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Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima (part 8)

6th Apparition of Our Lady: "Eye Witness Accounts," continued of Oct. 13, 1917:

O Dia (another Lisbon daily, edition of 17 October 1917): "At one o'clock in the afternoon, midday by the sun, the rain stopped. The sky, pearly grey in colour, illuminated the vast arid landscape with a strange light. The sun had a transparent gauzy veil so that the eyes could easily be fixed upon it. The grey mother-of-pearl tone turned into a sheet of silver which broke up as the clouds were torn apart and the silver sun, enveloped in the same gauzy grey light, was seen to whirl and turn in the circle of broken clouds. A cry went up from every mouth and people fell on their knees on the muddy ground.... The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands. The blue faded slowly, and then the light seemed to pass through yellow glass. Yellow stains fell against white handkerchiefs, against the dark skirts of the women. They were repeated on the trees, on the stones and on the serra. People wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, so vivid were they."

Ti Marto (father of Jacinta and Francisco) "We looked easily at the sun, which for some reason did not blind us. It seemed to flicker on and off, first one way, then another. It cast its rays in many directions and painted everything in different colors--- the trees, the people, the air and the ground. But what was most extraordinary, I thought, was that the sun did not hurt our eyes. Everything was still and quiet, and everyone was looking up. Then at a certain moment, the sun appeared to stop spinning. It then began to move and to dance in the sky until it seemed to detach itself from its place and fall upon us. It was a terrible moment."

Maria de Capelinha (one of the earliest believers): "The sun turned everything to different colours---yellow, blue and white. Then it shook and trembled. It looked like a wheel of fire that was going to fall on the people. They began to cry out, "We shall all be killed!" Others called to our Lady to save them. They recited acts of contrition. One woman began to confess her sins aloud, advertising that she had done this and that.... When at last the sun stopped leaping and moving, we all breathed our relief. We were still alive, and the miracle which the children had foretold, had been seen by everyone."

Dr. Almeida Garrett, PhD (Coimbra University): I was looking at the place of the apparitions, in a serene, if cold, expectation of something happening, and with diminishing curiosity, because a long time had passed without anything to excite my attention. Then I heard a shout from thousands of voices and saw the multitude suddenly turn its back and shoulders away from the point toward which up to now it had directed its attention, and turn to look at the sky on the opposite side. It must have been nearly two o'clock by the legal time, and about midday by the sun. The sun, a few moments before, had broken through the thick layer of clouds which hid it, and shone clearly and intensely. I veered to the magnet which seemed to be drawing all eyes, and saw it as a disc with a clean-cut rim, luminous and shining, but which did not hurt the eyes. I do not agree with the comparison which I have heard made in Fatima--- that of a dull silver disc. It was a clearer, richer, brighter colour, having something of the luster of a pearl. It did not in the least resemble the moon on a clear night because one saw it and felt it to be a living body. It was not spheric like the moon, nor did it have the same colour, tone, or shading. It looked like a glazed wheel made of mother-of-pearl. It could not be confused, either, with the sun seen through fog (for there was no fog at the time), because it was not opaque, diffused or veiled. In Fatima it gave light and heat and appeared clear-cut with a well-defined rim. The sky was mottled with light cirrus clouds with the blue coming through here and there, but sometimes the sun stood out in patches of clear sky. The clouds passed from west to east and did not obscure the light of the sun, giving the impression of passing behind it, though sometimes these flecks of white took on tones of pink or diaphanous blue as they passed before the sun. It was a remarkable fact that one could fix one's eyes on this brazier of heat and light without any pain in the eyes or blinding of the retina. The phenomenon, except for two interruptions when the sun seemed to send out rays of refulgent heat which obliged us to look away, must have lasted about ten minutes. The sun's disc did not remain immobile. This was not the sparkling of a, heavenly body, for it spun round on itself in a mad whirl. Then, suddenly, one heard a clamour, a cry of anguish breaking from all the people. The sun, whirling wildly, seemed to loosen itself from the firmament and advance threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge and fiery weight. The sensation during those moments was terrible.

During the solar phenomenon, which I have just described in detail, there were changes of colour in the atmosphere. Looking at the sun, I noticed that everything around was becoming darkened. I looked first at the nearest objects and then extended my glance further afield as far as the horizon. I saw everything an amethyst colour. Objects around me, the sky and the atmosphere, were of the same colour. An oak tree nearby threw a shadow of this colour on the ground. Fearing that I was suffering from an affection of the retina, an improbable explanation because in that case one could not see things purple-colored, I turned away and shut my eyes, keeping my hands before them to intercept the light. With my back still turned, I opened my eyes and saw that the landscape was the same purple colour as before. The impression was not that of an eclipse, and while looking at the sun I noticed that the atmosphere had cleared. Soon after I heard a peasant who was near me shout out in tones of astonishment: "Look, that lady is all yellow!" And in fact everything, both near and far, had changed, taking on the colour of old yellow damask. People looked as if they were suffering from jaundice, and I recall a sensation of amusement at seeing them look so ugly and unattractive. My own hand was the same colour. All the phenomena which I have described were observed by me in a calm and serene state of mind, and without any emotional disturbance. It is for others to interpret and explain them." (www.ewtn.com/fatima/apparitions/angel1.htm) Fr. Doug Binsfeld

