



First Saturdays Devotion

During her July 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucy, “I shall come again to ask that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world.”

Please come to the National Shrine Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD on the First Saturdays of May, June, July, August, September and October to carry out the request of Our Lady of Fatima that we pray in reparation to the Holy Trinity in union with her Immaculate Heart for the Lord’s Peace in our families, cities, states, nation and world.

Begin at 11 am with a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession followed by Noon Mass, Scriptural Rosary, and First Saturday Fatima prayers.

First Saturday Confession, Mass, Communion, Rosary and prayers are offered:

- 1) to provide an effective approach to prayer for Our Lord’s peace and spiritual strength in families,
- 2) to help those who have fallen away from the practice of faith in our cities, states, nation, and world, and
- 3) to restore peace in war-torn areas of the world and in our own nation.

Invitation to Participate in First Saturdays Devotion at the National Shrine Grotto

This Spring, as we approach the months of the Fatima apparitions (May – October), we are reminded that there is still a tremendous need for prayer in our world. During these final months of the 100th year commemoration of the Fatima apparitions, let us remind ourselves and others of our collective need to pray as Our Blessed Lady requested - not only for ourselves, but also for others who have fallen away from the practice of the faith, for those who have never been catechized, and for Our Lord’s peace in today’s world.

Participation in the First Saturday Devotions that Our Lady of Fatima requested are available each month at the National Shrine Grotto. You are invited to participate in carrying out Our Lady’s request on First Saturdays of May through September.