

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

10:00AM MASS For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 **St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00AM MASS Charlie Schaiper—Bd. Rem.— Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00AM MASS Jeanette Voelkerding—Jane Kluener

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00AM MASS Elizabeth Wolber—Bd. Rem.— Barb Teague

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 **St. John Neumann**

8:00AM MASS Celebrant's Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 **St. Andre Bessette**

8:00AM Communion Service

4:00PM Rosary

4:30PM MASS Rita Brinker—Anniv. Rem.—Brown Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00AM MASS For the people of the parish

9:30AM MASS Elizabeth Beyersdorfer — Anniv. Rem. - Family

11:30AM MASS Ann Ulmer—Bd. Rem.—Family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Matthew 26:40, Jesus says to Peter [and to us], *"Could you not, then, watch one hour with me?"* Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for 30 minutes, or even one hour, at Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Fridays from 9:00AM until the Adoration ends at 10:00PM.



C O N F E S S I O N S

Thursday, Jan. 4, 4:30PM-5:00PM— Fr. Haft
7:30-8:00PM—Fr. Haft

Saturday, January 6, 3:00-4:00PM— Fr. Haft

THANK YOU to Randy Wittich and Raymond Kaeser at Electric Worxx for advertising in our bulletin.

R O S A R Y

Monday thru Friday after the daily Mass.

Saturdays after the 8 AM Communion Service.

Mondays 7:00PM Fatima Prayer Group in the Chapel.

Every evening at 7:30pm for the *special Pro-Life intentions of Protection of our Unborn Children and the overturn of Roe v Wade.*

Friday mornings at MaryAnn Baverman's home for Moms and grandmoms and young children. We extend an invitation to join our group for prayer on Friday mornings from **10AM to 11:00AM**. We will show you how to pray the rosary. Please call MaryAnn at 503-9537 for details.

St. Antoninus Prayer chain: To intercede for prayer requests, please go to www.saintantoninus.org/prayer-chain, or pick up a list in the back of the greeting room on the right side of the counter. Requests for prayers may be left there, or emailed to: stapraychain@gmail.com, or you may mail requests to St. Antoninus Prayer Chain, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.



SERVERS

January 1, 2018

10:00AM Josie Feldman, Justin Re

January 2,3,4, 2018

8:00AM Adult Server

January 5, 2018

8:00AM Aiden and Chase Huebner

SERVERS January 6 & 7, 2018

4:30PM Caleb Freed, Ben McDonald, Justin Re

8:00AM Adult Server

9:30AM Max Rechтин, Felix Welge, Kevin Rigney

11:30AM Gabe Logan, Landon Torres, Danny Pickering

EUCCHARISTIC January 6 & 7, 2018

Not available at deadline time



LECTORS January 6 & 7, 2018

4:30PM G. Willig

E. Willig

8:00AM S. Nie

C. Nie

9:30AM D. Willig

J. Willig

11:30AM P. Autenreib

E. Nolan



The Parish office will be closed for Christmas from Friday, December 22nd through Tuesday, January 2. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 3.

Greetings in the name of the Lord:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast reminds us that Jesus grew-up in the midst of a family. Family life is the foundation of all societies. It is in family where we first learn the ways of faith, and where we learn to interact and live in harmony with each other. On this Feast of the Holy Family, we pray that all families will grow closer to each other, and that family life be seen as essential to all societies. May the Lord bless all families.

Yours in Christ:

Fr. Haft

January 1st 2018

Happy New Year! January 1st is the Solemnity of the Mother of God. Since this solemnity falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. Our Mass time for St. Antoninus is 10:00 am. Please come pray with us!

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

*For the week ending December 24
Not available at deadline time*

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish and school. Please remember Saint Antoninus in your will. Gifts of stock can also be made to St. Antoninus Church. If you currently work for, or are retired from, a company that has a Matching Gift program, you can make your contributions to Parish School Support and have those contributions matched by your company.

STOCK DONATIONS

Calendar year-end is a good time to consider making your annual parish donation with stock. Please provide your broker with the following information to donate stock to St. Antoninus Parish:

Company Name: Fifth Third Bank
DTC Number: 2116
Account Number: 0104471751AX
Account Name: St. Antoninus

Please note that, it is imperative that your broker identify you as the donor by including your name in the delivery instructions.

Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions, please contact Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 513-922-5400, ext. 3, or by e-mail at reid@saintantoninus.org.



You may sign up at any time for OnLine Giving, even for a one time donation, to a particular fund. To start, go to the official Saint Antoninus Parish website at www.saintantoninus.org, click About Us, then click Giving, click on the Our Sunday Visitor button, then click the green Create New Account button.

