

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Brigid & St Patrick
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“The Heart of the Fatima Message”
(October is the anniversary month of the Miracle of Fatima)

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St. Pope John Paul II offered the Sacrifice of the Mass in Fatima during his pilgrimage of gratitude to Portugal. During the Mass, the Pope preached a lengthy homily on “*Mary’s Maternal Love*.” This homily is perhaps the most authoritative explanation of the meaning of Fatima that we have received from a Roman Pontiff since the first revelations made at Fatima in 1917.

Early in the homily, the Vicar of Christ made the following statement:

“The message of Fatima is, in its basic nucleus, a call to conversion and repentance, as in the Gospel. This call was uttered at the beginning of the twentieth century, and it was thus addressed particularly to this present century. The Lady of the message had a special insight to ‘*the signs of the times*,’ which are the signs our own time.”

What is the pope telling us? He is saying that “*the basic nucleus*,” the heart of the Fatima message is a call to conversion and repentance. It is the call to repentance from sin, and conversion to God. In the course of his homily, St. Pope John Paul II combined the two words “*conversion*” and “*sin*” into one word, “*repentance*.” So that we may simply state that the core of the message of Fatima is the imperative “*Repent!*” or as a noun, “*repentance*.”

The Pope further declared that this call to repentance was made by Christ, through Our Lady at the beginning of the twentieth century. He further declared that one of the three children who received this Marian message is still living [the last of the children, Lúcia, died on February 13, 2005, at the age of 97].

What does all of this imply? It implies that if there is one thing that God foresaw the twentieth and twenty-first centuries would desperately need, it was to repent. And even the unusually long life of one of the seers of Fatima — born in 1907 — only emphasizes the pressing urgency to call the twenty-first century to repentance. There are “patterns” that can be identified. For instance, if we look more closely at what sins from which the twenty-first century most needs to repent, there seems to be no doubt. They are the sins of:

- A. Ignoring the existence of God
 - B. Denying that sin is an offense against God, and
 - C. Indulging in the pleasures of this world contrary to the will of God.
- Each of these three classes of sin needs repentance. Each calls out to high heaven for conversion, and a return to God.

We still have one more question to answer. How should we respond to the Fatima expression of the Catholic doctrine on repentance? The simplest answer to this question is one word: “*Repent!*”

But this is easier said than done. The repentance must begin deep down in our own hearts. Before God will use us to convert other sinners to Himself, we must be converted ourselves. In a word, we must change. We must change from our resistance to pray: by praying more than we have ever prayed before. We must pray more often, more deeply, more fervently. We must especially pray to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. We must pray to Our Lady, especially in the recitation of her Rosary.

But there is a *second level* of response we are also to make. This is what is called *the Fatima Apostolate*. Not only must we personally repent and be converted, but we should spend ourselves in getting others to repent and be converted, too.

This means that we who look on every sinner that enters our lives as the object of our apostolic zeal. Every unbeliever that we meet, or see, or even hear or read about should stimulate our desire to bring that soul back to a humble faith in God. Every man or woman that, as far as we can tell, is living in sin, we should do all we can by prayer, penance and offering up our sufferings to restore that person to God’s friendship, and thus preserve that person from the fires of hell.

We close this article where we began, with the words of our Holy Father, which he spoke at Fatima. “*My heart is oppressed*,” confessed the Pope, “*when I see the sin of the world and the whole rage of menaces gathering like a dark cloud over mankind.*”

But the Pope continued, “*My heart also rejoices with hope as I once more do what has been done by my predecessors, when they have given the world to the Heart of the Mother.*”

Our life of reparation for the sins of the world! It will continue, in heaven, where we shall be eternally in the company of Jesus and Mary – we converted sinners become saints – because we have believed and lived out *the message of Fatima*, which is simply living out the doctrine of our Catholic faith.

