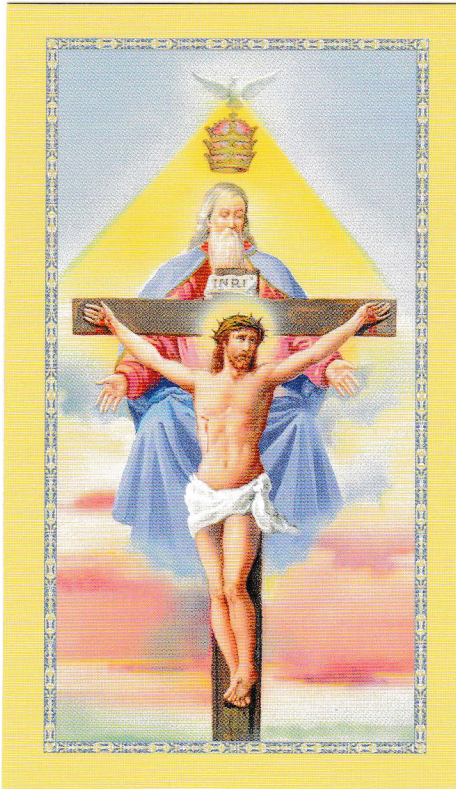
As purely *spiritual* creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness. (CCC#330)



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Day 2



**"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly.**

**I offer You the most precious Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the world,
in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges
and indifference by which He is offended.
By the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg the conversion of poor sinners."**

Prayer taught to the 3 children of Fatima by the Angel of Peace

Vocabulary Words

to help us understand our lesson for

Day 2

Chalice - A beautiful cup that holds the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ during Mass. Chalices are usually made out of costly gold or silver and often are decorated with precious jewels.

Tabernacle - A beautiful box or container, usually on the altar, that contains the Blessed Sacrament. When we are young we often call it: "Jesus' little golden house on the altar." There is a tabernacle that contains Jesus in the little white Hosts in every single Catholic Church in the entire world! There is always a candle or a sanctuary lamp lit near every tabernacle to show that Jesus is truly present.

Sacrifice - When we offer a "sacrifice" to God, we are giving Him something that is precious to us as a way to show Him that we love Him! That's why sacrifices are often so difficult. We are saying "no" to ourselves and what we want and we are thinking of the good of another.

Conversion - Is when a sinner turns away from their sins and chooses not to disobey God's commandments anymore. With God's grace, they choose to follow the way of Jesus by following the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is the Church that Jesus founded for us. He loves us so much He thought of everything we would need and made it part of His Church so we would be able to get to Heaven!

Reparation - What we do to make up for the damage or hurt that sin has caused. We can think of our prayers or sacrifices, offered with love, as "repairing" what sin has broken.

Our Lesson for Day 2



Spring quickly faded into Summer. Now Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta had to bring their sheep home for a few hours each afternoon in order to escape the hot August sun. The shepherds would often seek comfort and rest under the shady trees near Lucia's home.

One day, as they were playing near the water well, the Angel of Peace suddenly appeared again! He looked sad because they were not praying. He asked:

**"What are you doing? You must pray! Pray very much!
The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have plans of mercy for you.
Continually offer prayers and sacrifices to God!"**

The children looked at each other. They did not understand what the Angel of Peace meant, so Lucia asked, "But how are we to make sacrifices?"

The Angel replied:

**"In every way you can, offer a sacrifice as an act of reparation for sins by which God is offended, and for the conversion of sinners.
Bring peace to your country in this way. I am its Guardian Angel,
the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and humbly bear
whatever suffering Our Lord may send you."**

Having said this, the Angel disappeared! But his words stayed with them! From that moment, they began offering everything, especially difficult and hard things, to God. (Did you know that's exactly what we do each day when we make our Morning Offering? It's true!) They also spent hours with their foreheads touching the ground and praying the prayer the Angel of Peace had taught them. Do you know this prayer by heart yet?

**"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You.
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."**

How much they wanted to love God!

The months passed by and soon the cool pleasant days of Autumn came to Portugal. Now the three children could remain in the hills tending their sheep all day long and into the evening.

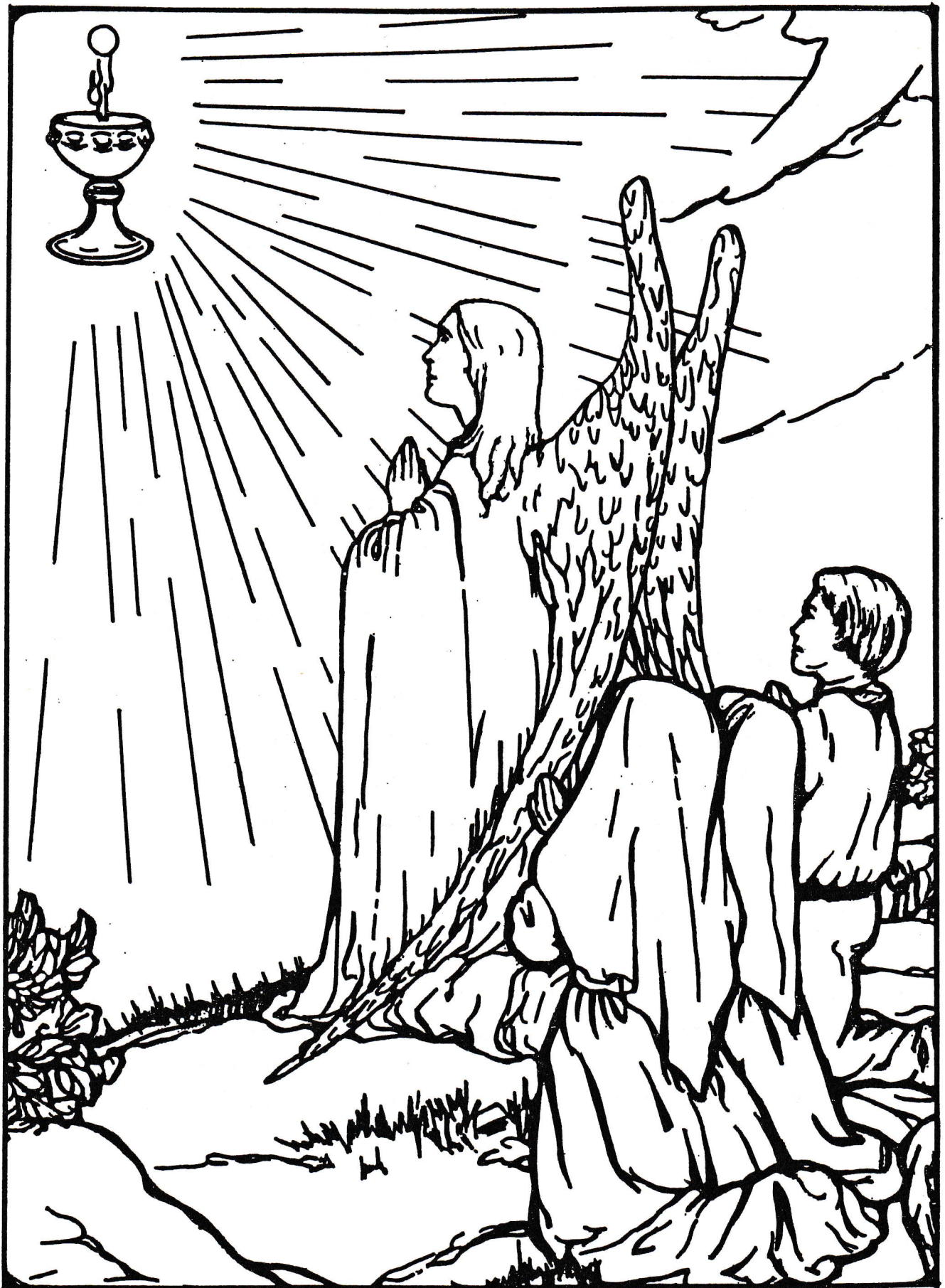
One day, as they were praying near the place where the Angel of Peace had first visited them, the bright light reappeared and the Angel came forth as before! It looked like he was made entirely of brilliant light!

