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Mary, Mother of the Church

- Dr Christopher Dias,
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May has traditionally been a month of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is also a garden of promise and a fountain of hope for those who love God and honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in this month dedicated to her.

This May 21, 2018 the Catholic Church has proclaimed a decree for the celebration of the title: **“Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church”** in the General Roman Calendar. The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church will now be observed henceforth on May 21st annually. (See article in this Issue)

The month of May also calls out to Marian devotees to promote the full Message of Our Lady of Fatima, and thus **'contribute to bring about the fulfilment of Her promise, the reign of Jesus and Mary - the reign of the Immaculate Heart and the Sacred Heart.'**

This year its time to take stock of our 'acts' and 'omissions' and to see how far we have gone in achieving this objective as we experience Our Heavenly Mother's powerful intercession in our lives.

In 2017, Pope Francis visited the apparition site on May 12-13, the

100th anniversary of the first Fatima apparition. The visit included the canonizations of two of the child visionaries, who died just a few years after the visions.

If we recollect, prior to the Apparitions at Fatima, the First World War continued to cause wretched havoc and destroy so many young lives. In his Pontificate, on May 5th 2017 Pope Benedict XV issued an encyclical begging God to turn the hearts of rulers towards peace. The Holy Father urged all to purge themselves of sin and pray for peace. **“Since all graces are dispensed,”** he went on, **“by the hands of the most holy Virgin, we wish the petitions of her most afflicted children to be directed with lively confidence more than ever in this awful hour, to the great Mother of God”**. A short time later, Our Lady appeared to the Fatima children with her message of peace: **‘Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world...’** (Sr. Lucia's Memoirs, p 161).

“It was through the Holy Virgin Mary that Jesus came into the world, and it is also through her that He must reign in the world” (St. Louis de Monfort).

This month end we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation. Just as Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth in her home and family, today in the same way, Mary wants to visit the whole world. Mary's visitation always brings peace and good, and it represents the beginning of a better world. She continues to look for a place for her Son.

The Virgin is the pilgrim who took peace to Elizabeth and her family. Through us, **the Fullness of Grace** desires to reach all her children. Today, more than ever, when we are faced with failure and destruction of the Christian Family, we need the Virgin and the Mother.

Let us this month of May renew our consecration to Her Immaculate Heart and let us evince keen interest in fulfilling the Fatima Pledge every day of our lives.

On the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2015 at Batim, Our Lady speaks through Iveta: **“... I Am The Mother of God, I Am Our Lady of Fatima. I Am The Mediatrix of All Graces, Co-Redemptrix and Advocate in Heaven. Through your prayers beloved children, I will come to be known under this title on Earth and will be able to dispense the graces and Gifts and the protection needed for My children in the times of the persecution. Be not afraid, be not anxious. Know that My Motherly Mantle protects you . Amen. I Am your Heavenly Mother, Who loves you dearly and desires your Holiness. Amen.”**

Just as the Church has this year 2018 added a new title to Mary as: **‘The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church’** and to be entered in the General Roman Calendar, may be redouble our prayers in seeking Her recognition by the Church as the **‘The Mediatrix of All Grace, Co-Redemptrix and Advocate’** of all humanity.

May our meeting with the Virgin Mary, this month, change our life into one of prayer, and may our sacramental life be profound!

**DECREE on the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar**

**CONGREGATIO DE CULTO DIVINO ET DISCIPLINA
SACRAMENTORUM**

**Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
May 21, 2018**

The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.



In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great. In fact the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ,

because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church. These considerations derive from the divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer, which culminated at the hour of the cross.

Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.

As a caring guide to the emerging Church Mary had already begun her mission in the Upper Room, praying with the Apostles while awaiting the

coming of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14). In this sense, in the course of the centuries, Christian piety has honoured Mary with various titles, in many ways equivalent, such as Mother of Disciples, of the Faithful, of Believers, of all those who are reborn in Christ; and also as “Mother of the Church” as is used in the texts of spiritual authors as well as in the Magisterium of Popes Benedict XIV and Leo XIII.

