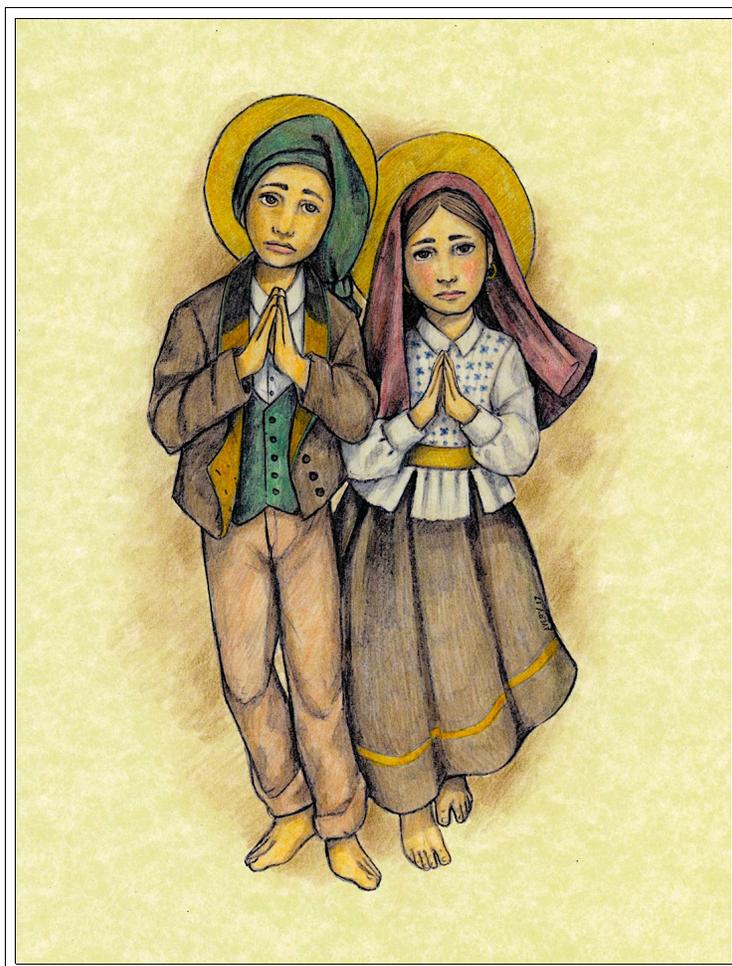


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THE CHILD SAINTS OF FATIMA

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CALL TO PRAYER



Praying with the Child Saints of Fatima

BY POPE FRANCIS

On February 20th, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Francisco Marto and Saint Jacinta Marto, who answered the call to discipleship and were blessed to receive and share the miracles of Our Lady of Fatima with the whole world. Pope Francis who consecrated his papacy to Our Lady of Fatima knows that discipleship is never easy. It is the work of holiness, the work of redemption and sacrifice, the work of everyday saints. As part of a beautiful prayer he wrote for the centennial celebration of Fatima, the Holy Father encourages our efforts through the intercession of the Blessed Mother:

Hail, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Virgin Mary,
 Queen of the Rosary,
 blessed are you among all women!
 Prophecy of the Father's Merciful Love,
 teacher of the Son's Good News,
 sign of the Holy Spirit's burning power,
 teach us, in this valley of joy and sorrow,
 the eternal truths that the Father revealed
 to these little ones, Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

Show us the strength of your protective mantle.

In your Immaculate Heart,
 be a refuge for sinners,
 and the pathway that leads to God.
 United with our brothers and sisters
 in faith, hope, and love,
 we give ourselves to you.

United with our brothers and sisters
 we consecrate ourselves to God.
 And at last, wrapped in the light
 that comes from your blessed hands,
 we will give glory to the Lord forever and ever.
 Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, pray for us!
 Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Child Saints of Fatima

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Most of us already know the story of what happened in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. During the spring and summer seasons of 1916, three young children are tending a small herd of sheep when they are visited three times by an angel who teaches them to pray, engage in acts of penance for the sake of souls, and spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. The children are Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, who are brother and sister, Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto. The children follow the angel's direction with dedication and fervor. They begin to forsake the few frivolities of their childhood in order to pray and adore the Lord.