The children stared in wonder! They could hardly believe their eyes! They could see that the Angel of Peace was holding a Host in one hand and a beautiful golden chalice in the other. From the Host came large drops of Blood which fell into the chalice! (This was the Body and Blood of Jesus!)

And then an even more amazing thing happened! The Host and the chalice stayed right in the air while the Angel knelt down! He then bowed his head to the ground and prayed this prayer:

**"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly.**

**I offer You the most precious Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the world,
in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges
and indifference by which He is offended.
By the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg the conversion of poor sinners."**



After repeating this prayer three times, the Angel got up, took the Sacred Host and gave It to Lucia. To Jacinta and Francisco, he gave the chalice from which they drank the Precious Blood of Jesus. While the children received Holy Communion in this wonderful way, the Angel of Peace said:

**"Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,
horribly outraged by ungrateful men.
Make reparation for their sins
and console your God."**

Once again the Angel of Peace bowed, touching his forehead to the ground and said the beautiful prayer three times:

**"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly.
I offer You the most precious Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the world,
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And then the Angel of Peace disappeared.

The children did exactly as the Angel had done and repeated the prayer many times! They had just received Jesus in Holy Communion! How much they loved Him! Their souls were filled with peace! They understood that God was in them and they were in God. Who could ever explain such a wonderful thing?



The year 1916 ended. 1917 began. The children would often wonder if they would ever see the Angel of Peace again. But the Angel never did return.

However, on May 13, 1917 another surprise DID happened! It is something that Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta never expected! They were tending their sheep, like they always did, at a place called Cova da Ira. They were enjoying the beauty of a clear, sunny day. Suddenly, an unexpected flash of bright light tore through the sky!

"Oh no!" cried Lucia. "Look at the lightning! Hurry! We must take the sheep home before it rains!"

Jacinta and Francisco quickly ran to help their cousin. As they moved their flocks down the hill, they were completely surprised at what they saw! Because right in front of them, standing on a cloud, which rested on a little oak tree, was a young and very beautiful Lady! She was dressed all in white and her clothes sparkled like the sun! A Rosary hung from her folded hands!

Frightened by this most unusual sight, the children could only stop and stare. The Lady understood and said in the kindest, loveliest voice they had ever heard,

"Do not be afraid. I won't hurt you."

Lucia replied, "But where do you come from?"

"I come from Heaven," explained the Lady.

Lucia then asked, "What do you want?"

The Lady answered, "I want you to come here at this time, on the 13th day, for the next five months. Later, I will tell you more."

The beautiful Lady made Lucia so happy that she just had to ask, "Will I go to Heaven?"

"Yes, you will," replied the Lady.

"And Jacinta too?" continued Lucia.



"Yes, she also," said the Lady.

"What about Francisco?" added Lucia.

The Lady replied, "Yes, he too will go to Heaven, but first he must pray many Rosaries."

Lucia then remembered to ask about two girls she had known who had recently died. The Lady explained that one was in Heaven and the other in Purgatory but would one day be in Heaven.

Then the Lady asked, "Are you willing to offer God all the sufferings He sends you, in reparation for sins and to help poor sinners?"

Again Lucia, answering for herself and for her cousins, exclaimed, "Oh, yes!"

At this, the beautiful Lady said, "Go, then. You will have much to suffer but God's grace will comfort you."

With that, she opened her hands and a bright ray of light came forth! It seemed to touch the very depths of the children's souls and filled them with an overpowering love for God! How wonderful it was!

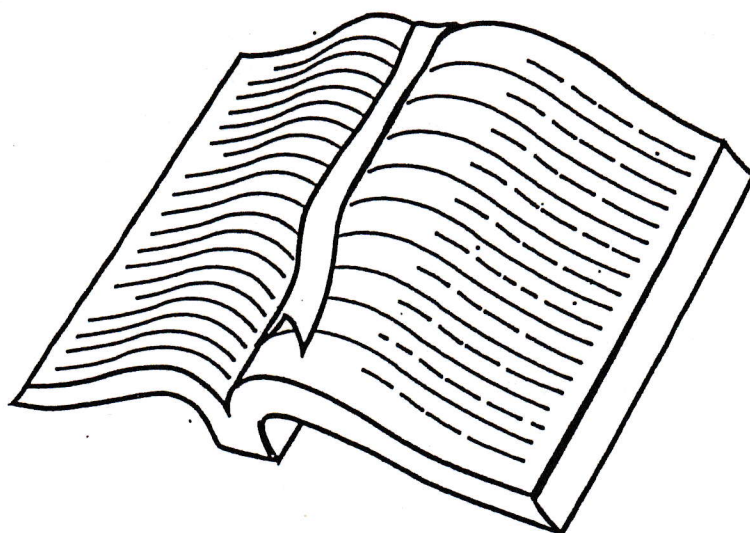
Immediately they fell to their knees and prayed this prayer:

**"O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You!
My God, my God,
I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament!"**

The Lady slowly lifted her head for she was bowing as the children prayed the prayer with her. She then said to the children, "Pray the Rosary everyday to bring peace to the world and to end the war."

After that she slowly rose into the sky, going higher and higher, getting smaller and smaller, until, at last, she could be seen no more. The beautiful Lady had gone back to Heaven! How much the children missed her already!!

Did the beautiful Lady from Heaven visit Lucia,
Francisco, and Jacinta again? We'll find out tomorrow!



Our Bible Verse for Day 2:

**"I urge you, therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God,
your spiritual worship."**

**Saint Paul's letter to the Hebrews
Chapter 12, verse 1**

Day 2

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Christ is the center of the Angelic world. They are *His* angels: "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him..." They belong to Him because they were created *through* and *for* Him: "for in Him all things were created in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him." They belong to Him still more because He had made them messengers of His saving plan: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?" (CCC#331)

"(God's) name is great when spoken with respect for the greatness of his majesty. God's name is holy when said with veneration and fear of offending him." - Saint Augustine (CCC#2149)

It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to His Church in this unique way...In His Eucharistic Presence He remains mysteriously in our midst as the One Who loved us and gave Himself up for us, and He remains under signs that express and communicate this love: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." Pope John Paul II (CCC#1380)

The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that It could be brought to the sick and those absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the real Presence of Christ in His Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the Church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. (CCC#1379)

Through Mary, the Holy Spirit begins to bring men, the objects of God's merciful love, into communion with Christ. And the humble are always the first to accept him... (CCC#725)



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Day 3



**"Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of Hell,
lead all souls to Heaven,
especially those most in need of Your mercy."**

Prayer to be said after each decade of the Rosary

Vocabulary Words

to help us understand our lesson for

Day 3

Console - To comfort a hurt. To give relief from affliction. There are so many people who don't love Jesus and this grieves and saddens His Heart because Jesus died to save EVERY PERSON IN THE WORLD! We can comfort and "console" Him by being the very best friend of His that we can be! He loves it when we come to Church and visit Him, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Francisco especially loved to visit Jesus in Church. He would sit in front of the tabernacle and just love Jesus. He would often pray the Rosary and think of all the mysteries in the life of Jesus and Mary. He would use his imagination and make pictures in his mind of when Jesus was born or when he was a Boy in the Temple. He would imagine the Holy Spirit coming upon Mother Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost. Sometimes he would just sit for a long time, being perfectly quiet, looking at the tabernacle, knowing that Jesus was really and truly present in the "little golden house on the altar." You can be just like Francisco and console Jesus too!

