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Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima: (Part 3)

“Almost eight months had passed since the last apparition of the Angel. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta continued to practice what the Angel had taught them, praying and offering sacrifices to the Lord. Lucia was ten, Francisco was eight and Jacinta was seven. They chose to pasture their sheep at the Cova da Iria, or Cove of Irene. It was there that the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary appeared on six occasions in 1917.

At that time the First World War raged in Europe, in Moscow, Lenin prepared the revolution that would overturn the Russian social order and eventually engulf almost half the peoples of the earth in Communism. It was in that context that heaven descending to earth to provide the antidote to the moral and social evils of the world - the message of Fatima.

1st Apparition of Our Lady; The Virgin Mary, Mother of God Apparition of 13 May 1917

Leading their flock out from Aljustrel on the morning of the 13th of May, the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the three children passed Fátima, where the parish church and cemetery could be found, and proceeded a kilometer or so north to the slopes of the Cova. Here they allowed their sheep to graze as they played in the pasture land sprinkled with the occasional oak tree. After having had their lunch about noon they decided to pray a rosary, although in a somewhat truncated fashion, saying only the first words of each prayer. Shortly, they were startled by what they later described as “lightening in a clear sky.” Thinking that a storm might be approaching they debated whether they should take the sheep and go home. Preparing to do so they were again surprised by a strange light. And we began to go down the slope driving the sheep towards the road. When we were half-way down, near a holm oak there [the large tree which today is encircled with an iron fence], we saw another flash of lightening, and after a few steps we saw on a holm oak [a small one lower on the hillside] a lady dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light, just like a crystal goblet full of pure water when the fiery sun passes through it. We stopped astounded by the Apparition. We were so near that we were in the light that encircled her, or which she radiated, perhaps a meter and a half away [4-5 feet].

“**Please don’t be afraid of me, I’m not going to harm you.**” Lucia responded for all three, as she would throughout the apparitions. “Where are you from?” “**I come from heaven.**” The Lady wore a pure white mantle, edged with gold and which fell to her feet. In her hands the beads of a rosary shone like stars, with its crucifix the most radiant gem of all. Still, Lucia felt no fear. The Lady’s presence produced in her only gladness and confident joy. “And what do you want of me?” “**I want you to return here on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months, and at the very same hour. Later I shall tell you who I am, and what it is that I most desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time.**” “And shall I go to heaven?” “**Yes, you will.**” “And Jacinta?” “**She will go too.**” “And Francisco?” Francisco, too, my dear, but he will first have many Rosaries to say. For a few moments the Lady looked at Francisco with compassion, tinged with a little sadness. Lucia then remembered some friends who had died. “Is Maria Neves in heaven?” “**Yes, she is.**” “And Amelia?” “**She is in purgatory. Will you offer yourselves to God, and bear all the sufferings He sends you? In atonement for all the sins that offend Him? And for the conversion of sinners?**” “Oh, we will, we will!” “**Then you will have a great deal to suffer, but the grace of God will be with you and will strengthen you.**” Lucia relates that as the Lady pronounced these words, she opened her hands, and we were bathed in a heavenly light that appeared to come directly from her hands. The light’s reality cut into our hearts and our souls, and we knew somehow that this light was God, and we could see ourselves embraced in it. By an interior impulse of grace we fell to our knees, repeating in our hearts: “Oh, Holy Trinity, we adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the Blessed Sacrament.”



The children remained kneeling in the flood of this wondrous light, until the Lady spoke again, mentioning the war in Europe, of which they had little or no knowledge. Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war. After that she began to rise slowly in the direction of the east, until she disappeared in the immense distance. The light that encircles Her seemed to make a way amidst the stars, and that is why we sometimes said we had seen the heavens open.