One year later, in 1917, the children are again tending their flock when they are visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary who is described as "brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light that are clearer than a crystal goblet filled with the most sparkling of waters." She carries a rosary and wears a white mantle that shimmers with gold. She tells the children to devote themselves to God and pray the Rosary each day for the intention of peace in the world. By the end of that summer, the children are visited five times by the Blessed Mother. In short, she calls them to pray, sacrifice for others, prepare to suffer, and trust in the promise of heaven.

One hundred years ago this month, Jacinta Marto passed from this life. Her brother died almost one year before her. They are now canonized and venerated as patron saints of children, the persecuted, and the sick. These child saints continue to captivate us because they seem so real, so much like us: real people, flesh and blood, holy and imperfect. Their eyes and ears were open. Their hearts and minds were open. Indeed, they were entirely open and accepting of Our Lady's miraculous appearance and her message. And then there's this: Francisco and Jacinta suffered; but they trusted in the Blessed Mother; and they made peace with the blessing and brevity of the shortness of life on earth and the promise of eternal life in heaven.

Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto teach us that prayer, suffering, and healing go together. They are like water and wetness, sunshine and daylight, little dogs and the meaning of life. They teach us that we cannot be healed in body, mind, or spirit without good works and perseverance in prayer. They teach us to open our hearts and minds to the Lord's presence in our lives, the Lord's active and effective movement in our lives, and the Lord's hard and amazing grace in our lives. They teach us that prayer, love, and healing are thus transactional. When we pray and love others, when we make peace with others, and when we suffer for God's sake or for the sake of others, we can make real progress toward our heavenly home.

It is not about 'offering it up.' It is about offering it all. It is about offering everything. It is about giving ourselves completely as gifts of love to God and God's family. In this way, our prayer is our relationship with God and how that relationship comes alive in our relationships with others. Our suffering, in whatever form it takes, can become like the pain associated with good, hard work or vigorous exercise; the work of living well, loving deeply, and giving ourselves wholly over to God's plan for our lives — no matter how long or short those lives may be. Healing happens when we respond to God in our lives. Healing happens when our prayers have strong legs and broad shoulders; when our prayers carry us and carry others closer to God. This week, let us ask the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto to teach us how to give, how to suffer, how to pray, and how to heal — both ourselves and each other.

LIVING GOSPEL LIVING JESUS



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE WAY OF THE CROSS BEGINS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 8AM

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our next Catholic Kids Camp: Living Gospel, Living Jesus from Tuesday, February 18th through February 21st from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of fun, fellowship, and prayer, our young disciples will encounter the men and women who met Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Our learning plan features active and engaged participation in games, music, prayer, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 18th
Pilate and the Temple Leaders

Day II: Wednesday, February 19th
Veronica & Simon

Day III: Thursday, February 20th
The Soldiers and the Women of Jerusalem

Day IV: Friday, February 21st
Mary, John, and Joseph of Arimathea

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is an exciting educational program that you children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the winter school vacation is just \$30 per child for the entire week. Scholarships are available for those families that cannot afford tuition. In addition, adults and children (age 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at ccgonline.com/formation. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com. Save the dates! Spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesdays at 4:00pm

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our disabled, elderly, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. They visit people in their homes and apartments, hospitals and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship and friendship, and share God's love, mercy, and consolation with those among us who are too often lonely and forgotten.

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual directors. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes new members! Please join us!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry needs these items:

Assorted Canned Soups & Vegetables
Boxed Cereal · Boxed Hot Cereals
Beef Stew · Chef Boyardee
Canned Tuna · Chicken & Tuna Helper
Chips, Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks
Pasta & Sauce · Ramen Noodles · Rice-a-Roni
Pancake Mix & Syrup · Peanut Butter & Jelly

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com. If you or your family needs our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

PASTOR'S NOTE BLESSINGS & CHALLENGES Helping Us to Help Others

As I greet people before Masses each weekend, I see fellow parishioners bringing donations of food to help stock the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's Food Pantry. These parishioners are young and old. Some are affluent and some struggle to make ends meet. Sometimes the donation is a box of cereal, a few cans of soup, or jars of peanut butter and jelly. Sometimes the donations are larger. Recently, the pantry received donations of four cases of soup and thirty jars of pasta sauce. Whatever the gift and whomever the giver, these donations manifest our ongoing commitment to living the Gospel by taking care of needy families in our own neighborhoods.

