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Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima (part 14)

I suppose that I cannot conclude without speaking about the third part of the "Secret of Fatima," that occurred during the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on July 13, 1917. I already spoke of the first two parts of the "Fatima Secret" in the 5th bulletin article of this series on Fatima. The first two parts of the secret regarded the children's vision of hell, as a sea of fire where the souls of damned go, both demons and humans who reject God. The second part was of hope, that through the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, many souls will be saved from the fires of hell, but if not, Russia would spread its errors of atheism throughout the world and an even worse war would punish the world for the evils of sin committed.

The third part of the "Fatima Secret" was revealed by Pope John Paul II on May 13, 2000 at the beatification of Jacinta and Francesco (the two other visionaries of Fatima). The following is the English translation from the letter written by Lucia:

"J.M.J.

The third part of the secret revealed at the Cova da Iria-Fatima, on 13 July 1917. I write in obedience to you, my God, who command me to do so through his Excellency the Bishop of Leiria and through your Most Holy Mother and mine.

After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendour that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: 'Penance, Penance, Penance!'. And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it' a Bishop dressed in White 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God. Tuy-3-1-1944".

In this vision, we see Mary Full of The Grace and Mercy of God, preventing the just wrath of God coming forth from the Angel with a consuming fire upon the earth. But the Angel, while pointing to earth cries out a stern warning of "Penance" for all humanity to repent from the evil of sin through the Sacrament of Confession, and to atone for sins by other acts of penance. Next, Lucia sees, as in a blurred reflection from a mirror, (((remember that years ago, mirrors were not a clear reflection as they are today))) The Glory of God's Light of Love and a bishop, who is the pope dressed in white. Then Lucia sees other bishops, priests, men and women religious going up a steep mountain, to The Cross of Jesus Christ. Just before getting there, the pope passed through a big city half of which is in ruins. In this, we see the city of God here on earth, half ruined from evils of sin. Jesus Christ has always brought Graces into this world through the Catholic Church by means of the pope. Peter was the first pope to receive the Keys to The Kingdom of Heaven from Jesus. The pope is the vicar (*substitute*) of Jesus Christ on earth, and the means by which God chose to give His Grace to the souls of corpses. These souls of corpses refer to people who are dead in state of mortal sin, but are willing to repent and receive The Grace and Mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus is The Head of The Church through which all Grace flows, and He uses the pope as vicar of Christ on earth, through which Grace is given to and through bishops, priests and religious.

The last aspect of this vision is when the pope at the Cross of Jesus Christ, and through Faith, Hope and Love has readied himself to die with Jesus. The pope kneels and is murdered along with bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful by bullets and arrows. In this part of the vision, we see the martyrs of the Church throughout the ages being murdered with arrows and bullets. Through their faithful suffering and dying in union with Jesus at The Cross, their blood represents The Grace and Mercy of God obtained by their faithful suffering in Union with Jesus. This blood/Grace is collected by the two angels, each with a crystal aspersorium (vessel) in his hand. The Graces merited through the sufferings of these martyrs is given to others making their way to Salvation. Remember, as Christians, we are all called to be like Jesus, and Jesus allows us to help Him carry His Cross, as did Simon the Cyrenian. If we faithfully suffer with Jesus, we can bring The Grace of God to people to help them to repent and believe, especially, those who are in most need of God's Mercy.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 14	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Dec. 15	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Jim Fargen
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., Dec. 16	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† A. Gebhart (healing)
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Thur., Dec. 17	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., Dec. 18	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Frances Loiseau
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Sat., Dec. 19	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Patricia Fargen
Sun., Dec. 20	8:30 AM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
	9:00 AM	Mass (retired priest)	Aurora	All Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Carol (Hoss) Olson

Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 19

Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Shari Myers
Lect/Comm: Diane Baker, Lois Stuefen
Altar Servers: William Neill, Billy Stuefen
Greeters/Gift Bearers: John Miraglia Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 20

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Rose Shoenrock, Mary Sweeney
Lect./Comm.: Chad Groos
Altar Servers: Kadance/Kennedi Landis
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Judy Miles

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 20

Lay Minister: Dave Johnson, John Hess, Jean McGlone
Lect./Comm.: Les Heinemann, John Evans (C)
Altar Servers: John/Anna/Samuel Gassman
 Austin Kulm
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Intention of the Holy Father for December:

That all may experience the mercy of God,
 who never tires of forgiving.