Immaculate - Pure and spotless! No marks or blemishes!
Absolutely perfectly clean!

Our Lesson for Day 3



Each of the children tried hard to find ways to make sacrifices. They often talked about how this could be done.

Sometimes they would pray rather than play. It was Francisco who thought of giving their lunches to poor children. Many times they would even give their water to the sheep so they could offer their thirst to God. They would eat food that they didn't like the taste of and offer up as a sacrifice.

There were many things the children did out of love for Our Lord. While it was not easy for them to do, they knew they were consoling Jesus by helping save poor sinners.



When June 13th arrived, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta hurried to see if their Lady would return. Sure enough, she came again! How happy they were when they saw her!

Lucia asked, "What do you want?"

The Lady replied, "I want you to come here on the 13th day of next month. Pray the Rosary every day and you, Lucia, must learn how to read."

Lucia then asked, "Beautiful Lady, will you please take us to Heaven with you?"

The Lady answered, "Yes, Jacinta and Francisco will come soon, but you, Lucia, must wait a little longer because God wants you to help others know and love me. He wishes the whole world to have devotion to my Immaculate Heart. So don't be afraid, I will always be with you and will lead you to God."

The Lady then opened her hands and out poured the same beautiful light as before! As the children knelt, they could see the Lady holding a heart with large thorns around it. They had an understanding that this was Mary's Immaculate Heart, hurt by sin.



How they wished they could stay in the Lady's presence forever! But soon, too soon it seemed, she left them, returning back to Heaven!

The days following Our Lady's visit in June were very difficult for the children. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta had many sufferings to offer God.

News of the events at the Cova da Ira spread rapidly. Curious people constantly followed the children, asking them questions. They even came to talk to the children when they tried to be alone in Church!



Lucia's mother was frightened and confused by all the attention the children were getting. Could it be that her daughter was lying? Was all this a trick of the devil? She thought the parish priest could help by ending all this nonsense. But no, despite the punishments, scoldings and Lucia's many talks with the parish priest, the children stood firm in their story. A Lady from Heaven had visited them!

On the 13th of July, a great crowd gathered at the Cova to wait for the Lady from Heaven. They joined the children in praying the Rosary.

Suddenly, the children saw the mysterious light and then, over the little oak tree, they saw their beautiful Lady!

Lucia spoke, "What is it you want?"

The Lady replied, "I want you to return here the 13th day of next month. Continue to pray the Rosary every day for the end of the war and peace. For I alone will be able to help."

Lucia then asked, "Won't you please tell us your name and do something - a miracle - so all will believe you have visited us?"

The Lady looked kindly at the children and said, "Continue to come here every month. In October I will tell you who I am and what I want. There will be a miracle at that time so all may believe."

The Lady continued, "Sacrifice yourself for sinners and say often, especially when you make a sacrifice:

**'O Jesus, this is for love of You,
in reparation for the sins committed against the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
and for the conversion of poor sinners.'** "

The Lady then talked to the children and showed them something which she asked that they keep secret.

More than 20 years later, Lucia was allowed to tell what had happened that day at Fatima. She said that a light came from the Lady's hands and seemed to open the earth. The children were frightened by the terrible sight they saw... because what they saw was great sea of fire! In the fire were the fallen Angels (devils now) and poor sinners who cried out as they burned. They were in tremendous pain!



The children then looked at the Lady. She sadly explained, "You have seen Hell - where poor sinners go. To save them, I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communions of Reparation on the first Saturdays of the month. If people do what I ask, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; but if people do not stop offending God, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world..." (She was warning us that the big country of Russia would become atheist. To be atheist means not to believe in God! She did not want this terrible, terrible thing, atheism, to spread throughout the world!)

The beautiful Lady continued, " ...These errors will cause wars and sufferings for the Church. The Holy Father, the pope, will suffer much. But in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

The Lady then asked the children to say this prayer after each decade of the Rosary:

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

After some moments, Lucia looked at the Lady and asked, "Is there anything more you want?"

"No," said the Lady, "there is nothing more today." And with these words, she silently departed, rising slowly until she could be seen no more.

After the Lady left, little Jacinta could not forget the terrible sight of Hell. Often Lucia would hear her say, "I feel sorry for persons who go to Hell and burn there forever like wood in a fire!" Then she would repeat over and over again the prayer the Lady had taught them: **O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Your mercy!"**

At other times, when the thought of poor sinners would come to her mind, Jacinta would call out to Lucia and Francisco, "Are you praying? We must pray a great deal to save poor sinners from Hell! Oh, how many persons go there! So many! How sorry I am for poor sinners!"



Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta loved Jesus and Mary very much!
Tomorrow we'll find out what big sacrifice they offered for
poor sinners...



Our Bible Verses for Day 3:

**"And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart."**

Gospel according to Saint Luke
Chapter 2, verse 19

**"Flee from sin as from a serpent
that will bite you if you go near it;
it's teeth are lion's teeth,
destroying the souls of men."**

Book of Sirach
Chapter 21, verse 2

Day 3

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to His death"; it is made manifest above all at the hour of His Passion...(CCC#964)

Satan, or the devil, and the other demons are fallen angels who have freely refused to serve God and His plan. Their choice against God is definitive. They try to associate man in their revolt against God. (CCC#414)

The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and His Kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries - of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature - to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good for those who love Him." (CCC#395)

The Christian begins his day, his prayers, and his activities with the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." The baptized person dedicates the day to the glory of God and calls on the Savior's grace which lets him act in the Spirit as a child of the Father. The sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties. (CCC#2157)

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Our Lady of the Rosary
The Story of the Apparitions of Fatima

Day 4



**"O Jesus, this is for love of You,
in reparation for the sins committed against the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
and for the conversion of poor sinners."**

"Sacrifice Prayer" taught to the 3 children of Fatima by Our Lady

Vocabulary Words

to help us understand our lesson for

Day 4

Miracle - It is an extraordinary work, not the way things happen normally, that only God can do. Human beings cannot perform miracles on their own. People can obtain a miracle through prayer or the prayers of the Saints but a miracle can only happen by God's power alone!

Salvation - Is victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ who has opened the gates of Heaven for us! In Heaven we will be so happy and experience only the love of God and all those who love us forever and forever!

Consecration - Is an act by which a thing is separated from a common use and is now used for a sacred and holy use. The chalice that a priest uses during Mass is a "consecrated" cup. We would never, ever use it to drink our lunch milk. It has been set apart to only hold the Precious Blood of Jesus during Mass.

When we consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, we are asking her to take all the good that we say and do and unite it to her prayers. Our prayers and actions will not be "common" any more because now they are united with the prayers of the Mother of God! That's powerful! This pleases Jesus very much!

Our Lesson for Day 4



By August, thousands of people throughout the country of Portugal had heard about the unusual happenings at Fatima. Crowds visited and prayed at the Cova da Ira.

However, there were evil men who did not love God. They became angry and upset because people were believing the story of the mysterious Lady from Heaven. They decided to go to the mayor and persuade him to make the children say that they had lied.

