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“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. When they heard this, they were amazed, and leaving him they went away.” Matthew 22:21/22

Many commentators, including some great saints, have reflected on this Gospel passage. St. Augustine observed: “we are the coins of God stamped with his image, and God demands the return of his coins as Caesar did the return of his.” St. Jerome said: “Let us give to Caesar the money which bears his inscription, since we cannot do otherwise, but let us give ourselves freely and of our own accord to God, for what our soul bears is the glorious imprint of the face of a God and not the more or less majestic head of an emperor.” These interpretations demonstrate the “both/and” perspective which is fundamental to the Christian worldview. Jesus does not say money and material things are bad and, therefore, can be given to Caesar. Nor does he suggest only “spiritual” things belong to God. In fact, everything belongs to God— “all things visible and invisible” as we affirm in the Creed. Everything God created is good and belongs to God alone. We are but trusted servants, stewards, caretakers of God’s creation. So, when Jesus says, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God,” he is reminding the Pharisees (and us as well) we are responsible for taking care of, and sharing, both our material possessions and our spiritual gifts. “Let us give ourselves freely, of our own accord, to God,” because everything we have belongs ultimately to our Creator.

“Our Lady of Fatima” What is it/Who is She?

Our Lady of Fátima (formally known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima) is the Catholic title of “Mary, mother of Jesus,” based upon Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the “Cova da Iria in Fátima, Portugal”. (Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto.) José Alves Correia da Silva, Bishop of Leiria, declared the events worthy of belief on 13 October 1930. Pope Pius XII granted a pontifical decree of canonical coronation via the papal bull “Celeberrima solemnita” towards the venerated image on 25 April 1946. The designated papal legate, Cardinal Benedetto Aloisi Masella, carried out the coronation on 13 May 1946, now permanently enshrined at the Chapel of the Apparitions of Fátima. The same Roman Pontiff also raised the Sanctuary of Fátima to the status of a minor basilica by the apostolic letter “Luce superna” on 11 November 1954.



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God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out? He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.

Miracle of the Sun

The feast day of Our Lady of Fatima is October 13. The Miracle of the Sun (Portuguese: Milagre do Sol), also known as the Miracle of Fátima, is a series of events reported to have occurred miraculously on 13 October 1917, attended by a large crowd who had gathered in Fátima, Portugal in response to a prophecy made by three shepherd children, Lúcia Santos and Francisco and Jacinta Marto. The prophecy was that the Virgin Mary (referred to as Our Lady of Fátima), would appear and perform miracles on that date. Newspapers published testimony from witnesses who said that they had seen extraordinary solar activity, such as the Sun appearing to "dance" or zig-zag in the sky, careen towards the Earth, or emit multicolored light and radiant colors. According to these reports, the event lasted approximately ten minutes.



The local bishop opened a canonical investigation of the event in November 1917, to review witness accounts and assess whether the alleged private revelations from Mary were compatible with Catholic theology. The local priest conducting the investigation was particularly convinced by the concurring testimony of extraordinary solar phenomena from secular reporters, government officials, and other skeptics in attendance. Bishop José da Silva declared the miracle "worthy of belief" on 13 October 1930, permitting "officially the cult of Our Lady of Fatima" within the Catholic Church. At a gathering on 13 October 1951 at Fátima, the papal legate, Cardinal Federico Tedeschini, told the million people attending that on 30 October, 31 October, 1 November, and 8 November 1950, Pope Pius XII himself witnessed the miracle of the Sun from the Vatican gardens. The early and enduring interest in the miracle and related prophecies has had a significant impact on the devotional practices of many Catholics.

**Join us for
Bible Study**

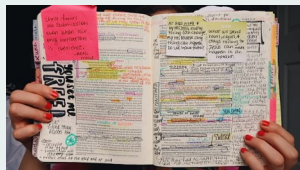
**1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

**1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472**

**Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441**

**7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7**

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Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962**



**Our Lady of Fatima has come to
St Bernadette Church
October 19-22, 2023**

**Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima,
USA**



**Thursday, October 19, 2023 approximately 7:00 PM
Statue Arrives: "Welcoming Ceremony" and Prayer Service**

**Friday, October 20, 2023
Viewing All Day**

**8:00 am Mass followed by prayer, veneration, blessings of rosaries
and other religious items.**

Mass and Candle Light procession to end the evening events

**Saturday, October 21, 2023
Viewing All Day**

**8:00 am Mass followed by prayer, veneration, blessings of rosaries
and other religious items,
4:00 pm Mass (Reception to follow)**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023
Doors Open 8:00 am.**

10:00 am Mass followed by viewing until 1 pm.