Thus the foundation is clearly established by which Blessed Paul VI, on 21 November 1964, at the conclusion of the Third Session of the Second Vatican Council, declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as “Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother” and established that “the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles”.

Therefore the Apostolic See on the occasion of the Holy Year of Reconciliation (1975), proposed a votive Mass in honour of Beata Maria Ecclesiae Matre, which was subsequently inserted into the Roman Missal. The Holy See also granted the faculty to add the invocation of this title in the Litany of Loreto (1980) and published other formularies in the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1986). Some countries, dioceses and religious families who petitioned the Holy See were allowed to add this celebration to their particular calendars.

Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.

This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.

The Memorial therefore is to appear in all Calendars and liturgical books for the celebration of Mass and of the Liturgy of the Hours. The relative liturgical texts are attached to this decree and their translations, prepared and approved by the Episcopal Conferences, will be published after confirmation by this Dicastery.

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THE FIFTH AND FINAL MARIAN DOGMA AND THE IMPENDING TRIUMPH OF MARY

By Francis S. Barreto, *Source: Mary Through the Ages*

There is a saying among scholars who have converted to Catholicism: “To become steeped in history is to cease to be a Protestant” History, leads us to original sources, which in turn lead us to discover that Jesus Christ found but one Church. The Catholic Church, is the continuation of the Church founded and built upon Peter by Jesus. The Catholic Church today teaches the same faith as did the early Fathers.



It is sometime thought or said that Sacred Scripture reveals very little about Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Yet, the Word of God says enough about Mary. The Fathers of the Church found keen testimony from the Word of God itself, to tell us essential points about Mary. John Henry Cardinal Newman, famous convert from the 19th century wrote: “The Fathers made me a Catholic, and I am not going to kick down the ladder by which I ascended into

the Church. It is a ladder quite as serviceable for that purpose now as it was twenty years ago”. It is true what the Fathers said about Jesus Christ. It is also true in what the Fathers said about the Mother of the Redeemer.

1. The early church at the Council of Ephesus in 431, gave Mary the title *Theotokos*, Mother of God. As we know, this proclamation of the dogma of the divine maternity did not simply honour Mary, but defended the nature of Jesus as both divine and human.
2. A few centuries later the Church taught the Virgin Birth (the Perpetual Virginity of Mary) an expression for the conception of Christ without man but with a true Mother, and thus Mary was Virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus Christ. It is taught by all the creeds of Christendom and was proclaimed by Pope Martin I at the Lateran Council in 649.
3. The Church has defined as dogma of faith the Immaculate Conception, meaning Mary was sinless from the first moment of her created existence. Pope Pius IX solemnly defined this dogma in 1854.
4. The Assumption was defined as dogma of faith by pope Pius XII in 1950, meaning Mary has entered heaven in both body and soul.
5. As the 20th century ended and the Church entered the Third Millennium, hundreds of bishops, archbishops and cardinals, petitioned the late Pope John Paul II for a final and fifth Marian dogma. Mary as Co-redemptrix, Mediatrix of All Graces, and Advocate.

It is obvious the Pope was pleased with such a dogma for he, himself, on various occasions, in various parts of the world, has used the expression, **Co-redemptrix**, in speaking to peoples about Mary. The Second Vatican Council used the expression **Mediatrix**, in speaking of Mary. The Church in its prayers for centuries has spoken of Mary as **Advocate**. While there are theologians opposed to this fifth possible Marian Dogma for various reasons, such as those of ecumenism, it is to be noted that there were also oppositions in advance to the other four Marian definitions as dogma of faith. The Church always prospers more, and souls benefit immeasurably, when Mary's rightful role is recognized by the Church. When God's children upon earth give glory to this most exalted of all God's creatures, next to Jesus Christ, for it is simply a recognition of what God has done for His Mother and for us. God is pleased and bestows special blessings upon the Church through the intercession of Mary, our Advocate. When the Church gives Mary full recognition of all what she is, it prospers spiritually.

