



## Denver Division Newsletter



### Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage Year, October 23, 2016 - October 14, 2017

Archbishop Aquila has designated Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lakewood a Pilgrimage site for the Centennial Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children in Fatima. This is a big deal.

He opened the pilgrimage year and consecrated the holy door on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:30 Mass. It was a beautiful Mass with wonderful music and an amazing homily by Archbishop Aquila who spoke about the importance of Our Lady of Fatima. Not only did those in attendance receive Jesus in the Eucharist, but also received a Papal Blessing. Pope Francis (through a letter) extended a blessing to all present at the Mass. It was a truly wonderful experience. The

pilgrimage year will go until October 14, 2017. A plenary indulgence will be given to anyone who makes a pilgrimage to the holy door and to obtain it, the following five conditions must be fulfilled:

1. Make a sacramental confession.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and say the Creed and Our Father.
4. Have complete detachment from all sin.
5. Complete the specific prayers or works as defined by the church as follows:  
To obtain the indulgence the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to

### November 2016

Holy Door, open in the parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Lakewood, Colorado. It is important that this moment calls to mind the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, for the entire world, with a reflection on peace especially in the Middle East and the persecution of Christians.

Please take advantage of this amazing spiritual gift! Our Lady of Fatima parish is also blessed to have in their possession, relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco. Do not forget to say hello to the beautiful children while you are there!



## October was a BIG month!

We had three events in October, all with great success! On October 13<sup>th</sup> we had a procession and Mass at Saint Joan of Arc, then on October 15<sup>th</sup> the blue army co-sponsored a public prayer in the park gathering along with the Ambassadors of Mary and the Knights of Columbus. We met to pray in a park on a busy street to be a witness of faith and love in our community. Finally, on October 23<sup>rd</sup> we had a procession at Our Lady of Fatima in Lakewood prior to the Mass with Archbishop Aquila where he opened the pilgrimage year and holy door.



We processed, prayed, and sang.  
Our Lady led the way.



What a beautiful witness of faith  
in the Lakewood neighborhood.



## First Saturday Devotion

Our Lady expressed the need of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Her Immaculate Heart, and so she asked for the Communion of Reparation to be done on the first Saturdays. She has asked us to receive the Eucharist, go to confession, recite five decades of the Rosary, and spend fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary for five consecutive Saturdays. She did not mean for this to be done once and never again, she wishes for us to make the Five First Saturdays over and over again.

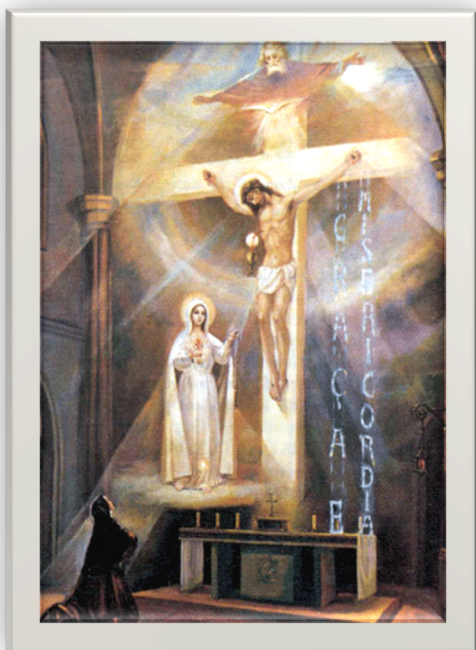
Won't you do for the Queen of Heaven, our dear Mother what she has asked of you? Please encourage First Saturday devotion at your parish and to your family and friends.

Prayer in the Square gathers together every first Saturday in public to participate in this devotion together.



## Prayer Cells

Are you being asked by Our Lady to start a prayer cell? Prayer cells in the Apostolate are where 2 or more people gather to pray the Rosary and other Fatima prayers together. They meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. If you feel this in your heart I urge you to move forward! We as an apostolate will flourish if you follow these urges in your heart! As our "events" slow down during the winter months, prayer cells are a great way to maintain your zeal for Our Lady of Fatima!



## Recommended Reading

As life slows down during the wintertime you may find you have extra time to read a book, here are some great Fatima titles that will deepen your devotion and knowledge of Our Lady of Fatima.

1. *Soul Magazine World Apostolate of Fatima publication*
2. "Calls" From the Message of Fatima *by Sister Lucia*
3. *Fatima for Today by Father Andrew Apostoli*
4. *Fatima and the Triumph of Mary by Father Andrew Apostoli*
5. *A Pathway under the Gaze of Mary by the Carmel of Coimbra*
6. *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words memoirs of Sister Lucia*

## Spread the Message

Promote the message of Fatima and World Apostolate of Fatima at your parish! You can do this by doing things like sponsoring a movie night, have a procession or Holy Hour, donate a subscription of *Soul Magazine* for your chapel, have your prayer cell get involved with church functions (such as craft sales, soups nights, picnics), etc. If you need some ideas I am always glad to help!

## Save the Date

**May 12<sup>th</sup> 7-9 and May 13<sup>th</sup> 8-4 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Northglenn**

Conference in honor of Our Lady of Fatima that will include Mass, procession, Rosary and nationally renowned speakers. Please mark this event on your calendars and if you feel the urge to volunteer, your help is needed and appreciated! Let me know and I will get you in contact with the organizers.

**July 22, 2017 time and place TBD**

Mini-conference with Father Andrew Apostoli. More details to come later, hosted by the World Apostolate of Fatima Denver Division.



## WHERE WILL THE ROAD TAKE YOU IN 2016?

Rome ✧ Spain & Portugal ✧ New York ✧ Alaskan Cruise



### Road to Rome Raffle Benefitting the Capuchin Friars of mid-America

As the year of Mercy comes to a close, consider supporting this great cause. These Franciscans spend their lives living out Mercy and they are true Messengers of Mercy. The raffle is a part of their annual fundraiser, one ticket is \$50, three tickets are \$135. The drawing will take place on December 14, 2016 and there are three great trips that will be given away – the grand prize is a trip for four to Rome, the multi-ticket prize (3 or more tickets) is a trip to Spain and Portugal, and the refer-a-friend prize (someone you told about the raffle refers you) is a trip to New York! There are a limited number of tickets sold, so buy yours before they sell out! For more information and to buy tickets visit [www.roadtoromeraffle.com](http://www.roadtoromeraffle.com).

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## A letter from Father Michael

### Greetings to all,

Let's all get excited about 2017, the 100-year anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Soon we will send you a daily consecration prayer. In this prayer we will entrust ourselves to Mary to bring us closer and closer to Almighty God.

Just think – when Jesus became present in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary became the first tabernacle. Eventually when Mary went to see her cousin Elizabeth, she exclaimed, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." At this moment she was praising God the Father through, with, and in Jesus. When we go to Mass and receive Holy Communion, we become a tabernacle of the very

same Jesus! We praise God the Father "through" Jesus because we have access to the Holy Trinity through Jesus. We praise God the Father "with" Jesus because Jesus intercedes for us and we are his co-pilot. We praise God the Father "in" Jesus because we became a part of His body when we were baptized into the Body of Christ.

Peace of Christ,  
Father Michael