Parish Christmas Programs

OLGC ~ December 13 - 4:00 PM

Potluck supper and everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a wrapped gift for the bingo game.

SS&J ~ December 13 - 6:00 PM ****

****note change in time due to conflict for kids at Confirmation retreat.****

Refreshments to follow in parish basement.

St. Peter ~ December 16 - 6:30 PM

Cookies & juice to follow in the parish hall.

Daily Mass Readings:

Dec 14: Numbers 24:2-7,15-17; Ps 25:4-9; Matt 21:23-27
 Dec 15: Zephaniah 3:1,2,9-13; Ps 34:2-7,17-23; Matt 21:28-32
 Dec 16: Isaiah 45:6-8,18-25; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 7:18-23
 Dec 17: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Ps 72:1-8,17; Matt 1:1-17
 Dec 18: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; Matt 1:18-25
 Dec 19: Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Ps 71:3-6,16,17; Luke 1:5-25
 Dec 20: Micah 5:1-4; Ps 80:2,3,15-19; Hebrews 10:5-10;
 Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 6th
 Our
 Weekly Offering

Flandreau: \$2222
Elkton: \$2016
Colman: \$732

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

New Guild Officers: Carol McMahon, Treasurer; Jean Kirschenman, Secretary; Mary Remund and Judy Kampmann, President and Co-chair. We also be having a guild party. Watch the bulletin for more details.

The Elkton Public School will be hosting a **benefit for Tammy Busselman** (a teacher) on January 31st 2016. The funds will help cover medical costs. Her children are part of the CCD program at Our Lady of Good Counsel. We would like to put together a basket or two for a raffle as part of this benefit. If you would like to donate money towards this basket, please contact Sharon Landsman at 542-4434. I will also collect donations for this at our parish Christmas program on December 13th.



Advent Baby Shower: Bring NEW gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months and place in basket in church entrance. These gifts will help fill the needs of our parish and diocese.

The best gift we can give to any child is to make that child feel wanted, loved and cared for because that child is the greatest gift of God.

--Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain
by Planned Parenthood on 41st Street
12:00 Noon - December 15th

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Thur., Dec. 24 - 4:30 PM ~ St. Peter, Colman
Thur., Dec. 24 - 7:00 PM ~ OLG, Elkton
Thur., Dec. 24 - 11:00 PM ~ SS&J, Flandreau
(singing of Christmas carols ~ 10:30 PM)
Fri., Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM ~ SS&J, Flandreau

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

SS&J: 5:45 PM for K-6; 7:15 PM for 7-12.

ST. PETER: 6:00 PM for elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.

◆ Coordinator for the CCD program needed - Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

OLGC: 6:30 PM - all grades

STS. SIMON & JUDE

"Angelica" a singing group which includes Annie Evans will provide the music during Mass on Sun., Dec. 20th. They will also sing prior to Mass beginning at 10:00 AM.

Choir Practice: 9:00 AM in the choir loft. All are welcome.

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

Bible Study: Mondays at 7:00 PM in church basement. Contact Amy.Weight@k12.sd.us or 605-651-0095 for more information.

Fridays at 10:30 AM. Call Tonya at 864-1538 for more information.

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.**
Pope Francis



Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 13 - 1:30 PM

~ St. Thomas More, Brookings

Sunday, December 20 - 1:30 PM

~ SS Simon & Jude, Flandreau

Confessions also heard
1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.

Christmas at the Cathedral. Six performances are on **December 17, 18, 19 & 20.** Proceeds will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and the Cathedral of St. Joseph ongoing care and maintenance endowments. Get your tickets: at any Sioux Falls HyVee, at www.cfsd.org, or call 988-3765.

TRI-PARISH

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. The January class will be held on **December 22 at 7:00 PM** in SS&J Parish Basement.

Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class to sign-up and give baptismal information. No class on January 5th.

RETRouvaille: A confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship is scheduled for March 18-20 at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Retrouvaille is a peer to peer ministry and has helped couples experiencing chronic communication problems, as well as those who thought they were beyond hope, already separated, or even divorced. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org or call 988-3755 to register.

Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Consider giving the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The weekend involves 15-20 couples. A series of presentations are given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest. The focus of the weekend is on the couple--*not* group sessions. The time you spend on the weekend learning how to love each other and God in new and deeper ways will be a gift that will keep on giving throughout your lifetime! The next Weekend is February 14-16 at Broomtree Retreat Center in Irene, SD. Visit www.sdwwme.org to register or call 362-0924.