You must set yourself up with your information, including your envelope number. Look on your envelopes, or call the rectory office, for your number. You then have choices of recurring donations or a one time donation. If you want this service but do not have a computer, or if you have any questions, please call Beth at the rectory office at 922-5400, x 2.

NOTE: *If your credit card company is changing, or your card expires, please update your account with your new credit card number, so your gift giving is not interrupted.*

If you have a problem texting your donation, please call OSV at 1-800-348-2886 ext. 2, then ext. 1. Or, call Beth at 922-5400, ext. 2.

TEXT TO GIVE

With 97% of smartphone users texting at least once a day, our parish has decided to add the option to give via text. You can text an amount to **513-952-8338**, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number above.

\$ amount, single space, then fund name. See examples:

100 sunday or 25.75 maintenance

If you do not include a fund name, the default fund is Sunday contributions.

These fund names are not case sensitive

Fund Names

Text to Give Fund Names

MAV \$100 Raffle Ticket	mavraffle
MAV \$50 Individual Ticket	mavticket
MAV VIP \$500 Guest Table	mavviptable
MAV VIP \$1,000 Sponsor Table	mavvipsponsor
Sunday contributions	sunday
Maintenance	maintenance
School Parish Support	schoolparish
Arleene Vallejos Tuition Assistance	avtap
Retirement Fund for Religious	religiousretire
Immaculate Conception	immaculate
Christmas Flower Fund	christmasdeco
Christmas Contribution	christmas
Solemnity of Mary, January 1	marymotherofGod
St. Antoninus Conference of	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	stvdpcnf
St. Antoninus School Youth Ministry	youthministry

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD with Kathy O'Connor
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14: in the Greek Septuagint version of the Bible and in the Vulgate Latin, the last of the canonical wisdom writings is the book of Ecclesiasticus or, the Wisdom of Sirach. This book is one of those works in which Holy Scripture indicates, with remarkably clear cues, how deeply the knowledge conferred by faith and the knowledge conferred by reason are related. Ben Sirach is aware that the really important things have to be studied in the light of divine Wisdom given to men, that is, reason enlightened by Revelation—which is in fact what Christian theology does. Traditional wisdom encourages people to be observant and to reflect on life in order to discover the best route to happiness. Because wisdom involves obeying the divine law, Ben Sirach urges his students to obey the precepts to honor their mother and father. The commandment covers not only young children's obedience to their adult parents, but also the respectful care shown by adults toward their own aged parents. God fearing children will serve their parents with devotion. Honoring one's parents brings blessings.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (7a, 8a): OR Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 (1): At the time this column was being written it was unclear which of the psalms would be read in Mass.

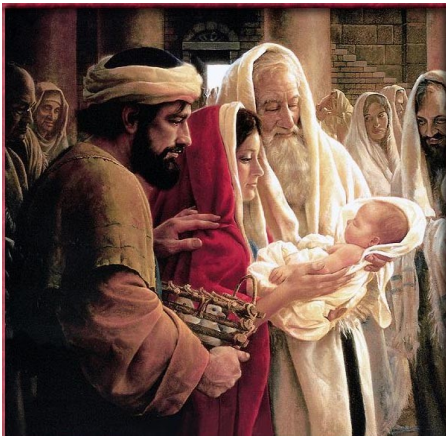
Psalm 105: This psalm is a call to praise the Lord for His covenant with Abraham. It is a call to give thanks for God His faithful to His covenants with His people. The psalm is addressed to the people of Israel, the descendants of Abraham in which they are told to call to mind the wondrous deeds that God accomplished on their behalf.

Psalm 128: The theme of this psalm is that the man who fears the Lord will be a happy man. Fearing the Lord is keeping His commandments. In verses 2-4, the beatitude promised is a happy family life; peace between parents and children.

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21: This letter by St. Paul mentions specific virtues such as patience, forgiveness, and love. Paul tells us that we are to be as patient and forgiving of one another as God is with us. Paul calls us to let the peace of Christ rule our hearts so that nothing we do in our relationships will be done from self-interest. The evangelist also gives advice about living together in a household. The normative standard in households is that the husband is the head. However, Paul calls husbands to put on the garment of love, not using excessive control but, rather, manifesting in their households the transformation expected of the baptized: compassion and kindness.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40: Our Gospel passage for Mass this weekend shares with us the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. Mary and Joseph are obligated to follow the dictates of Jewish law in regards to their firstborn son. Because children are a gift from God, ultimately they belong to God. The Jewish law prescribed a ritual by which the parents could acknowledge this truth: they would offer God a gift in symbolic exchange for their child. This is what St. Luke refers to when he writes that Mary and Joseph consecrated Jesus to God. Mary offers two pigeons instead of the normal combination of a lamb and a pigeon. Under Jewish law, those families too poor to offer the lamb could substitute a pigeon for a lamb. Thus the Holy Family were of humble means.