On August 13th, the day the Lady was to appear again, 20,000 people gathered at the Cova da Ira! However, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta could not join them because the mayor had taken them to his home. They would not be there when the Lady came!

As the crowd waited and prayed, the children were being questioned many miles away. The mayor tried everything to get the children to say they had made up the story of a beautiful Lady from Heaven. But they would not.

He put them in jail! He even threatened to boil them in oil! But the children would not do what he wanted.

This was a very, very great suffering for the children! They felt so alone. But in spite of their sufferings and fears, the children remained strong and firm. Why should they fear death? Hadn't the Lady promised them they would go to Heaven? How bravely they offered their sacrifices. How much they prayed! They even got the prisoners in the jail to join them in praying the Rosary!

The mayor finally realized that it was useless to continue his efforts to bribe or frighten the children. He had no choice but to send them back to their parents. He had been defeated. The children had won with God's grace.

How happy the children were to be safe at home! Their parents, brothers, sisters, friends, and, yes, even the little lambs in their flocks rejoiced at their safe return! Now there was only one sorrow remaining in their hearts and that was they had not been able to see the Lady from Heaven. How much they missed her! How much they loved her!



But this sadness was soon turned to joy! A few days later, as the children were watching their sheep, the Lady appeared! She understood everything that had happened and spoke so kindly to them. She asked the children to continue to pray the Rosary and to make sacrifices for poor sinners. She was very sad when she added, "So many souls go to Hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them." Before leaving, the Lady promised to obtain a miracle in October so everyone would believe!

The children watched her rise into the heavens. How good the Lady was to surprise them with this unexpected visit!



The days before September 13th were very busy. The children were so busy because so many people came to see them. Lucia and her cousins treated all of them kindly, answering their questions as best they could and promising to ask the Lady for the special favors their visitors requested.

When the Lady came in September, she told the children to continue to pray the Rosary for peace and make sacrifices. She reminded them of the big miracle she would obtain in October and said Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus would also be there to bless the world.

Suddenly the people started shouting, "Look! Flowers from Heaven! The petals are falling on the children and the little oak tree!"

People started running to catch the petals of flowers, which were drifting down, but just a few feet above the ground they melted away!

Too soon the visit ended and the beautiful Lady went back to Heaven. The children watched until they couldn't see her anymore. How much they wanted to be with her forever! But for now they must return to their homes and work. God wanted their prayers and sacrifices and they would offer them with all the love in their hearts!



The month of October soon came. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta were getting more excited each day as the 13th of October came closer and closer. So were thousands of other people throughout the country of Portugal.

Stories about the Lady from Heaven, her messages, and particularly the miracle she promised to obtain were printed in the newspapers and broadcast over the radio. Government leaders, rich people, poor people, believers, nonbelievers - EVERYONE seemed to be interested in the happenings at the Cova da Ira.

Hundreds of people began coming to the Cova before the 13th day of October. For most of them, this was a long and hard journey. To add to their sufferings, a terrible rain storm occurred which lasted for days. The rain came pouring down, drenching the visitors and making the Cova and land around Fatima a sea of puddles and mud.

However, many of the people offered up all of their hardships to God. Their thoughts and conversations were of one subject only - what would happen on October 13th when the beautiful Lady came?



When the children arrived at the Cova da Ira on that rainy October 13th, more than 70,000 people had gathered to greet them. Shortly before 12-noon, Lucia asked the crowd to put down their umbrellas and join her, Francisco and Jacinta in praying the Rosary.

At noon, the familiar light suddenly flashed and then the beautiful Lady appeared! The children were very excited! They had not forgotten the Lady's promise. Now they would learn from her very own lips who she was. Unable to wait any longer, Lucia eagerly asked, "Who are you and what do you want?"

The Lady smiled, paused and said, "I am THE LADY OF THE ROSARY. I would like a Chapel built here in my honor. Continue to pray the Rosary every day. The war will end soon."

As the Lady continued her eyes became sad. She said, "People must change their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins. They must stop offending God Who is already too much offended."

The Lady then opened her hands and a great ray of light extended from them into the sun. Lucia cried out, "Look at the sun!"

The people immediately raised their eyes to the sky. All stared in amazement at the sight. The dark clouds quickly disappeared and the sun could be seen. But how strange! How was it that they were able to look directly into the sun? And at 12-noon? As if this were not enough, the sun began doing strange things. It seemed to be moving and trembling in the sky. Now it looked as if it were dancing or "spinning like a giant top!"

Then something beautiful happened. The sun began casting off the most beautiful rays of lights! One after another, the beams swept over the mountains and the hills, bathing the entire countryside and the crowds in rich tones of reds, blues, yellows, greens...all of the most beautiful colors! It was like a tremendous rainbow or fireworks display but even MORE tremendous! It was absolutely spectacular!

As the people continued to enjoy this miraculous happening, they suddenly became filled with fear. Something terrible had happened and how quickly it had occurred. The sun no longer remained in its place. Instead, it came falling down from the sky in a zig-zag pattern right toward the crowd! Forgetting the mud and everything else, all fell to their knees. Terrified, each cried out in his own way, some in prayers and others in fear! There seemed to be no escape! They thought they were going to be crushed by the sun falling to earth!

But no! The Lady would not have it that way. The blazing sun suddenly came to a halt as it hovered over the crowd! Then slowly it returned to its usual place in the heavens.

When the people realized what had happened, they got up and looked up into the sky. And when they stopped looking up at the sky, they realized that their clothes, which had been soaked by the rain, were now perfectly dry! The water and mud had all disappeared and the land was now dry! With great joy they began to exclaim, "A miracle! A miracle! God be praised!" Yes, it was a miracle! The very miracle the Lady had promised!

And what did the little shepherds think of this great sign which so deeply impressed the crowd? Their thoughts were somewhere else, for as the people watched the miracle of the sun, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta were seeing three beautiful visions in the very same sky that only they could see.

The Holy Family appeared first. How beautiful they were! Our Lady was dressed in a white dress with a blue mantle. Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus lovingly extended their hands and made a Sign of the Cross, blessing the whole world!

When the scene faded, Jesus, as an adult, appeared again. He was with Mother Mary again who was dressed in blue this time. Jesus once more blessed the world!

As this vision disappeared, the children saw Our Lady once again. This time she was dressed as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She held a Carmelite Brown Scapular in her hands which she offered to the whole world!

As that vision faded, they could no longer see any of their visitors from Heaven. Only a beautiful blue, sunshine sky remained and all around them were happy and excited people! How much rejoicing was going on! For Our Lady of the Rosary, the great Mother of God, had obtained a miracle for all to believe!



The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Do you remember what Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta saw during the miracle of the sun? They saw three scenes:

1. The first was the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They saw Jesus and St. Joseph blessing the world!
2. The second was Jesus and Mary. Jesus was again blessing the world!
3. The third was Our Lady dressed in brown clothes as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She offered the world a Carmelite Brown Scapular!



What is a Carmelite Brown Scapular?

A scapular is a garment worn by Religious (Sisters, Brothers, Monks) over their shoulders, that hangs down in front and back, usually to about the bottom of their habit. It started out as a practical garment, protecting their habit during work, and over time it developed into a sign of consecration or dedication to God.

We aren't Religious Sisters, Brothers or Monks but we can still wear a scapular. We can wear a small scapular to show that we are consecrated or dedicated to God. Our scapular is two pieces of cloth (usually about one inch square), connected by cords and worn over the head. It often has a picture or a particular color, depending on the spirituality it stands for.