It seems inevitable that the fifth dogma of Mary will come. Since what it means has already been taught in the eight Chapter of Lumen Gentium, Vatican II Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. We can therefore look for great blessings and renewal in the Catholic Church in the Third Millennium as the role of Mary, Mother of the Church, is more fully, recognized and appreciated. In the late Pope John Paul II's teachings it was easily observable that he had great optimism for the future. He held that a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is coming in the Third Millennium. It is a well known fact that Pope John Paul II was formed by Mary and it will be known that his successor Pope Benedict XVI has been fashioned by Christ Himself. It will be up to him to proclaim the fifth dogma which will most likely bring forth the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Catholics and Orthodox Christians are known for their great love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. When Mary is loved, God is pleased; when God is pleased in a special way, He sheds His grace upon the members of the Church more abundantly.

Mediatrix and Advocate are already contained in the sources of divine revelation, Sacred Scripture and Apostolic Tradition, as interpreted by the Magisterium (cf. Dei Verbum n.9,10). The Church Fathers so intense about presenting both divine and human nature of Jesus Christ, cannot do so without Mary. They need Mary's virginity to show Christ's divinity. They need Mary's Motherhood to show His humanity, as well as His divinity. Jesus and Mary are truly inseparable in the plan of God. Our honour for and devotion to Mary should likewise be inseparable from Jesus Christ. Because Jesus and Mary are inseparable, the triumph of Mary is also the triumph of Jesus. The triumph of Jesus and Mary must be a triumph within the hearts of people. To love Jesus and Mary is to be blessed immeasurably in time and for eternity. To Jesus through Mary to the Father through Jesus in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Spouse of Mary that describes our spirituality.

The Church will be immensely blessed when the members of the church more perfectly know and love Mary, Daughter of God the Father, Mother of God the Son, Spouse of the Holy Spirit and Mother of the Church.

Behind every Crucifix – hidden for we cannot see him – stands our RISEN LORD

There is no adequate explanation why there should be suffering. So many terrible problems baffle us: Suffering, death, and the chaotic society in which we live. What do all these things mean? How do we make sense of it all, explain it all?

The only understanding I have is to look at the crucifix, and there I know is the explanation and the



solution, because in it you find the meaning of life and the meaning of love, for “No greater love that a man than he lay down his life for his friends”. In the death of Christ, God made man, the proof of God's love for us is shown and proclaimed in a manner that could not be equaled.

Joy comes to those who rejoice to carry the Cross, it is a noble vocation. But we must not forget that we are made for joy, not for sadness. That joy will come from receiving love and giving love. Behind every Crucifix, hidden (for we cannot see Him) stands our Risen Lord. Hidden in every suffering and pain is the joy of closer union with Him, His is the victory. He invites us to share it. It is only through faith and with the experience of suffering that we will discover the joy of the Resurrection that lies deep in the agony of the Crucifixion. We will then realize how light is the burden, and how sweet is the yoke.

The dark side of life, either for ourselves or for those we know and cherish, will always be there. But taken up by Christ, assumed by Christ, experienced by Christ, it has new meaning and a new significance, and is the gateway to joy, the gateway to hope, the gateway to life.

Look – and this is always important – look beyond the Cross, and behind the tortured figure. For you can see dimly outlines, with the eyes of faith, the face of the Risen Christ.

When we are called upon to carry the cross of Christ, it is a particular call from God to grow closer to Him. An anxiety in the family, a difficult situation we have to face, the possibility of being unfairly treated by life or by other people, dogged by ill health: these things happen to us, day in and day out. We can recall that we are helping Christ in carrying the Cross. Because there is no doubt that the way to help must be, to some extent, over the hill that leads to Calvary. That is part of life. But always at the end of it, the looking forward, the expectation, the joy of knowing that it all leads to the Vision of God which is eternal happiness, the point of life.