The days that followed were filled with excitement, though they had not intended it that way. Lucia had cautioned the others to keep their visitor a secret, correctly perceiving the difficulties they would experience if the events became known. However, the joy of seven year old Jacinta could not be contained, and she rather promptly forgot her promise and revealed all to her mother, who patiently listened but gave it little credence. Her brothers and sisters piped in with their questions and jokes. Among the interrogators only her

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Sept. 28	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Sept. 29	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† dec. CDA members
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Wed., Sept. 30	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	A. Gebhart (healing)
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
	11:00 AM	Mass at Riverview Manor		All Parishioners
Thur., Oct. 1	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., Oct. 2	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Garland & Richard Mengenhauser
Sat., Oct. 3	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., Oct. 4	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	† Lloyd Fields
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Special Intention

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., OCT. 3

Lay Minister: Mary Beth Zwart, Ann Voelker
Maureen Baumberger
Lect./Comm.: Jerry Hemmer
Altar Servers: Austin Gullickson, Monte Berg
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Pro-Life

ELKTON ~ SUN., OCT. 4

Lay Minister: Diane Baker, Sharon Landsman
Lect/Comm: JoAnn Heesch, Kelly Neill
Altar Servers: Corey/Tyler Jurrens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: John Henningsen
Ushers: Arlo Jurrens, Bill Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., OCT. 4

Lay Minister: Betty Groos, Dave/Deb Feske
Lect./Comm.: Denise Wiese, Lisa Rosheim (C)
Altar Servers: Cade LeBrun, Hannah/Kathy/Maria Parsley
Ushers/Greeters: Jim/Jan Lahr, Don Duncan
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

Intention of the Holy Father for October:

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Daily Mass Readings:

Sept 28: Zechariah 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23; Luke 9:46-50
Sept 29: Daniel 7:9-14; Ps 138:1-5; Revelation 12:7-12
Sept 30: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Luke 9:57-62
Oct 1: Nehemiah 8:1-12; Ps 19:8-11; Luke 10:1-12
Oct 2: Baruch 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-9; Matthew 18:1-5,10
Oct 3: Baruch 4:5-12,27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Luke 10:17-24
Oct 4: Genesis 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Hebrews 2:9-11;
Mark 10:2-16

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father, "Ti" Marto, was inclined immediately to accept the tale as true. He believed in the honesty of his children, and had a simple appreciation of the workings of God, such that he became the first believer in the apparitions of Fátima.

Lucia's mother, on the other hand, when at last she heard what had transpired, believed her own daughter to be the instigator of a fraud, if not a blasphemy. Lucia would quickly learn what the Lady meant when she said they would suffer a great deal. Maria Rosa was unable to get Lucia to recant, even under threats. Finally she hauled her before the parish priest, Fr. Ferreira, with no better success. On the other hand, Lucia's father, who was not especially religious, was practically indifferent, attributing all of it to the fancies of women. The next few weeks, as the children awaited their scheduled appointment with the lady in June, would reveal that they had few believers, and many detractors, in Aljustrel and Fátima." (www.ewtn.com/fatima/apparitions/angel1.htm)

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

	Flandreau: \$2132
	Elkton: \$986
	Colman: \$493

ST. PETER

Religious Education Classes: Wednesdays 6:00 PM for elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.

Needed - Director of Religious Education: Call Fr. Doug at 997-2610.

St. Peter Parish Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, September 27

Serving 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 and Children 10 & Under is \$3
Country Store – Kid's Games – Chance Drawing

Father Bill Osborn will say Mass at 10:00 AM.
(This Mass is in addition to the Sat. night Mass).



Congratulations to **Britt & Alicia (Merges) Haroldson** who were married this weekend.

STS. SIMON & JUDE

CCD (Religious Education): Wednesdays 5:45-7:00 PM for K-6, 7:15-8:30 PM for 7-12. Next week (Sept. 30th) we will have a pot-luck meal at 6:00 PM. The younger kids are welcome to eat when CCD is done.

Bell Choir: Wednesday 6:30-7:00 PM.

Quilting will begin on Thursday, Oct. 8th at 8:30 AM. Everyone is welcome.

KC Meeting: Mon., Sept. 28 - 7:00 PM.

Bible Study: There will be an women's bible study starting Mondays at 7:00 PM. If you are interested please contact Amy Weight. Amy.Weight@k12.sd.us or 605-651-0095.

Bible Study: Fridays at 10:30 AM. Call Tonya at 864-1538 for more information. Everyone invited.

CDA Meeting: Thursday, October 1st, Rosary at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PM.