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Nov. 2	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
Tues., Nov. 3	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Mabel Heinemann
Wed., Nov. 4	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass at Riverview Manor	Elkton	† A. Gebhart (healing) All Parishioners
Thur., Nov. 5	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- All Parishioners
Fri., Nov. 6	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Flandreau	----- † Lloyd Fields
Sat., Nov. 7	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Sun., Nov. 8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Gary Hemmer † Mabel Heinemann
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., NOV. 7

Lay Minister: Lisa Gebhart, Judy Kampmann
Lect/Comm: Bill Fargen, Ervin Gebhart
Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Dave/Pat Landsman
Ushers: Kevin P. Myers, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ SUN., NOV. 8

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Ann Voelker,
Mary Beth Zwart
Lect./Comm.: Chad Groos
Altar Servers: Eli Bowen, Madison Voelker
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bob Baumberger Family

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., NOV. 8

Lay Minister: Tom Stenger, Dave/Deb Feske
Lect./Comm.: Tom Luze, Kris Johnson (C)
Altar Servers: Duncan Antoine,
John/Anna/Samuel Gassman
Ushers/Greeters: Todd Dietrich Family
Sacristan: Donna Hendrickson

Daily Mass Readings:

Nov 2: Wisdom 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11;
John 6:37-40
Nov 3: Romans 12:5-16; Ps 131:1-3; Luke 14:15-24
Nov 4: Romans 13:8-10; Ps 112:1-5,9; Luke 14:25-33
Nov 5: Romans 14:7-12; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Luke 15:1-10
Nov 6: Romans 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Luke 16:1-8
Nov 7: Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27; Ps 145:2-5,10-11;
Luke 16:9-15

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish

Thinking about the priesthood? Vocation discernment opportunities

Operation Andrew Dinners

- ◆ **Nov 12th @ USD St. Thomas More Newman Center, Vermillion, SD** Begin with Mass at 5:15 PM followed by Dinner & Vocation Talk with Bishop Paul Swain and Fr. Shaun Haggerty
NO REGISTRATION JUST SHOW UP

Seminary Fall Visits

- ◆ **November 19-21; St. John Vianney Seminary, University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN;**
- ◆ **December 3-5; Immaculate Heart Seminary, St. Mary's University in Winona, MN;**

Vocations Director, Fr. Shaun Haggerty will be taking men 16 years of age or older to visit different seminaries. This is a great time of considering God's call for you, along with having a lot of fun and fellowship. There will be prayer, attending college classes, great food, sports, hanging out with priests, etc. **COST IS FREE**, Go to www.sf vocations.com to sign up or Contact: Fr. Shaun Haggerty Director of Vocations Email: frshaunhaggerty@sfcatholic.org; Facebook: Diocese of Sioux Falls Vocations Office; Phone: 605-988-3772

Intention of the Holy Father for November: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Oct. 24th
Our
Weekly Offering

**Flandreau: \$2818
Elkton: \$1325
Colman: \$9316**

ST. PETER

Religious Education Coordinator Needed:
call Fr. Doug - 997-2610.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Choir Practice: Nov 14th after 5:00 pm mass.

Our CCD program is participating in the Operation Christmas Child charity organization. Items such as clothing, hygiene items, toys, and school supplies are put into a shoe box and the boxes are sent to children in over 100 countries who are orphaned or have experienced war and other hardships. **If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the church or St. Mary's center** and Sharon Landsman will make sure they are put into the shoe boxes. Items can be for a boy or girl ranging in ages from 2yrs to 14yrs.

Guild Officers Needed: Looking for someone, male or female, to fill the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer beginning January 2016. Anyone willing to help, please contact Nancy (542-2063).

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the first Tuesday each month, 1-3:00 p.m. for those living with chronic illness **and** their care givers. Meeting at St. Lambert, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave Sioux Falls on **November 3**. For details call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 988-3775.

It is better to be the child of God than king of the whole world. -- St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

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

- ◆ Kindergarten CCD teacher needed - class of three students. Call Laura 530-9428 or Marietta 864-3182.
- ◆ Nov. 1st after Mass - 1st Communion parent meeting
- ◆ Nov. 4th class begins at **7:00** - Living Rosary at the church

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.

- ◆ Menu for Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30.
* November 4th: Spaghetti Everyone is welcome.
- ◆ Nov. 7th after Mass - 1st Communion parent meeting

TRI-PARISH

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. 1st Tuesday of each month 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.

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First Sunday Meal: November 1st after Mass, serving Pork Loin Sandwiches, Beans, Fruit.

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM in the church basement. Everyone is welcome.

Living Rosary: Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the church. All are invited to come pray with us.

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.

CDA meeting: Wednesday, November 4 beginning at **5:30 pm**. *** Note change of date and time. This allows us to participate in the Living Rosary with the CCD students which will begin at **7:00 pm** in the church. Snacks will be served for all following the Living Rosary.

It is with great joy, CDA Court Our Lady of Peace #1708 invites you to join in our 60th Anniversary Celebration:

- ◆ Sunday, November 8
- ◆ Reception following mass in the church basement
- ◆ All are invited!