-Cardinal Basil Hume OSB RIP

Message of Our Lady to Iveta Fernandes

24th September 2017 and 13th October 2017, Canada

MESSAGE ON 24TH SEP 2017 (in Canada):



It was the Anniversary of the First Apparition on the Holy Mountain and Our Lady asked (iveta) for a suffering for the Domestic Church and the Universal Church.....terrible suffering.....anyway, after her suffering, She gave us a Message and then after the Message, She pauses and She entrusts another Message, this Message is for all those who gathered on Mount Batim, Ganxim:

“My Beloved children, I thank you for remembering and commemorating this day in remembrance of My First Visitation, you ascended this Mountain to pray and to thank God for Me, a gift to you, your Heavenly Mother, always here waiting for you and will help you. Only pray for your Shepherds. I desire with great desire that many Holy Sacrifices be raised on this Mountain and you will see the fruit through which I will be able to rescue the most hardened sinner and those who not to believe in Catholic teaching. Yet, they are My children too. I love them dearly. I thank all those who are known as non Catholics who come upon the Holy Mountain. I am their Mother and I love them and will intercede for them too. I bless you this day and I promise you to be with you always....”

She pauses again with a deep pause and a sigh: **“...I thank all those who are unable to come, yet they have kept, both My Chosen Sons, the religious and the laity that have prayed in remembrance of this day of My Visitation on this Holy Mountain. You will understand God’s salvific plan to your world in the days ahead. Come beloved children, come in numbers and bring forth processions reciting the Holy Rosary. I love you dearly, I am the Mother, your Heavenly Mother, the Mediatrix of all Grace, Co-Redemprix and Advocate in heaven. It will come to be known as the last Dogma, the Fifth Dogma on Earth through your prayers. Amen.”**

MESSAGE ON OCTOBER 13th 2017 12.00 AM MIDNIGHT (in Canada): 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN AT FATIMA PORTUGAL

“My beloved children, O! Batim Ganxim the Holy Mountain of My Visitation Site. You have brought great joy to My Immaculate Heart so

terribly wounded. How much you Love Me. You have made known My Love for you by your response to My request to pray in this manner to My request to pray in this manner on this Holy Mountain, so insignificant, so little and yet God has chosen it to be a light among the gentiles. If you only knew how much it pleases My Immaculate Heart and My desire to bring you into God's Presence. My only desire is to bring you into Holiness with God."

She pauses and She smiles and now She speaks;

"Beloved children, be not afraid, be not anxious, yes all that is unfolding has been made known to you only stay in My Immaculate Heart by your fidelity and your Consecration to My Immaculate Heart each morning as I have made known and always entrusting everything into My Immaculate Heart. In this way We will walk together and run together into the desert when it is time. I am with you through it all, I will not abandon you and through Me you will understand the mysteries of God unfolding, Divine Mercy and Divine Justice.

I thank you immensely for praying for My intention, the Mediatrix of all Grace, Co-Redemptrix and Advocate. I Am She in Heaven, it will come to be through your prayers on Earth, the proclamation of the last dogma.

I love you dearly, I Am the Mother of God, Your Heavenly Mother, I Am The Lady of The Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima. Batim lies in the shadow of Fatima, you will understand now in the days ahead of what it means. Pray beloved children, pray, pray many Rosaries for your Holy Father Pope Francis I His Holiness, The Bishop of Rome and Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI known as the hidden Pope, My beloved chosen Sons who are carrying a heavy heavy Cross for your World.

I love you dearly and I rejoice with you today and I will let fall showers of Blessings upon each one of you, Amen." *(End of Message)*

***"Mary as Coredemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate" in the words of
St. Teresa of Calcutta***

Mary is our Coredemptrix with Jesus. She gave Jesus his body and suffered with him at the foot of the cross.

Mary is the Mediatrix of all grace. She gave Jesus to us, and as our Mother she obtains for us all his graces.

Mary is our Advocate who prays to Jesus for us. It is only through the Heart of Mary that we come to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

The papal definition of Mary as Coredemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate will bring great graces to the Church. - *St Teresa of Calcutta*

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MARY AND THE EUCHARIST

-By Rev. Armand Dasseville, O.F.M. Cap.

