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# The Good News

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation - Mark 16:15

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917.

The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen, and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments, a resplendent figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending the family sheep. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure, who appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.



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## الأحد السادس المرأة الكنعانية "من صبر ظفر"

البطريك لويس روفائيل ساكو

كل الشفاءات هي ثمرة اللقاء بيسوع، لان الله علاقة مع الأشخاص وليس إليها نظرياً.. انه إله إبراهيم واسحق ويعقوب كما يقول الكتاب المقدس ونكرر ذلك في طقسنا للقداس، انه إله التلاميذ والمرضى والفقراء...  
يصف الإنجيلي متى وضع المرأة اليونانية الوثنية البعيدة الديانة اليهودية، هناك عقبة كبرى في العلاقة بين المسيحيين من أصل يهودي المتمسكين بالتقاليد اليهودية والمسيحيين من أصل وثني.. لكن الإنجيل يظهر شمولية المسيح باستقباله لها وتلبية طلبها. عاطفة المرأة قوية تجاه ابنتها، مثل والد الطفل المصروع في الأحد الماضي.. امرأة من الأمم وليست من الشعب المختار، سمعت عن يسوع تأتي وتصرخ وراءه بالحاج.. ابنتي.. ارحمني.. وعندما تدخل التلاميذ ليصرفها، ولم يبال، بقيت واثقة من أنها ستحصل على العون.

وتركع عند قدميه وتدعوه "يا رب" اشفي ابنتي. والحوار الذي دار بينها وبين يسوع حوار يربي وينشي:  
دعي أولاً البنين (أي اليهود) يشبعون ولا ينبغي ان نرمي خبز البنين للكلاب (اليهود كانوا يدعون الوثنيين كلاباً). المرأة لم تتأثر بهذا الكلام، بل تجيب بثقة وعزم وقوة: نعم يا رب، لكن صغار الكلاب تأكل أيضاً من فئات البنين. جوابها وشجاعتها اثارا بعمق إعجاب يسوع وهدمت الحواجز كما فعل مع زكا العشائر والمرأة الخاطئة وآخرين.. فكان رده لها: اذهبي فقد شفيت ابنتك.

جواب يهز المشاعر. **والعبرة:** الخلاص لا يقتصر على شعب واحد، انما يشمل كل الناس، يسوع هو لهم المخلص. والمشاركة في خبز الأبناء - خبز الافخارستيا- مفتوحة لجميع المؤمنين. لذا علينا ان نكون منفتحين على الكل ونستقبل الكل ونصغي اليهم ونقدم لهم المسيح الرب.

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Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of ‘a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun’ presented itself to the three children saying “Please don’t be afraid of me, I’m not going to harm you.” Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, “I come from Heaven.” The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to “say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.”

She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia’s question:

“I am the Lady of the Rosary.” That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted.

Our Lady of Fatima revealed three prophetic “secrets,” the first two of which were revealed earlier and refer to the vision of hell and the souls languishing there, the request for an ardent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prediction of the Second World War, and finally the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism. The third “secret” was not revealed until the year 2000, and referred to the persecutions that humanity would undergo in the last century: “The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated”. The suffering of the popes of the 20th century has been interpreted to include the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in 1981, which took place on May 13, the 64th anniversary of the apparitions. The Holy Father attributed his escape from certain death to the intervention of Our Lady: “... it was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death.”

What is the central meaning of the message of Fatima? Nothing different from what the Church has always taught: it is, as Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict the XVI, has put it, “the exhortation to prayer as the path of “salvation for souls” and, likewise, the summons to penance and conversion.”

Perhaps the most well known utterance of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima was her confident declaration that “My Immaculate Heart will triumph”. Cardinal Ratzinger has interpreted this utterance as follows:

“The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world—because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: “In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

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# PARISH SCHEDULE AND WEEKLY INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** We celebrate Baptism at 2:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Please call the parish office at least two weeks in advance to see if a date is available.



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**MARRIAGE:** Please schedule at least six months before you plan to be married and before you make arrangements for the reception, please call the parish office to make an appointment with the priest to begin the necessary preparations.



‡ **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES**

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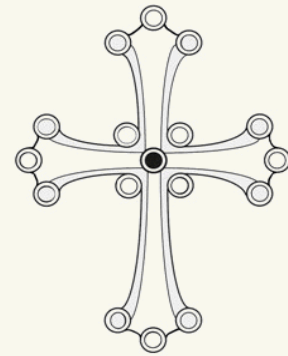
**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
4:00 PM English

**Sunday Masses**  
8:30 AM Arabic/عربي  
10:00AM English  
11:30 AM Morning Prayer  
12:00 PM Chaldean/سورث  
7:00 PM English

**Weekday Masses**  
8:00 AM English at ECRC  
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**Wednesday**  
5:00 PM Adoration  
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6-7 pm Sunday  
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## FINANCIAL STATUS

Sunday Goal:	\$7,000
Sunday Collection (October 8th):	\$4,018
Over/(Under):	(\$2,982)
Monthly Online Donation Goal:	\$4,000
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Over/(Under):	(\$2,590)

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# THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PART ONE

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### SECTION TWO

### THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

#### CHAPTER THREE

### I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### ARTICLE 9

### "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH"

#### Paragraph 3. THE CHURCH IS ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC

##### I. THE CHURCH IS ONE

Toward unity

820 "Christ bestowed unity on his Church from the beginning. This unity, we believe, subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the end of time."<sup>277</sup> Christ always gives his Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her. This is why Jesus himself prayed at the hour of his Passion, and does not cease praying to his Father, for the unity of his disciples: "That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be one in us, . . . so that the world may know that you have sent me."<sup>278</sup> The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit.<sup>279</sup>

