

100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima 1917 – 2017



Please join us at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church on the 13th of each month as we honor Our Lady and remember the 100th anniversary of her First Apparition at Fatima to Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta Marto and Sister Lucia dos Santos.

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be solemnly displayed for public veneration beginning at 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. in the Nave of the Church (if the 13th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the ending time for veneration will be 3:00 p.m.)

Pope Francis has declared that the Fatima Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can be obtained on the 13th of each month from May through October of 2017.

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Three ways to obtain an indulgence for the 100-year Fatima anniversary



For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began Nov. 27, 2016, and will end Nov. 26, 2017. An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned. An indulgence can be applied either to oneself or to the soul of a deceased loved one. The plenary indulgence can be obtained during the entire Jubilee Year.

There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence, detailed in a statement on the shrine's website.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine.

The first way is for “the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin.”

In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.

2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

The second way applies to “the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.”

Regarding this second way, the rector of the Fatima Shrine told CNA that the visit to the statue of the Virgin, “does not necessarily have to be only at Fatima or exclusively in Portugal,” but can be done anywhere in the world.

Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. The elderly and infirm

The third way to obtain a plenary indulgence applies to people who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around.

These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017.

They also must “offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.”