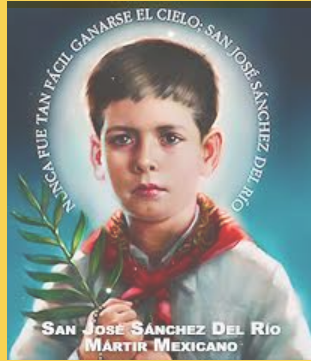




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• SOCIAL EVENTS	APR 2 ND	JULY 23 RD
• COMMUNITY	APR 16 TH	AUG 6 TH
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May 10, 2026

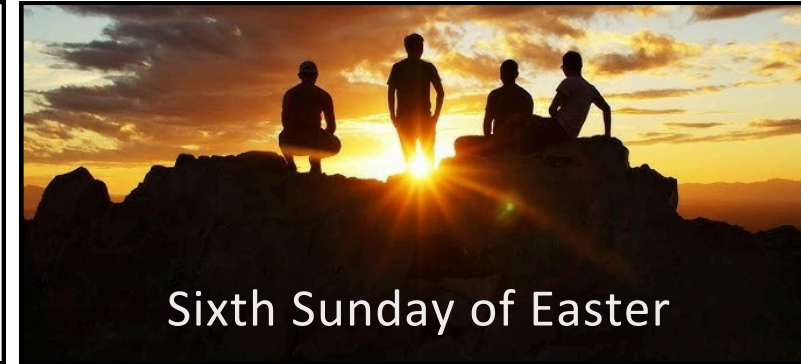
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES/ MISAS

WEEKDAYS / FINES DE SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado: 5:30p.m. (English)
Sunday/domingo: 7:30 / 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.m. (Español)

WEEKDAYS / DIAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday-Saturday: 8:15a.m. (English)
Tuesday / martes: 6:00p.m. (Español)
Thursday / jueves: 6:00p.m. Hora Santa en (Español)
Friday / viernes: 3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptism / Bautizos: Classes offered every third Saturday of the month. Call the Office to Register for Classes
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English: 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.
Marriage: Call the office for more info. Six months for prep.
Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request
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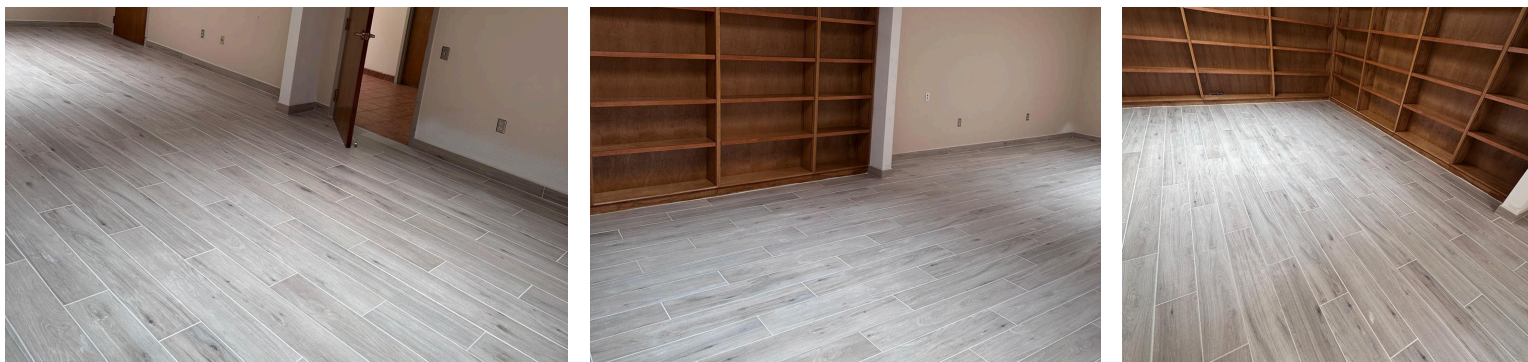
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Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members should register by completing a WELCOME envelope available at the church office. A registration form will be mailed to you. Once it is completed and returned to the church or office you will be registered. **We encourage you to use your envelopes if you donation is a modest this help us to know that you are an active parishioner.**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation May 2, 2026



Library Construction Project – May 1 - May 7, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I sit in the quiet of our sanctuary today, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude for the vibrant, prayerful community we have built together here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral. Each week, I see your faces, hear your voices in song, and witness the many ways you extend Christ's love to one another. It is truly a blessing to walk this journey of faith alongside you. Our parish is a spiritual home, but we are also part of a much larger Diocesan family. Today, I am writing to invite you to join me in supporting this year's **United in Ministry** appeal.