The best known scapular and the one most favored by the Church, and by the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is adapted from the scapular of the Carmelite Order. Can you think of any religious Saints who were in the Carmelite order? One of the most famous Carmelite Saints is St. Therese, the Little Flower. She was a Sister in the Carmelite Order. We can think of the Carmelites as the religious family or group she belonged to. The Carmelite Brown Scapular represents a special Consecration to Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Those who wear it practice true devotion to Our Lady, especially by praying the Holy Rosary.



The person wearing the Carmelite Brown Scapular has entrusted and consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary for their salvation. This, in fact, has been promised to those who faithfully wear the Brown Scapular. Our Lady told St. Simon Stock: **"Those who die wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."** This must not be understood as magic, but in light of Catholic teaching. Our Lady will help us to persevere as true Christians in faith, hope and love until the very last moment of our life. The Carmelite Brown Scapular is a powerful reminder of Mary's promise to help those consecrated to her to obtain the grace of final perseverance - to keep saying "yes" to Jesus until the day we die when Our Lady will come and take us home to Heaven!

Our Lady kept her promise and obtained a miracle from God!
Tomorrow we'll find out what happened to Lucia, Francisco and
Jacinta...



Our Bible Verses for Day 4:

"...and the Virgin's name was Mary."

Gospel according to Saint Luke

Chapter 1, verse 27

**"Joshua prayed to the Lord,
and said in the presence of Israel:**

Stand still, O sun, at Gibeon,

O moon, in the valley of Aijalon!

And the sun stood still,

and the moon stayed,

while the nations took vengeance on it's foe."

Book of Joshua

Chapter 10, verses 12-13

Day 4

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Where does prayer come from? Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times.) According to Scripture, it is the *heart* that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain. (CCC#2562)

In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. The grace of the Kingdom is "the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity...with the whole human spirit." Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him. This communion of life is always possible because, through Baptism, we have already been united with Christ. (CCC#2565)

After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers." In her association with the Apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, Who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation." (CCC#965)

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Day 5



**"Have compassion on the Heart of your Blessed Mother.
It is surrounded with thorns that ungrateful men
pierce each moment and there is no one that is willing
to offer an act of reparation to take the thorns away."**

Words of Jesus to Sister Lucia

Vocabulary Words

to help us understand our lesson for

Day 5

Sacrament - Is an outward sign, given to us by Jesus Christ to give us grace! There are 7 Sacraments. These are: Baptism, Confession, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. These 7 Sacraments are the greatest gifts that Jesus has given us to help us get to Heaven! They are our most powerful weapons against evil!

Sanctifying Grace - God's very Life in our soul!!!! Wow! The first time we receive this tremendous gift of God's Life in our soul is through the Sacrament of Baptism. (Have you seen a picture of yourself when you were baptized? Most of us were babies when we were baptized. Ask your mom if you can look at your baptism pictures when you go home today. Ask her to tell you all about it...)

Confession - One of the 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Jesus, on the evening of the Resurrection, gave us the Sacrament of Confession (also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.) He said to the Apostles, "If you forgive men's sins they are forgiven. If you hold them bound, they are held bound." Jesus loves us so much that He died on Good Friday. Three days later He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. He knew that there is nothing that makes us more unhappy than sin. On this glorious Easter day, He gave the Apostles and all the Catholic priests that would come after them, the power to take away sins! When we go to Confession, our sins are absolved. This means they are completely taken away! Jesus will never bring them up to us again. He forgives and then He forgets. It is Jesus Himself who comes to forgive our sins through the Catholic priest in the Sacrament of Confession! Jesus! You are so good to us!

Blasphemy - Blasphemy is a terrible, terrible thing! It means to speak something that's not true about the teachings of the Catholic Church on purpose, pulling people away from God. It means on purpose speaking curse words against Jesus, Mother Mary and the Saints, or to mock them on purpose...it's much, much worse than just using bad language or swear words. Have you ever heard anyone take the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and speak them as a curse? When a Catholic Christian hears such a terrible thing, it can make their head feel shocked! It can make their heart hurt! It can make their stomach feel sick! So you can imagine what blasphemy does to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary...

Did you know that Jesus, our Savior, will even forgive poor sinners who blaspheme? Yes! Jesus came to save everyone! We can offer our prayers and sacrifices for the conversion of poor sinners, especially those who blaspheme by purposely speaking and teaching things that try to hurt and dishonor our Immaculate Mother Mary. ♡♡



Our Lesson for Day 5



But that is not the end of our story. Remember how Our Lady had said that Francisco and Jacinta would soon be with her in Heaven? Francisco was first. Towards the end of his life, his great desire was to spend time quietly with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, consoling the "hidden Jesus" as Francisco called Him. He remembered that Our Lady had said that he needed to pray many Rosaries. But now it was no longer hard for him to pray his Rosary. He had learned to think of beautiful pictures in his mind as he offered each Hail Mary. Shutting his eyes, he would picture the mighty Archangel Gabriel coming down from Heaven to ask Our Lady to be the Mother of God. Or else he would picture Our Lady and Saint Joseph gazing into the manger where the little Baby Jesus lay sleeping... Yes, it was much easier for him to pray the Rosary now!



Francisco and Jacinta became very sick with a bad flu. They both suffered very much.

One day Our Lady came from Heaven to visit them! Francisco was certain she had come to take him to Heaven! But Our Lady said gently, "Not yet, Francisco. In a very short time I shall come and take you to Heaven as I promised." Then she turned to Jacinta and said, "Jacinta, are you willing to continue suffering to convert more poor sinners?" Jacinta wanted so much to go to Heaven with her brother! But she told Our Lady "yes" because Jacinta had seen Hell where poor sinners go and she wanted to do whatever she could to help. She knew Jesus loved her and trusted her to allow her to join in His work of redemption in saving the world!

Before going to Heaven, Francisco wanted to receive Holy Communion. He had not finished learning his Catechism lessons but the parish priest said that he was ready to receive Jesus in the Host. (He and Jacinta had received their First Holy Communion when they were allowed to drink from the chalice when the Angel of Peace came to visit them, remember?)

He asked Lucia to help him get ready to make his first Confession. After going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion, Francisco was so happy!

The girls asked him, "Francisco, aren't you suffering anymore?"

"No," he replied. "The pain is all gone."

About six o'clock the next morning Francisco woke up from a deep sleep. Raising himself up in bed he pointed to the door and said happily, "Look, Mama! Look at the beautiful light!"

