

# Blessed Virgin Mary

## First Saturdays

Sacred Heart will have a devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary on the First Saturday of each month April through August.



### April 7<sup>th</sup> will start our devotion:

**4:30 – 5:30** Confession (in the Main Church)

**4:30 – 5:30** with the presentation of – The Our Lady of Fatima official “Pilgrim Statue” (the image that travels around the world) (In the Chapel)

**4:30 – 5:30** Meditation with Mary on the Rosary Mysteries (15 min) (in the Chapel)

**5:00** Rosary (in the Chapel)

**5:30** Mass (in the Main Church)

### May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>: (Main church)

**4:30 – 5:30** Confession

**4:30 – 5:30** Meditation Time

**5:00** Rosary

**5:30** Mass

### August 4<sup>th</sup> will complete the Five First Saturdays:

**4:30 – 5:30** Confession (Main Church)

**4:30 – 5:30** With the presentation of – The Our Lady of Fatima official “Pilgrim Statue” (the image that travels around the world) (Chapel)

**4:30 – 5:30** Meditation with Mary on the Rosary Mysteries (15 min) (Chapel)

**5:00** Rosary (Chapel)

**5:30** Mass (Main Church)

Blessed Virgin Mary promised salvation to whomever performs this devotion for 5 first Saturdays in a row. After doing the first 5 Saturdays for ourselves, we should continue to do them for others.

Jesus wants Mary to be known and loved on earth. Establish known devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart, salvation to whomever performs this devotion these souls shall be dear to God as flowers placed by Mary to adore His throne.

Mary promises salvation to those who are devoted to her Immaculate Heart because she is our mother. Many souls will be saved and there will be peace.

Our souls are like flowers and the blessed mother waters them and cares for them to present to Jesus. The virgin Mary is the way that leads to Jesus she takes our hands and brings us to Jesus. Mary carries us in Her Immaculate Heart. (ETWN-First Saturdays)

## **Why Five Saturdays?**

Communion of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world.

Christians have always honored the Blessed Virgin on Saturday because of her constant faith in Jesus on that first Holy Saturday before the Resurrection.

According to Sister Lucia, five first Saturdays of reparation 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 this Immaculate Mother
5. For those who insult her directly in her sacred images

(The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima)



## **Our Blessed Lady promised to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925:**

"Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

1. Shall Confess (Confession- within 8 days before or after the first Saturday.)
2. Receive Holy Communion (the Sunday Vigil mass on Saturday would qualify for 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday Mass, it would involve then attending Sunday Mass to fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation)
3. Recite 5 decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Mary company for 15 minutes while Meditate of the 15 mysteries of the rosary while making reparation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

## **The Words of Jesus on the Five First Saturdays Devotion to Sr. Lucia February 15, 1926:**

"It is true, my daughter, that many souls begin the First Saturdays, but few finish them, and those who do complete them do so in order to receive the graces that are promised thereby. It would please me more if they did Five with fervor and with the intention of making reparation to the Heart of your heavenly Mother, than if they did Fifteen in a tepid and indifferent manner..."

(Treasures of First Saturday Devotion-Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R.)