****Please be advised: you are welcome to bring rosaries or other
religious articles to be blessed by clergy in the presence of the statue.**

**Three Ways to Honor Our Lady of Fatima
Make a consecration; even if you have done so before.
Pray the Rosary Daily
Start Doing the "First Five Saturdays" Devotion**

**We Catholics love our Coffee and Donuts
You can be: A COFFEE AND DONUTS HERO!
We need "Coffee and Donut Sponsors"
No Set Up, or Pick Up, Just Pay Up.
We will take care of the rest.
Whether you are a Couple, a Family, a Parish
Ministry, a Local Business Owner, or
a Service Organization.**



**ALL YOU NEED DO IS:
DONATE ALL OR PART OF THE (ONE TIME)
WEEKLY COST TO THE CHURCH, AND WE
TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
FOR DETAILS CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
(323)293-4877**



"Pray Thus"

Throughout the Old Testament, God sent prophets to call His people back to Him. In recent times God has sent His Mother. One of Her apparitions took place in 1917 at Fatima, a little village in Portugal. "Our Lady" came to warn us of the harm we would inflict upon ourselves as a result of our sins: wars,

famines, plagues, persecution of the Church and the loss of many souls in Hell. God, in His great mercy, wished to save us from these miseries through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. Our Heavenly Mother revealed at Fatima a plan of hope for this world which continues to plunge headlong toward its own destruction. In 1915 an Angel appeared to four little girls, among them Lucia de Jesus dos Santos. While saying the Rosary they saw what looked like a cloud which was whiter than snow, slightly transparent, with a human outline. This same apparition took place on two more occasions, leaving the girls in a state of amazement. One year later, Lucia was tending sheep with her two cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto. This time the Angel came with very distinguishable features. He said to them: "Don't be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." He then knelt and, bowing with his forehead to the ground, prayed three times: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee! I beg pardon of Thee for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee!" Then He said to the children: "Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications." And, with these words, the Angel left them.

Venerating Statues Catholics use statues, paintings, and other artistic devices to recall the person or thing depicted. Just as it helps to remember one's mother by looking at her photograph, so it helps to recall the example of the saints by looking at pictures of them. Catholics also use statues as teaching tools. In the early Church they were especially useful for the instruction of the illiterate.

**Please submit your Bulletin Articles
and Pulpit Announcements AT LEAST
TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.
Questions? Please contact the office at
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**LITURGY SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 23, 2023
MONDAY
TO SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 29, 2023**

Monday, October 23, 2023

St. John of Capistrano

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

St Anthony Mary Claret

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Thursday, October 26, 2023**

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Friday, October 27, 2023**

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Saturday, October 28, 2023**

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 29, 2023

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

Parish Hall

Following Mass

Other Sacraments

(as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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***LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

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TERESA CARPER

1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Mass Intentions: October 21-27, 2023

Saturday 4:00 pm

Maria Elena Barajas (Health and Wellness)

Sunday 10:00 am

Veronica Chevalier (Health and Wellness)

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday 8:00 am

The Intentions of All Parishioners

Requesting a Mass Intention? Contact the Parish Office

(323) 293-4877

Did you know?

October 21/22, 2023

Pornography addiction affects young people's mental health

Protecting children from pornography is getting harder and harder in today's increasingly sexualized and digital world. When young people become addicted to pornography, it changes their brain chemistry and hinders their ability to grow in healthy, normal ways. Viewing pornography can also blur boundaries for a young person, leaving him or her more vulnerable to sexual abuse. In fact, abusers often use pornography to desensitize their victims. For more information on the dangers of pornography and addiction, read the VIRTUS® article "Pornography Addiction and Neurobiology" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know. Read the VIRTUS® article "Pornography Addiction and Neurobiology" [here](#). For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Protecting Vulnerable Adults" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sat - OCTOBER 28th, 2023

KPC JUNIOR DAUGHTER OF ST. BERNADETTE
3825 DON FELIPE DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90008 - IN THE HALL

COSTUME AND CAR CONTEST
GAMES - PRIZES

FOOD - DRINK - LOTS OF TREATS
DMISSION IS \$15 IN ADVANCE PER PERSON
\$20 AT THE DOOR

5:30 PM - 8 PM
Dinner, Snacks and Fun is included in the dmission

COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED

TRUNK OR TREAT

Car Registration Form

Event Rules & Guidelines for Participating Vehicles

- You may arrive at 4:00 PM to get parked and setup your trunk
- Vehicles must be decorated and ready to hand out candy by 5:45 PM
- For safety of all, vehicles arriving after 5:40 will not be able to participate.
- Vehicles MUST remain parked in the same location until the event ends at 8:00 PM
- Participating vehicles must have candy to give out (**NO NUTS**)
- Candy runners will be in service throughout the event to ensure you don't run out of candy or prizes
- Family-friendly/non-scary displays and costumes ONLY
- Vehicles must be decorated and ready to All Vehicles must reserve your spot by Sunday, October 22, 2023 After Mass in the Hall or by calling the Church Rectory

Contact Person Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Theme of Decoration: _____

Type of Vehicle (Circle One): CAR TRUCK SUV MINI VAN OTHER _____

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