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During the presentation, Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, joyfully explains who this newborn child really is. He announces that the Child is the salvation for which Israel had waited. Mary and Joseph were amazed at Simeon's words. Then Simeon offers a prophecy to Mary that her Son would also be a sign of contradiction—words which she would long ponder in her heart.

Reflection: Jesus Christ, King of the universe, not only became man, but He became a member of a normal, humble, working class family. Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, lived her incomparably holy life as

a wife and mother in a poor family. Joseph, patron of the universal Church and greatest of all Patriarchs, worked hard just to keep enough bread on the table. Such a normal family, such an ordinary life. Perhaps from the example of the Holy Family, God wants us to know that His Kingdom is within us; we can find Him in the midst of our normal occupations, where He wants to be with us as our friend. Though we may be ordinary people, by letting Christ into our lives we can end up doing extraordinary things. Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus into their very humble ordinary lives and look what happened.



St. Antoninus 8th Grade Girl Scouts invite Grades K-8 for

an afternoon of Bingo! **Sunday, January 7th, 1-3:00 PM in the St. Antoninus Undercroft. \$5.00 Per Player** covers bingo, prizes, snacks and drink. LaRosa's pizza by the slice available for \$1.50. **We ask that parents of children in 2nd grade or younger, please stick around.* Hope you can join us! Please RSVP by Friday, January 5, 2018, to: Pam Tarvin at Ptarvin4@gmail.com.

2ND SIGNS STUDY GROUP

Saturday January 13th - "God is Love" - 1 John 4:8. Come hear and view the Love of God in a fresh new way. By viewing the first video from 'The Wildgoose' series, we will discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Meet in the Fr. Mick room (off of greeting room) 8:45am - 10:15am, hosted by 2nd sign STUDY group - ALL ARE WELCOME.

Muchas gracias from the 7th Grade Spanish Class and Senora Tolbert

Thanks for making our first pulsera sale a huge hit. Due to your generosity, we made over \$2,000.00 for The Pulsera Project and sold all 500 bracelets and 15 purses. Thank you so much!! Feliz Navidad!!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year, may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them." This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor by assisting six families, providing \$275.00 in food, \$600.00 in gifts, and \$1423.00 for utility and rent bills. Thanks! Use the On Line Giving or text to give at **513-952-8338**, fund name **stvdpcnf**.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

In preparation for the New Year, the prayer group will start out with a time of prayer for the needs of the world and, especially, the needs of our own families. We are surrounded by the needs of those in our culture -- the homeless, the refugees, those living under tyranny, and those in our own families who are suffering with illness, broken marriages, or financial difficulties. We will say the Joyful Mysteries to start off the New Year, and reflect on the events of the early life of Christ. Come and join us for this time of prayer. On Tuesday evening in the Chapel at 7:00 PM.



MAIN A VENT GRAND RAFFLE 2018

1 in 300 Chance to win \$10,000

Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each. Grand prize is \$10,000. To purchase, please complete the form below and return it to the school or parish office. Tickets can also be mailed to Becky Heilman, Saint Antoninus Parish, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45238. You may also use the On Line Giving or the Text to Give (513-952-8338) fund name mavraffle, options before February 5, 2018.

Grand Raffle Ticket Order Form

Purchase by Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Number of tickets purchased at \$100 each: _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Tickets(s) will be mailed to the address provided on the Ticket Order Form. The Grand Raffle winner will be chosen at the Main-A-Vent on February 10, 2018. You do not need to be present to win!

Cash/Checks/Credit Cards Accepted (Checks made payable to St. Antoninus Church).

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card: _____

Circle one: Mastercard/ Visa/ Discover

Copies of this Order Form are Accepted.



TRAVELING CHALICE

Now, more than ever, PLEASE consider taking the Traveling Chalice into your home and pray, either as a family or alone, for the intentions of our Holy Church, for Vocations, Pope Francis, all Church leaders, our country, and for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Call Debbie at 922-2414 to schedule the Traveling Chalice.

ST. ANTONINUS NETWORK OF CARE



A network of volunteers is prepared to serve the St. Antoninus Parish Family by providing a meal after hospitalization, surgery or medical treatments; transportation to medical treatments or to Mass; prayer for the intentions on the St. Antoninus Prayer Chain; and A Listening Ear to parishioners facing difficulties. For more information, please leave a message on the Network of Care Phone Line at 922-5400, ext. 8, and someone will return your call.