821 Certain things are required in order to respond adequately to this call:

- a permanent renewal of the Church in greater fidelity to her vocation; such renewal is the driving-force of the movement toward unity;<sup>280</sup>
- conversion of heart as the faithful "try to live holier lives according to the Gospel",<sup>281</sup> for it is the unfaithfulness of the members to Christ's gift which causes divisions;
- prayer in common, because "change of heart and

holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name 'spiritual ecumenism';"<sup>282</sup>

-fraternal knowledge of each other;<sup>283</sup>

- ecumenical formation of the faithful and especially of priests;<sup>284</sup>

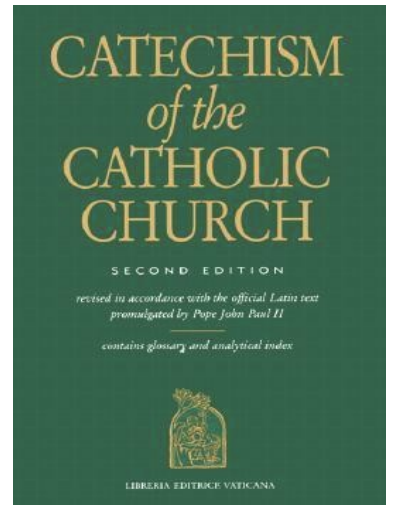
- dialogue among theologians and meetings among Christians of the different churches and communities;<sup>285</sup>

- collaboration among Christians in various areas of service to mankind.<sup>286</sup> "Human service" is the idiomatic phrase.

822 Concern for achieving unity "involves the whole Church, faithful and clergy alike."<sup>287</sup> But we must realize "that this holy objective - the reconciliation of all Christians in the unity of the one and only Church of Christ - transcends human powers and gifts." That is why we place all our hope "in the prayer of Christ for the Church, in the love of the Father for us, and in the power of the Holy Spirit."<sup>288</sup>

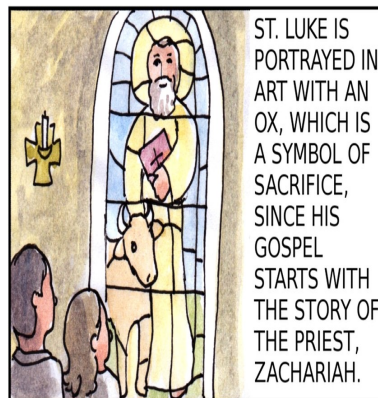
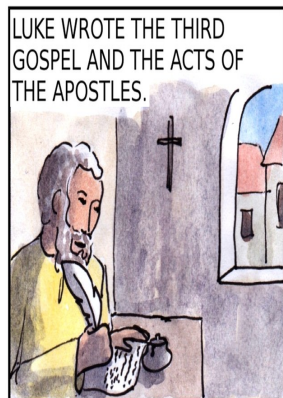
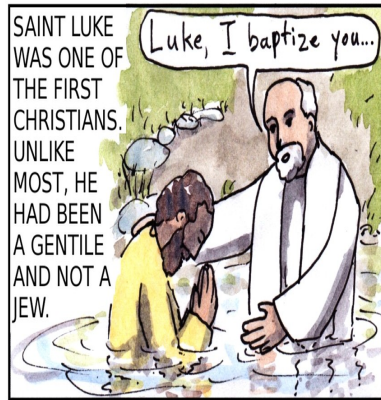
##### II THE CHURCH IS HOLY

823 "The Church . . . is held, as a matter of faith, to be unfailingly holy. This is because Christ, the Son of God, who with the Father and the Spirit is hailed as 'alone holy,' loved the Church as his Bride, giving himself up for her so as to sanctify her; he joined her to himself as his body and endowed her with the gift of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God."<sup>289</sup> The Church, then, is "the holy People of God,"<sup>290</sup> and her members are called "saints."<sup>291</sup> 824 United with Christ, the Church is sanctified by him; through him and with him she becomes sanctifying. "All the activities of the Church are directed, as toward their end, to the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God."<sup>292</sup> It is in the Church that "the fullness of the means of salvation"<sup>293</sup> has been deposited. It is in her that "by the grace of God we acquire holiness."<sup>294</sup>



## Saint Luke

October 18



SAINT LUKE NEVER MET JESUS. HE LEARNED ABOUT HIM BY TALKING WITH HIS FRIENDS AFTER JESUS HAD ALREADY GONE INTO HEAVEN. STILL SAINT LUKE KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT HIM THAT HE COULD WRITE A GOSPEL! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LUKE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO LOVE GOD!

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## True or False:

### Who is Invited to the Wedding?

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1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?
2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?
3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?
4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?
5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?
6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?
7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?



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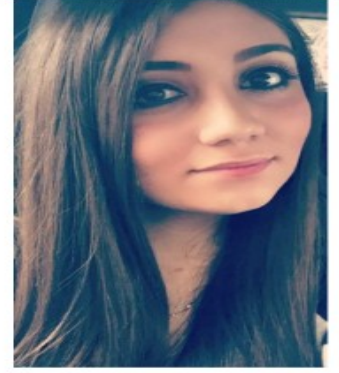
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