The annual CDA Fall Bazaar will be held Sunday, October 4th from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Meal and raffle tickets will be available at the back of the church before and after mass beginning this weekend or from any Catholic Daughter member. The day of the event there will be country store and bakery items for sale as well as tickets for Chinese auction baskets. Mark your calendars for this yearly event!

16th Annual Life Chain: Sunday, October 4th, 2-3 PM; 41st St. in Sioux Falls. Signs can be picked up at First Assembly of God Church parking lot or O'Gorman Sr. High parking lot beginning at 1:30 PM. Then find a place on 41st to pray and show the sign you have chosen. Questions call John 605-361-8420.

Respect Life Chain Event in Madison SD: Sunday, October 4th, 2-3 PM. Pick up signs at St. Thomas Aquinas Church at 1:30 then position self on Hwy 34 between Union & Harth Ave. Come take a stand for life!

As sailors are guided by stars to their port,
so are Christians guided to heaven by Mary.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

40 Days for Life: Beginning September 23rd and running through November 1st there will be prayer vigils held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 6511 W. 41st St. in Sioux Falls. This will be a peaceful time of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and increased respect for human life from the time of conception. **Betty Merges will be attending each Friday at 2:00- anyone can ride with her 534-3634.**

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Religious Education: Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Adult Formation Opportunity Open to All-
"Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained"
Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm at St. Mary's Hall. Topic this month is MATRIMONY AND HOLY ORDERS: The Sacraments of Service and Communion

Guild Officers Needed: Looking for someone, male or female, to fill the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer beginning January 2016. If anyone is interested in a position please contact Nancy (542-2063).

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Dinner-Oct. 18th.

New Resources Available for Those Struggling with Pornography. Are you or a loved one trying to quit pornography? There is help and confidential assistance available, including prayers, counseling, testimonies, and a “10 Practical Steps to Quitting Pornography” handout. To learn more visit www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife or call 988-3755.

“Diocesan Youth Hunt” to be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015, at Broom Tree Youth and Family Camp, Irene, SD. The Youth Hunt is a great way to celebrate faith, family, and tradition in the context of responsible stewardship for God's creation. There will be opportunities for prayer, fellowship, education, and all the excitement surrounding a hunt, including family fun activities for non-hunting family members. For more information and to register visit www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife or call 605-988-3755.

Respect Life Fall Conference to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015. The Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life is hosting a conference entitled “Building a Culture of Life through the Family” at Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown. There will be opportunities for prayer, presentations and fellowship in strengthening a culture of life by building strong families. A flyer with a schedule of events is available online at www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife, or call 988-3755 for more information.

The Abbey of The Hills will be hosting **HarvestFest** on Oct 3-4 including a free will concert & bonfire Saturday and full festival with games, hayrides, baking contests, chili cook-off, and car/tractor show on Sunday. For information: www.abbeyofthehills.com or 398-9200.

Young Adult Retreat: Young adults (ages 21-40) are invited to a weekend of prayer, community, and fun **October 2-4** at Broom Tree Retreat Center! The retreat begins Friday at 7:30 pm and ends Sunday at 11:00 am. Cost is \$115 for a double room or \$175 for a single. All meals provided. Don't miss this wonderful retreat – invite a friend! Contact Mary Andersen at 988-3766 or mandersen@sfcatholic.org with any questions. To register, <http://www.sfcatholic.org/AdultFormation>

Roast Beef Dinner: Sept. 27; 11:00-1:00, St. Peter, Colman
CDA Fall Bazaar: October 4; 11:30-1:30 pm; Sts. Simon & Jude, Flandreau
Soup/Sandwich Supper: Oct. 7; 5-7:00 pm; Colman Lutheran Church
Fall Dinner: October 18; OLG, Elkton

Broom Tree Retreats

For more information or to register please call (605) 263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org or check website at www.broom-tree.org

Day of Recollection - October 13th, 10-3:00:
Living The Parables that Laugh and Weep, Directed by Father Al Krzyzopolski
Women's Silent Retreat: Oct. 22-25, Nov. 5-8;
Men's Silent Retreat: Nov. 19-22

No Sunday TV Mass on October 4: Contractual obligations will prevent KELO TV from airing the Sunday TV Mass on October 4th.

Father Flood



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 27, 2015

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OFFICE HOURS: WED., THUR., & FRI. 9:00-4:00

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