REMINDER: The weekday Mass schedule is going to be 8:00 am, Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, December 26th, 2017. We are dropping the 6:45 am Mass time. Our Lady of Visitation has Mass at 6:30 am, Monday through Friday. St. Teresa of Avila has Mass at 7:00 am, Monday through Friday. St. Dominic has Mass at 7:30 am, Monday through Friday.

EARLY BIRD ST. ANTONINUS LOTTO WINNERS ARE

Pat Espelage, August Kramer, Dennis Binder, Mary Bartish and Helen Schwier. Their tickets have been returned to the hopper for a chance for the monthly prize of \$200 and the grand prize of \$1,500. Tickets are still available for purchase. \$25 each or five for \$100. Send a check to the rectory office, 1500 Linneman Rd., 45238. Mark 2018 Lotto in the memo line and we will fill out the tickets for you. Thank you for your support.

Calling all teens! It is time to register for this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University. This year's conference is **July 13-15, 2018**, where Archbishop Schnurr will preside at one of the Masses. The Steubenville Youth Conference is a formative faith retreat weekend filled with talks from inspirational national speakers, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and so much more! Incoming freshmen through outgoing high school seniors are eligible to attend. **Please contact Youth Minister, Lauren Ulmer, 922-2500, x 2036, to secure your spot by Sunday, January 3rd.** Hurry, as a limited number of spots are available!

WOMEN'S RETREAT, JAN 19-21

This year's retreat will be in partnership with the women of St. Ignatius Parish at the St. Anne Retreat Center near Covington, KY. The Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7pm and ends after Mass on Sunday morning. Our retreat director is John Leyendecker of Cincinnati's Holy Family School of Faith. The retreat cost is \$175 which covers meals and private single rooms. Confidential parish scholarships are available upon request (contact Julie Scott, scott@saintantoninus.org). Your place will be held once your payment is received. Reservations accepted until January 8th. Please make checks payable to St. Antoninus Parish for \$175, and mail your payment to: St. Antoninus Parish, c/o Women's Retreat, 1500 Linneman Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238. **Details:** <https://saintantoninus.org/womens-retreat>.

For more information: Julie Scott, scott@saintantoninus.org, 922-2500, ext 2029.

Seton High School Day of Reflection

Let your spirit SOAR! Whether you are single, have a young family or you are a grandmother, all alumnae and friends are invited to join us as keynote speaker, Fr. Mark Burger, along with other speakers, help keep us grounded. **Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at Seton High School. Cost is \$30 (includes light breakfast and lunch). Register on line at www.setoncincinnati.org, or call Seton at 471-2600, ext. 2423.



MOTHERS OF POTENTIAL SAINTS (MOPS)

meetings start at 9:15AM and conclude at 11AM. Babysitting is available. The meeting dates are **January 3, January 31, February 28**, March 28, April 25 and May 23, 2018. For information, call Heather Flick at 859-803-0429.

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP COMMUNION SERVICE and LUNCH will be on **Monday, January 8, starting at 12:30PM in the chapel.** It is very important to RSVP to Bob Brown at 451-4842. Please leave a message. Free luncheon of lasagna, rolls, salad and dessert will be furnished by Hillenbrand. There will be a guest speaker.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

VIRTUS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANTONINUS, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT on **January 9 at 12:30PM.** **ALL EMPLOYEES AND REGULAR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE VIRTUS TRAINING MEETING. YOU MAY ATTEND HERE OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT: www.virtus.org.** MAKE SURE THAT THE "USER'S LOCATION" YOU CHOOSE DURING REGISTRATION IS ST. ANTONINUS – EVEN IF YOU ATTEND VIRTUS AT ANOTHER LOCATION. PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE DOWN YOUR VIRTUS USER- ID AND YOUR PASSWORD. YOU WILL NEED TO USE THEM MONTHLY.

Volunteers (unless you coach high school students) are no longer required to get fingerprinted. Instead, volunteers are required to complete an on-line background check. If you wish to pay for the on-line background check yourself, you can complete it as a part of the VIRTUS registration. If you volunteer at St. Antoninus and would like a pre-paid code to pay for the background check, contact Deacon Bob Schroeder before you register for VIRTUS, or do not complete the background check when you register for VIRTUS. Contact Deacon Bob Schroeder at: schroeder@saintantoninus.org. He will send the pre-paid, one-time-use, code to you via e-mail. The code will work only for those who have St. Antoninus as their primary user location on their VIRTUS account. If you coach high school students, you are also required to complete fingerprinting. E-mail Deacon Bob at the address above, and he will send directions to you.

Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance



Parents of Elementary School Children,

The Catholic Education Foundation is offering \$2 million of tuition assistance to families of elementary school students for the 2018-2019 school year. Families can apply for up to \$1,000 per student in needs-based tuition assistance.

The application period deadline is January 31, 2018.

If you have questions, please call Pam Jaspers at 513-421-3131, ext. 2713 or email cef@catholicbestchoice.org.

Catholic Education - The Best Choice!



Learn more and apply at:
www.catholicbestchoice.org



GREATER CINCINNATI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Come Join Us!

"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

— Luke 11: 1-4

Where?

Manor House
7440 Mason Montgomery Rd.
Mason, OH 45040



When?

Saturday,
March 3, 2018



Deacon Dan Lupo
Speaker



Teresa Tomeo
Speaker



Monsignor Frank Lane
Speaker



Ann Winkle
Speaker



Archbishop Dennis
Schnurr
Main Celebrant



*Come spend a day gaining a deeper love of
Jesus Christ and His Church*

For more information and to register
visit:

www.CincinnatiCatholicWomensConference.org

HEALING SERVICE with MASS on Wed., January 3, 2018, at 7:30 pm at St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info, call 471-5483.

BEING STILL WITH GOD is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on **Thursday, January 11, from 7-8:30PM**. The program will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 5900 Delhi Road. There is no fee for this program, but registration is requested. Please contact the Spirituality Center, 513-347-5449, or spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org, to register or for additional information.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on **Friday, January 12, at 7PM**. Our movie this month is, "We Bought a Zoo." The movie will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 5900 Delhi Road. There is no fee, but registration is requested. Please contact the Spirituality Center, 347-5449, to register or for additional information.

ELDER/SETON CABARET Sat., Jan. 20th, 8PM!! Fr. Reardon Hall, St. Williams undercroft. \$20 include beer, soft drinks, chips, pretzels. Benefits IMC, building a school in Ghana Africa! Resv., Sandy Motz, 4744 Rapid Run Road, 45238; 471-2042, or email slmotz@twc.

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a full-time long-term substitute teacher for computer science classes. Knowledge of MS Office and computer programming are preferred. Applicants should send a resume and cover letter outlining how they meet the specific requirements of the position to summerssm@elderhs.net. This is a temporary, full-time teaching position – 5 classes with 1 planning bell.

The Cincinnati Men's Conference Saturday, April 28th, 2018, at the Taft Theatre. Featured Speakers:

1) Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN 2) Fr. Larry Richards, Founder of Reason For Hope Foundation 3) Coach Gerry Faust, former head football coach of Moeller High School and University of Notre Dame. 4) Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as the main celebrant 5) A surprise 5th speaker to be announced. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com

Tuesday, January 30 at Mother of Mercy, 3036 Werk Road – Grade School Night festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym lobby. The Freshman game begins at 4:30 p.m., JV begins at 6 p.m., and Varsity begins at 7:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact Tricia Reisman (Mother of Mercy) at 661-2740 x346, or reisman_t@motherofmercy.org.



The Continuing Message of Fatima

It is extremely important that we hear and respond to the Blessed Mother's call. Sister Lucia, the eldest of the children of Fatima, received from the Blessed Mother the devotion of the First Saturday of the month. Extraordinary promises are given to those persons whom, on the five consecutive Saturdays, do the following.

1. Go to Confession in a reasonable amount of time before the First Saturday. (St. Antoninus Church will have Holy Hours on the first Thursday before the First Friday each month.) Confession will be available on all these Thursdays.
2. Receive Holy Communion in the state of Grace, and offer that Communion in reparation for the sins against the Most Immaculate Heart of Mary.
3. Recite five decades of the Rosary.
4. Keep the Blessed Mother company for 15 minutes, while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Her most Immaculate Heart. The 15 minutes can be done anywhere.

The Blessed Mother, in exchange for your commitment to the five First Saturdays, told Sister Lucia that *"I will assist (be present) at the hour of your death (the person fulfilling the request) with all the graces necessary for salvation..."*. A powerful promise from our Mother.

Why five first Saturdays? According to Sister Lucia, they were requested to atone for the five ways in which people offend the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Attacks upon Mary's Immaculate Conception.
2. Attacks against her Perpetual Virginity.
3. Attacks upon her Divine Maternity and the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all mankind.
4. For those who try to publicly implant in children's' hearts indifference, contempt and even hatred of the Immaculate Mother.
5. For those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

For more information on the Fatima Apparitions, see www.wafusa.org, World Apostolate of Fatima U.S.A.