



Our Lady of Fatima

May 13

Who was Our Lady of Fatima?

Our Lady of Fatima is a title given to Mary based on her reported apparitions to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. The children were Lucia Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto. Mary appeared to the children six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917.

During these apparitions, Mary delivered messages emphasizing prayer, repentance and devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She also shared prophecies about the need for humanity to turn away from sin and to embrace God's mercy and love.

One of the most significant messages conveyed by Our Lady of Fatima was the "Three Secrets of Fatima." These included a vision of hell, a prophecy of the end of World War I and a warning about the outbreak of another war (which later manifested as World War II), and a vision of the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in 1981.

The events at Fatima gained widespread attention, leading to the construction of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, a major pilgrimage site visited by millions of Catholics every year. The site includes the Chapel of the Apparitions, built at the location where Mary reportedly appeared to the children.

The feast day of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated on May 13th each year, commemorating the first apparition of Mary to the children. It is a significant day of prayer and devotion for Catholics worldwide, with many participating in special Masses, processions, and rosary prayers in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

[Our Lady of Fatima CES Website](#)

[St. Margaret Mary Parish Website](#)



Quotes

"Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the path that will lead you to God."

"Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Gracious and Merciful God,

On this sacred Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, we gather in reverence and devotion, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all humanity. With hearts uplifted, we offer this prayer for all students, staff and members of our community, invoking the blessings of peace, healing and divine protection.

For our students, we pray for the guidance and protection of Mother Mary as they navigate the pathways of learning and growth. May her gentle presence accompany them, illuminating their minds with wisdom, nurturing their hearts with love and inspiring them to walk in the footsteps of Christ with faith and humility.

For our staff, we seek the inspiration and strength of Our Lady of Fatima as they labour in service to the education and well-being of our community. May they be guided by her example of selflessness and devotion, finding solace and guidance in her maternal care as they nurture the minds and souls of those entrusted to their stewardship.

For our community, we implore the blessings of peace and unity, echoing the message of hope and reconciliation proclaimed at Fatima. May the light of Mary's love dispel the darkness of division and discord, uniting us in a bond of compassion, forgiveness and solidarity as we journey together in faith.

On this Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, may we draw closer to the heart of Mary, entrusting ourselves and our intentions into her loving hands. May her prayers and intercession bring healing to the wounded, comfort to the sorrowful and courage to the weary, as we strive to live as faithful disciples of her Son, Jesus Christ.

In your infinite mercy and compassion, hear our prayers and grant us the grace to follow the example of Mary.

Amen.

Patron Saint of:

Fatima

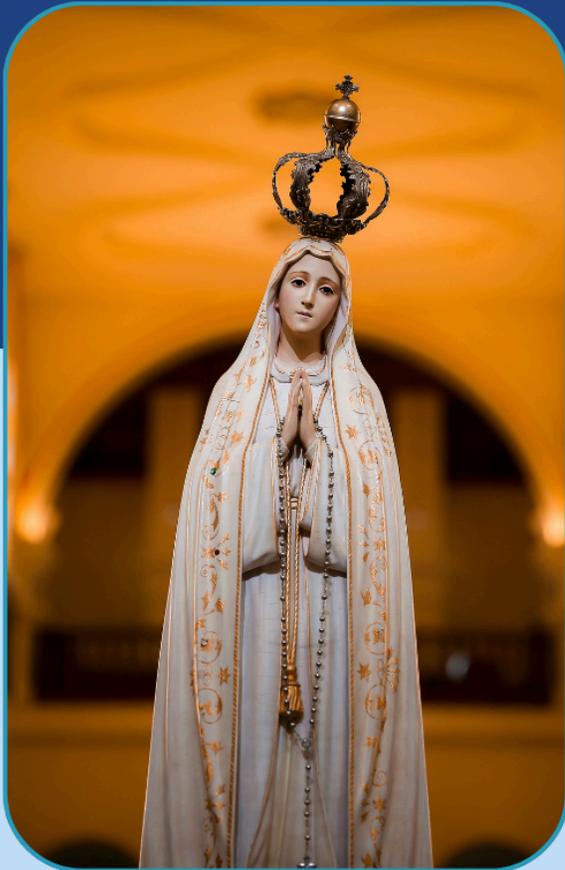
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FEAST DAY:
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SCHOOL LOCATION:
Woodbridge, ON

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