

100th Anniversary of OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Dear Parishioners,

Would you like to have a better understanding and relationship with the Blessed Mother?

We invite you to host the blessed Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home for one week in the upcoming year (2018)
There are no available dates for 2017, but we are taking reservations now for 2018.

Here is all you need to know to receive the special graces and blessing that come from inviting the Statue of our Lady of Fatima Into your home for one week.

Sign up after Mass or download the sign-up sheet from the
Website: www.stocsd.org and return to the Parish Office.

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You're Invited

The Story Of Our Lady Of Fatima

The Miracle of the Sun

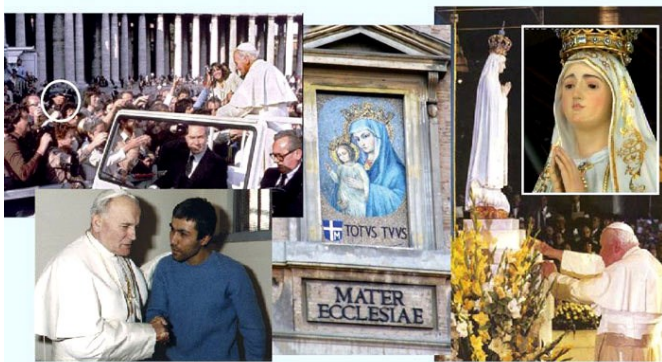
On October 13, 1917, 70,000 people gathered in a small village in Portugal to watch for a miracle that the Virgin Mary had promised to three young shepherds. The day had been rainy and overcast, but suddenly the sun broke through, and the crowd witnessed what has become known as the "Miracle of the Sun." The sun appeared to change colors and rotate in the sky, but no one who looked directly at it was harmed. The phenomenon was witnessed up to nearly 24 miles away and widely reported even in the anti-Catholic press of the time. It was the culmination of six visits Mary made to the children.

The Story of Fatima

The story of Fatima began a year earlier, in the spring of 1916, when Lucia dos Santos, age nine, and her cousins Francisco Marto, age eight, and Jacinta Marto, age six, were guarding their sheep outside their small village of Fatima, in central Portugal. As they were eating their lunch and praying the Rosary, a bright light flashed and the image of a young man appeared, saying: "Do not be afraid! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." The children did as they were told and the angel explained that "the hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications." The angel appeared to them two more times, in the summer and in the autumn, each time asking them to make a sacrifice for the sins of the world and the conversion of sinners.

On Sunday, May 13, 1917, the three children were in the fields with their sheep when they saw a flash of lightening and the image of "a lady all dressed in white. She was more brilliant than the sun and radiated a light more clear and intense than a crystal glass filled with sparkling water when rays of the burning sun shine through it." Our Lady told the children to pray the Rosary every day to achieve peace in the world and promised to visit again the next month.

Mary returned each month for the next five months, referring to herself as the Immaculate Heart. She showed the children a vision of hell and told them that if Russia converted, there would be peace throughout the world. She also explained that the pope would have to suffer and many nations would be destroyed, always emphasizing the need to pray the Rosary. She also told them that Francisco and Jacinta would soon go to heaven, but Lucia would live longer to spread the message of the Immaculate Heart. In her final visit, on October 13, Mary identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary and appeared with St Joseph and the child Jesus, again asking that the Rosary be recited daily for peace in the world.



Read about Saint John Paul II and the relationship to his attempted assassination and Our Lady of Fatima:

<https://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/zfatimapope.HTM>