(from: *The Real Presence Association*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Don Sutton, Joe Carik, Michael Blevins, Cori Hartje, Troy Scharmn, Bill Stremick; Richard Mitchell, Jack Salwei, Carol Olimb, Christine Berger, Elaine Kalis, Carol Scholler, Gwen Scheer; Mary Sandison, Mary Salwei, Isabelle Ridley, Greg Zidon, Fred Thielke, Stacey Rinde, Marlene Stremick, Mason Palmiseno, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adrienne Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O’Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett Letzring, Rick Kilichowski, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian, Rodney Nygard

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **Nov Cleaners:** Young/Thoelke/Douville. **Collection:** Dianne & Melissa (Oct 30); Sherry & Kari (Nov 6). **Reader:** Maynard (Nov). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Young Family (Oct 30); Lawrence O’Toole (Nov 6). **Sacristan:** Mary T (Oct 30); Duane (Nov 6). **Rosary:** Mary T (Oct 30 & Nov 6).

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; **More Confessions:** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 4:45-5:15 pm. **Nov Cleaners:** A-F. **Collection:** Scott & Mary Ellen (Oct 30); Lynette & Cathy (Nov 6). **Readers** (Nov) Sat-Richard; Sun-Ryan. **Rosary:** Larry C (Nov). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Madonna Thomasson (Oct 30); Tom & Pam Ford (Nov 6). **Note:** Please remember our **Food Basket:** we currently need food items or donations for students at Cavalier school!

Sacred Heart Enthronement! Ordinarily, the team will come to the first home at around 2:00 pm, and arrive at the second home around 2:45 pm. **Remember:** the home keeps the traveling *Image of the Sacred Heart* for one week. **Nov 6:** The Image will go to the Jim & Sherry McDonald home. **Team:** Fr. Charles. **If you would like to have your home Enthroned**, sign-up on the middle table in the church lobby. There’s still time!

Mass Intentions: Mass is the best way to help souls on Earth and in Purgatory: “*The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.*” —St. Pope Paul VI

Family Faith Formation! The high-school will meet at St Brigid from 6-7 pm (note the time!) on Wednesday. We will be able to prove that what Jesus has revealed is true!

All Saints Day: All-Saints Day is Tuesday, November 1st, a holy day of obligation. We have three Masses in which to worship God, and to ask the saints in Heaven to pray for us so that we will join them one day: Monday, Oct. 31, 5:30 pm at St Brigid; Tuesday, Nov 1, 5:30 pm at St Patrick; and Tuesday, Nov 1, 7:30 pm at St Brigid.

Message from Bishop Folda: “I write to express my concern about Measure 2, which would legalize recreational marijuana in our state. The evidence from other states is clear. For instance, California’s experience shows that rather than reducing illegal activity, legalization of marijuana has led to more illegal growing, more marijuana-related crime, more violence, worker exploitation, and environmental devastation.

Pope Benedict XVI said that “It is the responsibility of the Church to unmask false promises, the lies, the fraud that lies behind drugs.” Thus, I encourage you to vote “No” on Measure 2.”

A Big “Thank You” to Fr. Jeff Eppler for giving our two-parish Mission talks. May God protect us through His holy angels!



This week on “**Formed**”
Learn more about **St Martin de Porres** (Nov 3); **St Charles Borromeo** (Nov 4)
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Mon		Oct 31	5:30 pm	St Brigid	Maureen Harlow
Tue	All Saints Day	Nov 1	5:30 pm 7:30 pm	St Patrick St Brigid	Mary Salwei Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
Wed	All Souls Day	Nov 2	Noon	St Brigid	Averie Sondeland
Thur	St Martin de Porres, Religious	Nov 3	8:00 am	St Patrick	Richard Pengilly
Fri	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Nov 4	Noon	St Brigid	Skylar Alex
Sat		Nov 5	9:00 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	James Dolan
Sun	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nov 6	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Sean DuPre

Stewardship: as of 10-23-22	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	1004.00	605.00	St Patrick’s Care Collection		395.00
Weekly Total	1104.00	645.00	St Anthony Cemetery	1,655	
YTD Total	72,172.45	33,486.11	Gods Gift Appeal:	8730.00	3,988.00
Building Fund YTD	1125.00	1550.00	Cemetery	4,635.00	4,981.69
Ascension	250.00	10.00	Cemetery: St Helen 2,675; St Bernard 362		