At Lourdes, Fatima, Loreto and other Marian shrines most miracles occur when the sick are blessed with the most Holy Sacrament. This shows plainly how closely Mary's solicitude is united with the healing and sanctifying power of the Holy Eucharist. This close union is grounded on the unique relationship between Mary and the Eucharist, a relationship which stems from the two great hours of grace in Her life, Nazareth and Calvary.



How often have artists depicted the scene of the Annunciation! And yet no one has ever been able to put all its beauty on canvas. Preachers have described this glorious event, and yet no one has ever fully expressed its greatness. The gospel narrative is so simple, yet so significant; the greeting of the angel and the first Ave spoken on earth, the first greeting of peace brought from Heaven to a daughter of Eve, Mary's wonderment and the angel's message: "Fear not! Thou shalt conceive and bring forth a Son!" Mary's question, arising from Her chaste humility, and the angel's answer, revealed the great mystery of the overshadowing by the Holy Spirit with Mary's humble and generous surrender: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord!" and finally the stupendous event: "And the word was made Flesh!"

That was the first Holy Communion on earth- a most unique Holy Communion, in which the Son of God took up His abode in the womb of the virgin. She became His mother, He became Her Son. This first Holy Communion was the source of our sacramental Communion, for it was from the virginal flesh of Mary that the Holy Spirit formed the Body and Blood of the God-Man, which was sacrificed on the cross and which nourishes our souls unto eternal life as sacrificial Flesh and Blood. St. Augustine therefore says: "Christ took flesh from the flesh of Mary. In this flesh He walked on earth and He gives us the same Flesh as the Food of Salvation."

We owe therefore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist also to the motherly co-operation and love of Mary. Her Fiat was a freely-willed, loving yes to God's offer, Her bridal consent to His divine wooing. Mary was active as loving Mother in the miraculous conception of the Son of God, in His growth and development in Her virginal womb. Let us therefore thank Her also for the Holy Eucharist with its inestimable treasures of grace! When the newly ordained priests sing the Magnificat on leaving the altar after their ordination,

they are offering thanks to Amry for Her co-operation in giving the Holy Eucharist to the world, and with Her, they are offering thanks to God for this greatest of treasures' Let us make every Magnificat which we say a hymn of thanks to Mary and through Her to God for the most Holy Eucharist!

There are very few representations of the crucifixion in which Mary is missing. This is in harmony with the Gospel narrative: "There was standing by the cross of Jesus His Mother" (John 19, 25). This standing by the cross was not a mere presence. It was a communion of sacrifice uniting Mother and Son. Jesus was indeed the sole sacrificing priest on Calvary. He fulfilled there what He had said on entering the world: "Sacrifice and oblation thou wouldst not, but a body thou has fitted to Me: Behold, I come to do Thy Will, O God!" (Hebrews 10, 5-7). But Mary, too, fulfilled what She had declared at Nazareth: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to Me according to Thy word" (Luke 1, 38). As at Nazareth, so then on Calvary She entered fully into the plans of the Holy Spirit, Who consummated in Christ's sacrifice on the cross what He had begun in the incarnation (Hebrews 9, 14). It was the first co-offering of the sacrifice of the God-Man, most unique and made but once. The victim which Christ and Mary with Him offered to the Father was something Her very own, Her dearest possession, Her Son.

The sacrifice of Calvary is essential for the Eucharistic sacrifice and repast. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the death of Christ is renewed sacramentally; in the Eucharistic repast the sacrificial Flesh and Blood of Christ becomes the food for our souls. Thus Mary, by Her singular co-operation in the sacrifices of Calvary, by Her co-offering of this sacrifice, entered into a new, indestructible relationship with the Holy Eucharist. We owe the latter to Her mother-love which is not only so generous in giving, but also completely self-sacrificing.