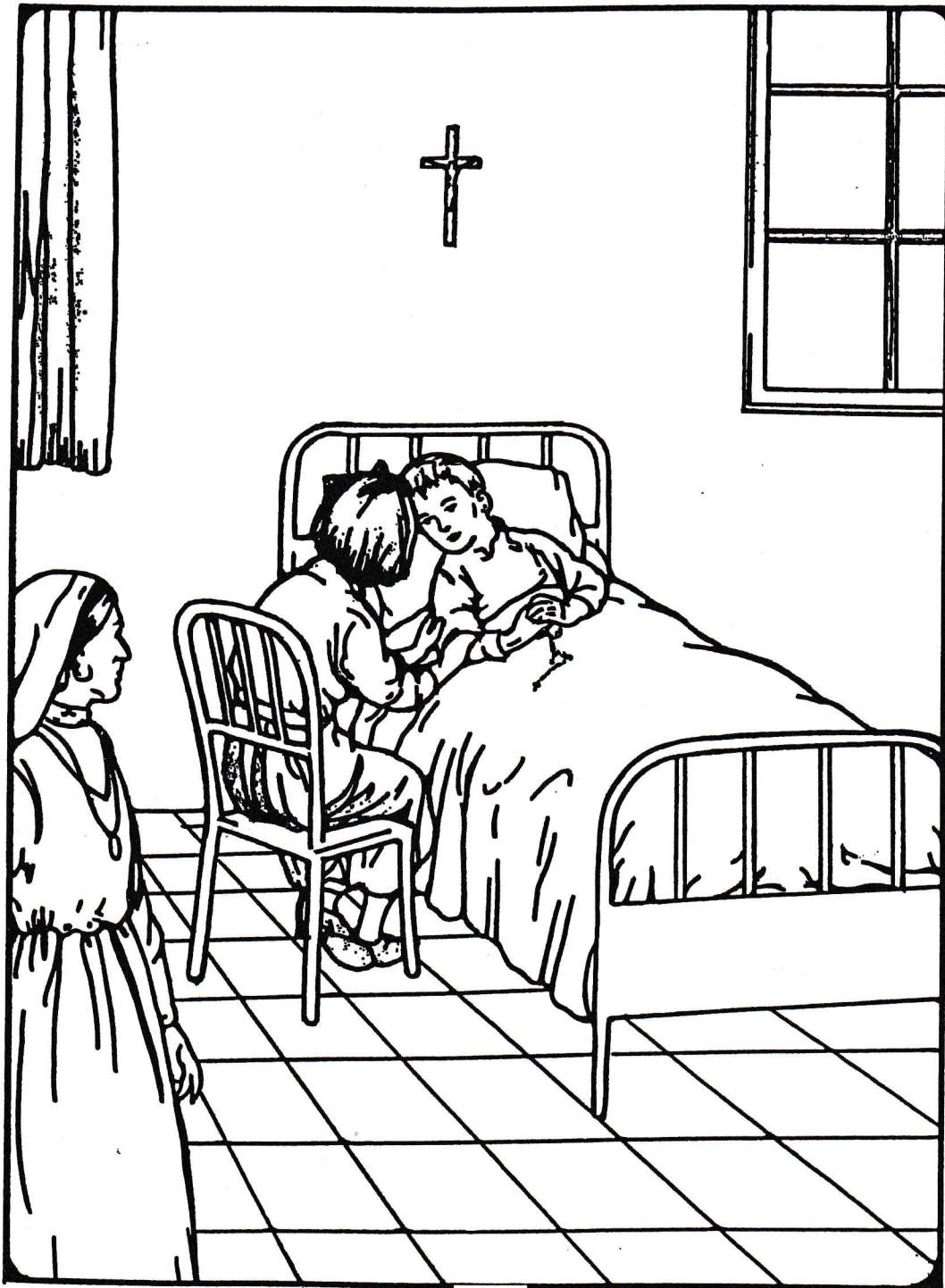
"What light, son?" his mother asked.

"There, near the door. It is so beautiful!" he exclaimed.

She helped him settle back into his pillow. His godmother then came into the room and so his mother left the room for a moment. Francisco then said to his godmother, "I am sorry for all the bad things I ever did, really and truly, godmother!"

She nodded kindly and smiled. Then she whispered, "Try and rest now. It is the only way you will become strong and well again."

But as she spoke, she noticed that his face was so beautiful. He looked so peaceful. He was so still and didn't move. It was then she realized that Our Lady had come and taken Francisco to Heaven! It was April 4, 1919.





"I want to be just like Our Lord..."

Shortly after her brother's death, Jacinta became really sick. She was taken to a hospital in Ourem, Portugal. How much her parents hoped that she would get better! She was in that hospital for two months but she did not get better. Her parents brought her back home. One day Our Lady came from Heaven to visit Jacinta. She told Jacinta that she would be going to another hospital and that she would die there, alone.

Soon, a doctor came to visit Jacinta. He said that he knew a famous surgeon in the big city of Lisbon and that he would certainly make her better. So Jacinta and her mother left for Lisbon. It was hard for Jacinta to say goodbye to her family but it was especially hard to say goodbye to Lucia. Jacinta and Lucia knew they would never again see each other until they met one day in Heaven! They offered up this big sacrifice for poor sinners.

The operation was not successful and it caused poor Jacinta so much suffering! But Our Lady was so good and would not leave Jacinta. She came to visit her many times from Heaven! Her visits helped Jacinta very much! Jacinta offered up all her suffering for poor sinners.

One day Our Lady came and told Jacinta the day and the hour that she would come and take her home to Heaven forever. On February 20, 1920 a priest came to hear Jacinta's Confession. He thought that she looked so good that he didn't give her Jesus in Holy Communion. Jacinta offered up this last big sacrifice. At 10:30 that night, Our Lady kept her promise. She came and took Jacinta home to Heaven!





You are probably wondering, "What ever happened to Lucia?" When Lucia grew up, her vocation was to become a Sister. First she entered a convent with the Saint Dorothy Sisters and then later she became a Carmelite nun (just like St. Therese, the Little Flower, was a Carmelite nun too.) When Our Lady finally came and took Lucia home to Heaven, she was 97 years old! She died on February 13, 2005. (And don't you love how Our Lady came and took her to Heaven on the 13th day of the month?)

Remember when Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta on June 13, 1917 and said that Francisco and Jacinta would soon be going to Heaven but Lucia would have to remain on earth for some time (for 87 more years!) The reason for this was that Jesus wanted her to help establish devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart throughout the world which included making the "Five First Saturdays of Reparation" Let's find out more about that...



Long before Our Lady of the Rosary appeared to the three little shepherd children in Fatima, Saturdays have always been a special day for Our Lady. Since the beginning of Christianity, the Church has considered Saturdays to be dedicated in a particular way to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother too.

Our Lady requested the Five First Saturdays of Reparation (remember "reparation" means making up for the damage that sin has caused) when she said, "...I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and Communions of reparation on the first Saturdays of the month."

On December 10, 1925, when Lucia was a new sister at the Convent of Saint Dorothy, Our Lady and the Child Jesus came to visit her. Sister Lucia tell us that Our Lady was standing over a cloud of light with the Child Jesus at her side. Our Lady put one hand on Lucia's shoulder, while her other hand held her Immaculate Heart that was surrounded with sharp thorns. The Child Jesus said, "Have compassion on the Heart of your Blessed Mother. It is surrounded with thorns that ungrateful men pierce each moment and there is no one that is willing to offer an act of reparation to take the thorns away."

Our Lady then said to Lucia:

"Look, my daughter. My Heart is surrounded with thorns that ungrateful men pierce all the time with their blasphemies and ingratitude (their sins.) You, at least, try to console me. Make it known that whoever, for five first Saturdays in a row, will go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray the Holy Rosary and think about me for 15 minutes by meditating on the mysteries (of the Rosary) with the intention to do reparation, I promise to assist them at the hour of their death with the graces needed for salvation."

Wow! That last part is called "The Great Promise." That means if we do what Our Lady asks, she will help bring us to Heaven just like she helped Francisco and Jacinta!

We can start "The Five First Saturdays of Reparation" any month, as long as we do five First Saturdays in a row. For example, you could start with the first Saturday in July and go through November. So the first Saturday in July, August, September, October and November would be five in a row.

So, what exactly would Our Lady like us to do for the "Five First Saturdays of Reparation?" There are 3 things:

1. Go to Confession!

If you are in 2nd grade or older, you can go to Confession! If you can't get to Confession ON the first Saturday of the month, you can go the week before or the week after. Our Lady knows that frequent Confession will keep us on the path to becoming SAINTS! If you are younger than 2nd grade, you can tell Jesus that you are very sorry for your sins and ask Him and Our Lady to help you be good!



2. Receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist!

If you are in 2nd grade or older and have made your First Holy Communion you can receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist at Mass! If you are younger than 2nd grade, you can ask Jesus to please come into your heart and bring His many graces (His gifts) to you so you can love Him even more! Tell Him that you can't wait for the day when you are able receive Him for the first time in Holy Communion!

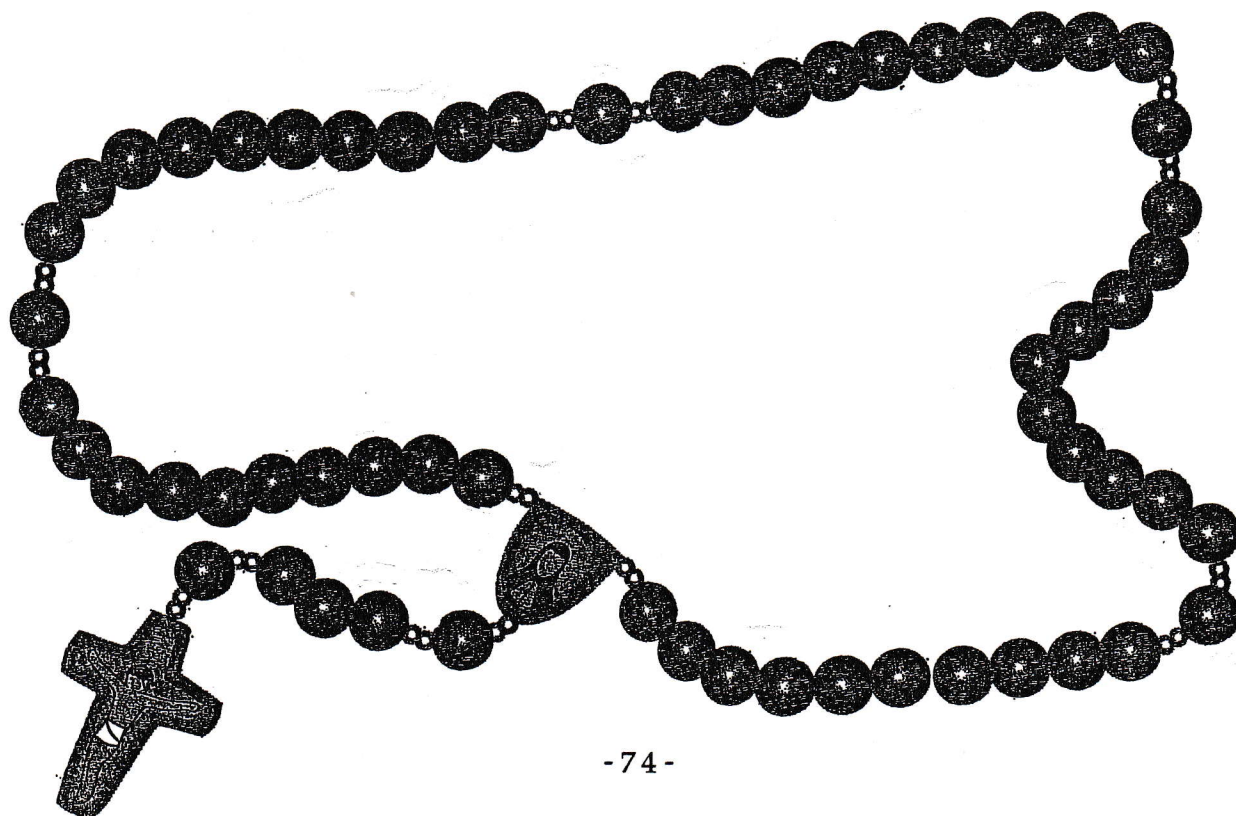


3. Pray 5 decades of the Rosary while thinking about the mysteries!

Don't forget to say in your heart that you are doing this
to make up for the sins that hurt Mary's Immaculate Heart.

Sometimes 5 decades of the Rosary can seem like a lot but you can do it!
Remember how Francisco would imagine beautiful pictures in his mind when
he prayed the mysteries of the Rosary? You can do that too. You can always
look at a beautiful picture book if it's hard for you to imagine.

You can say, "Mother Mary, take my hand, lead me on the way in thinking
about (meditating on) the mysteries of your life with Jesus..." and in your
mind or with your book keep thinking about the lives of Jesus and Mary.
Talk to her with your heart and tell her how much you love her and that you
are sorry for the people that hurt her Immaculate Heart by their sins. This
will console her Immaculate Heart very much. The time will go by very
quickly and before you know it, a sharp thorn will fall right off her Heart
because you have made up for some of the sins that hurt her Immaculate
Heart! How happy she will be! How happy Jesus will be! You will be following
the way of the 3 little shepherd children of Fatima - Lucia, Blessed
Francisco and Blessed Jacinta!



Some of you may be wondering what exactly are the sins that hurt Mother Mary's Immaculate Heart so much?

Well, one day during her prayer time, Jesus revealed to Sister Lucia the reason for the "Five First Saturdays of Reparation." He said, "My daughter, the reason is simple. It concerns the 5 forms of sins and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

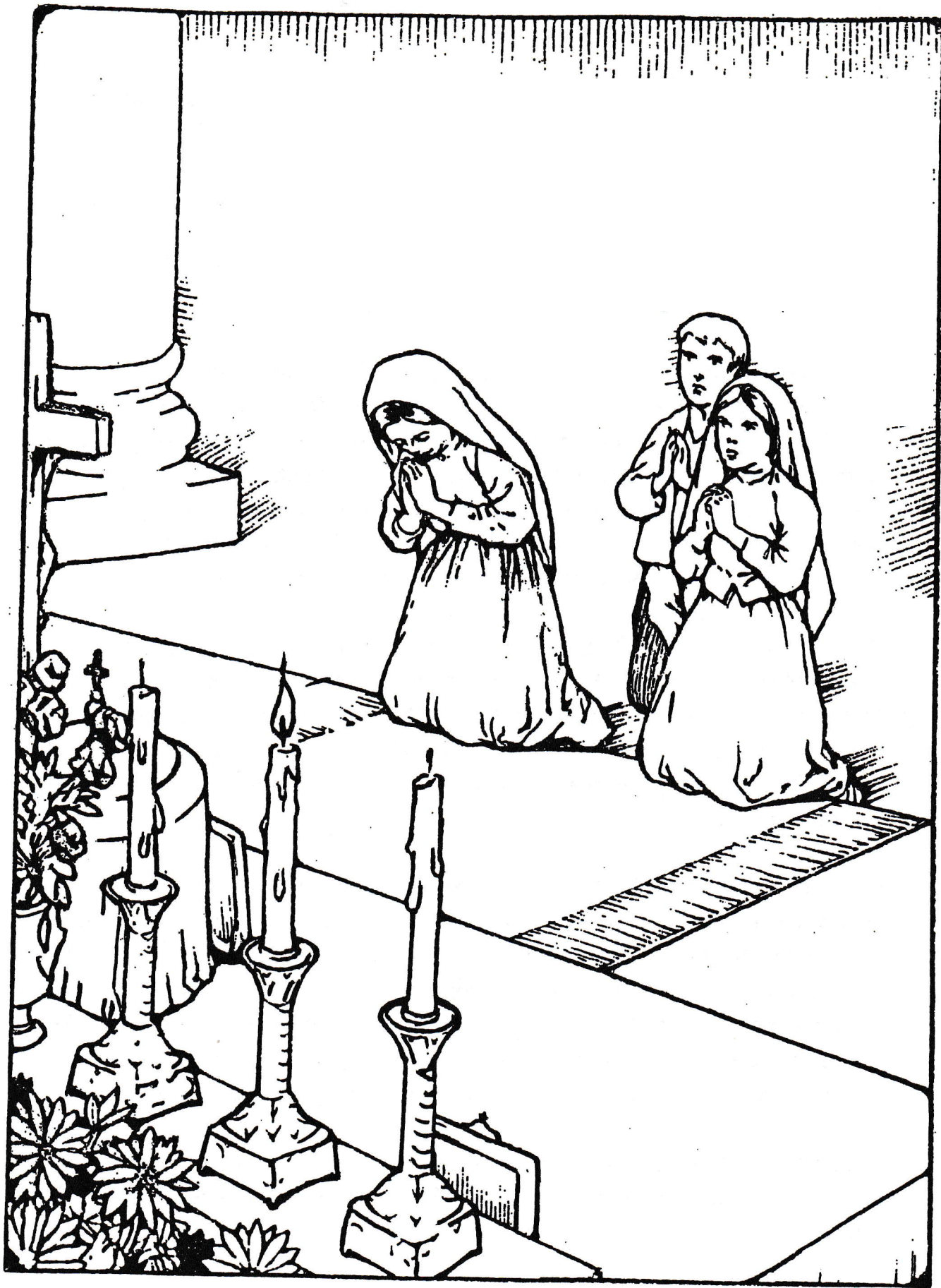
- 1-Speaking blasphemies about her Immaculate Conception
- 2- Speaking blasphemies about her Perpetual Virginity
- 3- Speaking blasphemies about her Divine Maternity, refusing at the same time to receive Mary as Mother of All Mankind
- 4- Those who purposely try to put into the hearts of children indifference, scorn and hatred towards our Immaculate Mother.
- 5- Dishonoring her sacred images (statues and pictures)