In addition to tangible gifts of food or funds, our parishioners also give of themselves in other ways. Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society visit the poor, assess their needs, and strive to do what we can (given our limited resources) to help out. Members of the Legion of Mary (along with other parish volunteers) visit the sick, the homebound, and the left behind. They visit the elderly in their homes, in assisted living and nursing care facilities, and in memory care units. They sit with them, pray with them, and talk with them. They listen, share a kind word, and wipe away tears. These devoted volunteers embody our mission to share God's love and mercy – day by day, person to person.

Serving the poor and the sick is an essential part of our ministry and witness here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. We are sincerely grateful for every dollar, every donation of food, and every hour offered in volunteer service to local families and fellow parishioners in need. At the same time, because this culture of generosity is under attack by the forces of greed and corruption, we need your help more than ever. Each and every one of our parish ministries needs volunteers!

What can you do? What can we do together? What if every person who reads this message volunteers one hour each month with a parish ministry or service organization? What if every person who comes to church gives one extra dollar or two every week? What if every person who joins us for Mass gives a donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society or remembers one of our parishes in their will? What if each and every one of us, regardless of our ability to give or serve, offers an extra prayer for our pastoral team and parish volunteers? Just imagine what we can accomplish together, always together, when we choose to love, to give, and to do what we can! Peace, blessings, and heartfelt thanks to all for your generosity, prayers, and good works! — Father Jim

LIVING GOSPEL LIVING JESUS



LENT DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION THE CALL OF LEVI SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH - BEGINS AT 8AM

Pope Francis once said: "In the name of Saint Francis, I say to you: I have neither gold nor silver to give you, but something more precious, the Gospel of Jesus." In this spirit of growing closer to Christ and to each other through the holy scriptures, all parishioners, friends, and guests are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a "Lent Day of Prayer & Reflection: The Call of Levi" on Saturday, February 29th from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During this four-hour mini-retreat, we will pray with and reflect on Christ's call to Levi and to all sinners: "Follow me (Luke 5:27)." In addition, we will discuss the Lord's admonition to the Pharisees: "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners (Luke 5:32)." Overall, we will explore in some real depth the universal themes of discipleship, forgiveness, and God's love for all people: no matter who they are, what they've done, or where they're from. This special day of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule:

- Celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00m
- Reflection I & Faith Sharing at 9:00am
- Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am
- Reflection II & Faith Sharing at 11:15am
- Angelus & Closing Prayers at 12:00pm

After our scheduled program, all are invited to join us for a simple and delicious potluck lunch. Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and time for faith sharing, fellowship, and questions. Coffee, tea, bottled water and refreshments will be served.

Our Lent Day of Prayer & Reflection is part of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's year-long series: Living Gospel, Living Jesus. If you would like to join us for this special event, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Save the date! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

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OUR MASS INTENTIONS**FEBRUARY 15 – FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Saturday, February 15	Vigil · 6th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Deacon Richard W. Gindel
6:00pm · OLGV	Toot Madruga
Sunday, February 16	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Luca DiBella
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Thomas & Rose Lupo
11:45am · OLGV	The Giacalone Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Antonio Ferrara
	6th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 17 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, February 18 8:00am · OLGV	Andrew James Ahern
Wednesday, February 19 8:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
Thursday, February 20 8:00am · OLGV	Dorothy Mawn
Friday, February 21 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, February 22 8:00am · OLGV	Alex "Pep" Borge
Saturday, February 22	Vigil · 7th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Anna & Andrew Smith
6:00pm · OLGV	Joseph & Mary Alves
Sunday, February 23	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Giacomo & Josephine Rallo
8:15am · Saint Ann	Antoinette & Gaspar Palazola
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Matthew Shallow
11:45am · OLGV	Estela Grace
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Dora Sanfilippo

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of February 8th & February 9th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,365.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,423.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	\$2,699.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of February 8th & February 9th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,168.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,248.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	\$1,156.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary candles, and altar gifts (hosts & wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one. The requested donation for flowers is \$250. The requested donation for altar gifts is \$175. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Lillian Novello
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Buzzy Bertolino
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Eric R. Barbeau
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of John Carrancho
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of the Braga Family
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact our parish office at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

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