Mary has therefore another claim to our gratitude. Her great concern, moreover, is that we utilize fully this glorious gift of Her mother-love, that we offer this sacrifice with Her spirit of self-immolation, that we receive Her divine Son with Her purity of soul, Her humble faith and Her trusting love. We should therefore always recommend ourselves to Her before participating in Holy Mass and before receiving Holy Communion. We should ask Her to "assist" us in offering the holy sacrifice, as She once "assisted" Her divine Son on Calvary. Our visits to the Blessed Sacrament, too should be made in company with Her, because as Saint Bonaventure says, it is only through Her that we can penetrate into "the marrow of the Eucharist."

In the company of all angels and saints let us give thanks to Mary, our dearest Mother, and with Her to the Triune God for the priceless treasure of the holy Eucharist. Mary our Blessed Mother obtain for each of us the grace that we may revere this holy mystery that we may always enjoy its most precious fruits.

Courtesy: THE FATIMA CRUSADER.

**CELEBRATIONS at Sts Simon & Jude Church,
Batim: April 2018 - Dr Celcio Dias**

First Saturday: 7 th of April 2018: Fr Henry Falcao, Director of St Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa was the main celebrant of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. In his homily, he focused on the Gospel of Mark mentioning that 7 demons were cast out by Jesus from Mary Magdalene. Still, she he was the first to witness the Resurrected Lord. The application for us is: *Our Lord's Resurrection renews lives of those who have faith, however sinful we maybe and with the Grace of the Sacraments we celebrate the newness of life.* About 150 attended.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord (transferred) Mon 9 th April 2018: Fr Julius Rasquinha, sdb from Don Bosco College of Engineering, Fatorda celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of Mass at 4 pm. He spoke on doing the Will of God as in the Annunciation of Our Lord to Our Blessed Mother, by the Angel Gabriel. This was preceded by Holy Rosary at 3 pm, Consecration and other prayers. About 100 attended.

Upcoming: Feast of Our Lady of Gloria:

Thu 12 Apr: 345 pm: Procession from Chapel down with Statue of Our Lady of Gloria to the top of the Holy Mount | 430 pm: Holy Rosary | 5 pm: Holy Mass.

Fri 13 Apr and Sat 14 Apr: 430 pm: Holy Rosary | 5 pm: Holy Mass

Sun 15 Apr: 10 am: solemn Feast Mass



PLEASE PRAY A ROSARY FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE 5th DOGMA

In her messages to us at Batim, Goa, our Blessed Mother earnestly desires that we increase our prayers that She be proclaimed as the "**Mediatrix of all Grace, Co-Redemptrix and Advocate**".

If possible, please say a Rosary for this intention on **FIRST SATURDAYS AND the 13th OF EVERY MONTH**. Please get others to join in too.

Our Lady: *"...Only remember, if you pray for My intentions all your intentions are also in them. I will reward you according to the Will of God for each of your intentions that lay in your souls..."* (September 12th 2012 Wednesday 9:00 am Holy Name of MARY Feast day)

Thank you in advance and God bless.

18 HOURS ROSARY CHAIN on Good Friday, 30th March 2018

Iveta Fernandes (Batim/Canada) a victim soul underwent suffering, with the blessings of her Spiritual Fathers, this past Holy week. This was most intense on Good Friday. The intentions were for the:

1) Universal Church: Holy Fathers, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, nuns, etc and **2) Domestic Church:** laity, marriages, unborn, blasphemies, outrages, indifferences, holocaust, black masses, sacrileges, etc.

In a message received through Iveta: "THE GOOD LORD HIMSELF thanked all those who joined this Rosary Chain. Our Blessed Mother thanked all those who joined the earlier Rosary Chain on 23 rd March, the Friday before Good Friday." It is our estimate that about 1000 joined in the Rosary.

Without this Rosary Chain PRAYER on those Fridays, Iveta would not be able to bear the suffering.

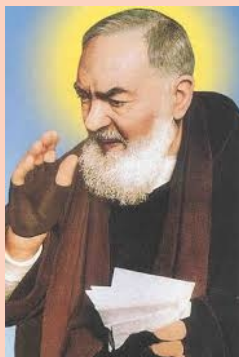
We must continue praying and offer up our sacrifices, especially for the proclamation of the 5 th Dogma.

God bless and thank you very much once again !