This is why, my daughter, that before the offended and insulted Immaculate Heart, my mercy was moved to request this small reparation in recognition to Her, in order to grant forgiveness to souls who go through this disgrace of offending My Mother. But you, at least, try unceasingly, with your prayers and sacrifices, to move my mercy for these souls."

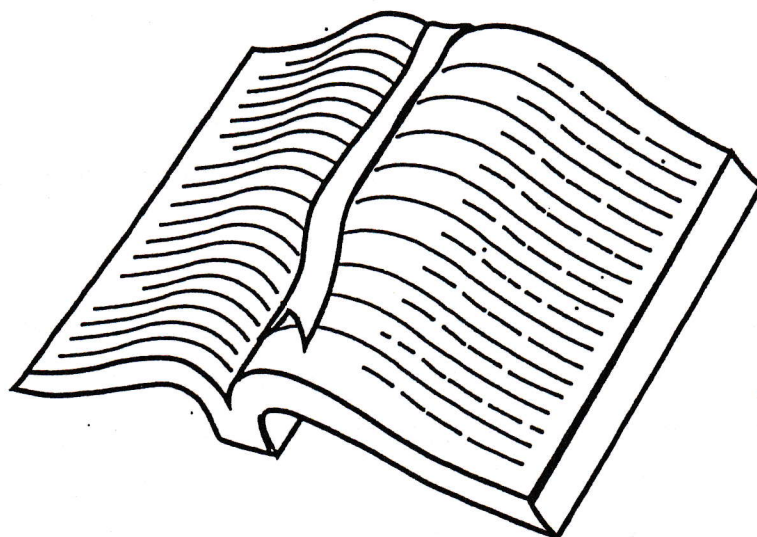
Oh! How much Jesus loves His Mother and our Mother too! He never forgets how she lovingly took care of Him and how she faithfully stood by Him at the foot of the Cross. It grieves His Heart when people say things that are not true about our dear Blessed Mother! It hurts Him when they do not honor her as He honors her! Remember what our button says: "To Jesus through Mary." When we go to Jesus through our Blessed Mother, it makes Jesus very happy! It is always the best way to go to Him!

Boys and Girls, let us love Jesus and Mary for all those who do not love them! Let us be determined to offer them our "Five First Saturdays of Reparation."

Let us try to always follow the way of the three little shepherds of Fatima!



Don't forget to tell your Mom and Dad,
your family and friends, and everyone what you have
learned in Catholic Vacation Bible School!



Our Bible Verses for Day 5:

**"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,
and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking
in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body,
which is the Church..."**

**Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians
Chapter 1, verse 24**

**"Blessed are the clean of heart
for they shall see God."**

**Gospel according to Saint Matthew
Chapter 5, verse 8**

Day 5

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Jesus means in Hebrew: "God saves." At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, "will save his people from their sins." (CCC#430)

Jesus invites *sinners* to the table of the kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents." The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life "for the forgiveness of sins." (CCC#545)

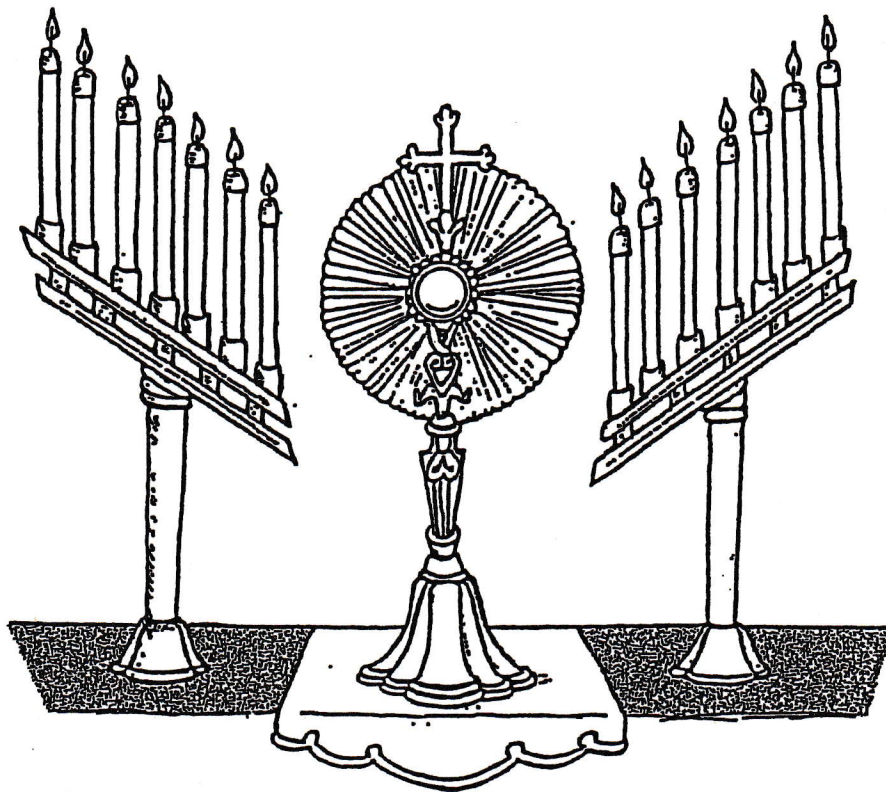
When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgement is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner. (CCC#1465)

Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into Heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and Conqueror of sin and death. (CCC#966)

Write or draw a picture about any part of today's lesson.
You can also write any thoughts or prayers you have in your heart.
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Today is our Eucharistic Adoration Closing Program in the Church!

We will offer our prayers and songs of
Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation and Petition!



*O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You!
My God, my God,
I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar!*

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