Bishop Hoch Scholarship: \$1,000.00 scholarship for a student to attend either Mount Marty College or Presentation College. Contact Mary Andersen at mandersen@sfcatholic.org for more information.

Ski with the Seminarians: December 29, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Meet at St. Lambert Church - Ski at Great Bear. Sign up online at www.sfvocations.com or call Fr. Shaun Haggerty @ 988-3772.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Donor

In Memory/Honor Of...

Dick/Darlene Heinricy.... Lawrence/Dorothy Doyle, Leo/Leo John Heinricy
 Jerry/Bonnie Hemmer... Gary/George/Louise Hemmer, Francis/Erma DeLay
 Warren/Jan Schmidt Leo/Frances Schmidt, Reuben/Hazel Wosje
 Carmen/Todd Keupp Fred/Dorothy Kapaun, Les Keupp
 Judy Miles Les Miles, Lyle/Bernice Croon
 Jim/Betty Merges..... deceased Merges/Groos Families
 Kim/Tom Froke..... Harold/Jeff Froke, Jaden Arnold, Robert Belitz
 Darleen Cramer .. Ray/Ethel Heinricy, Trisha Whaley, George/Sabra Cramer
 Jim/Pat Broghammer Terry Broghammer, deceased relatives
 Rita/Jerry Staab..... Marvel Feest, Robert Staab
 Steve/Jane Witte Alfred/Bill/Ralph/Lena Loiseau, Mildred Witte
 John/RoseAnn Mousel Joe Klein, Lawrence Mousel
 Jennifer McKenna..... Gayle McKenna
 Charles Gageby Martha Gageby
 Mike/Judy Kampmann Howard Kampmann/Joe Wiskur Families
 Andy/Roxane Weber Weber/Possail Families
 Kevin/Shari Myers Joshua Myers
 Dale/Maxine Lynn..... Bird/Lynn Families
 Lenny/Karon Burlage..... Len/Clara Burlage, Leo/Ida Traxinger
 Cory/MaryAnn Stuefen Fmly . Sylvester Billet, Irvin/Evelyn Stuefen
 Their Children..... Bud/Marie Wiskur
 Bill/Lois Stuefen..... Family Members
 Mary Remund..... Frank Maxon, RosaLynne Remund
 Rick Wiese Family
 Florence Mengershauser.... Ed/Garland/Richard/Ester Mengershauser
 Craig Shea Eugene/Rosella/Margo Shea
 Shirlee Rhead..... Duhaime Family, Dennis/Fern/Truman Rhead
 Darren Hamilton Family Wade Hursey, dec. family members
 Jerry/Lucille Schatz Casper C./Catherine C. Kraft
 John/Florence Evans..... Adam/Monica Meier, David/Gertrude Evans
 Dave/Deb/John/Cassie Feske Jacob Leibel
 Jim/Deb Redder..... Bob Redder
 M. Fleming.... Fargen/Fleming Families, Agnes Schwebach, Roger Kontz
 Delores Johnson Laurie/Troy Johnson, dec. Bowen/Johnson Family
 Jerrelyn Haman Steve/Drew Haman, LaVern Schmidt
 Glenn Burggraff... Steve/Drew Haman, Marcella Hoisington, Nick Otto, Sr
 Jason/Kathy Heinemann dec. Heinemann/McMahon Family
 Marty/Rita Parsley..... Kathy/Terry Baumberger, Wayne/Isaac Parsley
 Rosemary Gill..... Robert Gill
 David/Glenda Halter.... William/Ann Halter, Darrell/Elaine Christenson
 Mike/Dawn Uilk Hank/Marie/Chuck/Emmett/Natalie Kuehl, Ed Uilk
 John Hess Margery Hess
 Duane/Rita Greenhoff... Alfred/Bill Loiseau, Bill/Matilda/Bette Greenhoff
 Virginia/Henry Haman Steve/Drew Haman, Bryan Langan
 Dave/Kris Johnson. MaDonna/Snick Scofield, Troy/Laurie Johnson, Sally Peper
 Kenneth Doyle..... Clara/Joseph/Katherine Doyle
 LaVonne Headrick..... Richard Headrick, Ralph/Mabel Heinemann
 Chuck/Val Sutton Duane/James/Catherine Sutton, Melvin/Nellie O'Connor
 Anton/Dorothy Kuhle, Anita Ackerman

Father Flood



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ December 13, 2015

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