A PRAYER TO ST.PADRE PIO (SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA)

Beloved St.Padre Pio, today I come to add my prayer to the thousands of prayers offered to you every day by those who love and venerate you. They ask for cures and healings, earthly and spiritual blessings, and peace for body and mind. And because of your friendship with the Lord, he heals those you ask to be healed, and forgives those you forgive.



Through your visible wounds of the Cross, which you bore for 50 years, you were chosen in our time to glorify the crucified Jesus. Because the Cross has been replaced by other symbols, please help us to bring it back in our midst, for we acknowledge it is the only true sign of salvation.

As we lovingly recall the wounds that pierced your hands, feet and side, we not only remember the blood you shed in pain, but your smile, and the invisible halo of sweet smelling flowers that surrounded your presence, the perfume of sanctity.

St.Padre Pio, may the healings of the sick become the testimony that the Lord has invited you to join the holy company of Saints. In your kindness, please help me with my own special request: (mention here your petition, and make the sign of the Cross).

Bless me and my loved ones. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Where the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is already celebrated on a day with a higher liturgical rank, approved according to the norm of particular law, in the future it may continue to be celebrated in the same way.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 11 February 2018, the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes.
Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect + Arthur Roche, Archbishop Secretary

Source: <http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2018/03/03/0168/00350.html#ingl>

THE FATIMA PRAYERS

PARDON PRAYER: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

ANGEL'S PRAYER: O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of 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 the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

SACRIFICE PRAYER: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DECADE PRAYER: 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 Thy mercy.



‘God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. If what I say is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.’

How Do I Start the First Saturdays?

On July 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared for the third time to the three children of Fatima and showed them the vision of hell. In this vision Our Lady said that *‘God wishes to establish in the world devotion’* to Her Immaculate Heart and that She would come to *ask for the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays...*

What Do I Have to Do?

The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of salvation. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed. The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are as follows:

(1) Confession, (2) Communion, (3) Five decades of the Rosary, (4) Meditation on one or more of the Rosary Mysteries for fifteen minutes, (5) To do all these things in the spirit of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and (6) To observe all these practices on the First Saturday of five consecutive months.

The idea of the Five First Saturdays is obviously to make us persevere in the devotional acts for these Saturdays and overcome initial difficulties. Once this is done, Our Lady knows that the person would become devoted to Her Immaculate Heart and persist in practicing such devotion on all First Saturdays, working thereby for personal self-reform and for the salvation of others. Our Lady has assured us that She will obtain salvation for all those who observe the First Saturdays for five consecutive months in accordance with Her conditions.

For more details please email: ourladybatim@gmail.com

Dates to Remember - May 2018

- 3rd: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles, Feast
- 5th: First Saturday Service, Batim (See below for details)
- 10th: The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity
- 14th: St. Matthias, Apostle, Feast
- 20th: Pentecost
- 21st: Mary, Mother of the Church
- 27th: The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity
- 31st: Corpus Christi, Solemnity

PRAYER PETITIONS AND TESTIMONIES

- + Your prayer petitions may be submitted online at: thebatimmessage.com
These prayer requests will be placed at the feet of Our Lady of Fatima in the the Church of Sts Simon & Jude and offered during the First Saturday Mass at Batim.
- + Your testimonies may be submitted online at:
ourladybatim5thdogma.com or emailed to: ourladybatim@gmail.com

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION IN HONOUR OF AND IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Church of St Simon and St Jude, Batim, Tiswadi, Goa Velha, Goa 403 108 India.

- 1.00 pm:** +Stations of the Cross
- 2.00 pm:** +Holy Rosary, +Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, +Divine Mercy Prayers, +Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, +Confessions.
- 3.30pm:** +Holy Mass.

Services are held in Konkani and English

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Calangute: From Calangute Church at 1130 am,
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In conformity with the directives of Pope Urban VIII, we have no intention of anticipating the judgement of the Holy Apostolic See and of the Church on Apparitions, reported by us, but not yet recognized; indeed, we submit to, and accept; her final decision without reservation.

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