Why Your Gift Matters

While our weekly offertory supports our local parish needs, the United in Ministry appeal allows us to reach beyond our own walls. It funds vital ministries that no single parish could sustain on its own, acting as the hands and feet of Jesus throughout Southern New Mexico.

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- **Vocations:** Supporting the education and formation of our future priests and deacons.
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I realize that we all face different financial realities, and I ask only that you pray about what a meaningful gift looks like for you. Whether it is a one-time contribution, a monthly pledge, or a recurring gift. Every gift—regardless of the amount—is a testament to our shared mission.

I will be making my own pledge alongside you, as I believe deeply in the work this appeal accomplishes. Thank you for your continued prayers, your presence, and your extraordinary spirit of generosity.

Please know that you and your families remain in my daily prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Very Rev. Alejandro Reyes Cardenas



P.S. You can make a secure gift online at rcdlc.org/united-in-ministry, by scanning the **QR code** on this letter with your smartphone, or by returning the enclosed **envelope**.

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May 15, 2026
06:00p.m.
At IHM Church

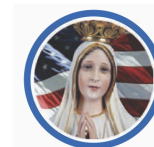


Meeting for all EMHC, Homebound and Sacristan ministers.
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Graduation Mass

May 17, 2026
During 11:00a.m. Mass
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El Papa a la LEV: Leer libros, antídoto contra la cerrazón mental

En el encuentro con el personal de la Librería Editora Vaticana, con motivo del centenario de su fundación, León XIV exhorta a “mirar hacia adelante” con “dedicación y pasión”. Recuerda que leer libros es un “antídoto contra la cerrazón mental” y “un estímulo para ampliar el propio punto de vista”, una forma para crecer en la relación con Dios. *Benedetta Capelli – Ciudad del Vaticano*

Una reunión “en familia” y un aniversario que celebrar, un momento para reflexionar sobre el valor de la lectura, una “ocasión para pensar”, vía para conectarse con los demás y para dejar que la Palabra de Dios nos toque el corazón. El Papa León ofrece varios puntos de reflexión en su saludo a los directivos y al personal de la Librería Editora Vaticana, recibidos esta mañana, 7 de mayo, en la Sala del Consistorio, en el centenario de su fundación, un aniversario que también se celebrará en algunos eventos internacionales. En las palabras del Pontífice hay una referencia al gesto, a ese acto de elegir, entre tantos, un libro por su tema, por la pasión hacia el estilo de un autor, porque al hojearlo se despierta la curiosidad.

[Vert artículo completo en:](https://www.vaticannews.va/es/papa/news/2026-05/papa-leon-audiencia-libreria-editora-vaticana-lev-libro-anuncio.html)

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Witnessing the Gospel through unity

Our Editorial Director reflects on the message and impact of the first year of Pope Leo XIV's pontificate. By Andrea Torielli

Peace and the unity of the Church have been the two recurring and foundational themes of the first year of the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, who continues to ask for prayers for these intentions. If peace has imposed itself as an urgent priority because of the multiplication of senseless conflicts and the progressive erosion of international law, the unity of the Church is a thread that runs through the entire magisterium of the Bishop of Rome, born in Chicago and who became a missionary in Peru.

The way in which Pope Leo has repeated his appeals for the unity of believers in Christ is particularly significant and has nothing to do with a demand for ‘normality’ or a tranquility that dulls differences and perhaps waters down contrasts.

The Pope explained this clearly in his address to the Cardinals during the Extraordinary Consistory of 7 January 2026, when, presenting the conciliar perspective embraced by the pontificates of his predecessors, he spoke of attraction, citing [these words of the late Pope Benedict XVI](#) in Brazil.

“The Church,” Benedict said, “does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by “attraction”: just as Christ “draws all to himself” by the power of his love, culminating in the sacrifice of the Cross, so the Church fulfils her mission to the extent that, in union with Christ, she accomplishes every one of her works in spiritual and practical imitation of the love of her Lord.” [See full article at: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-05/witnesses-to-the-gospel-through-unity-a-year-with-pope-leo.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-05/witnesses-to-the-gospel-through-unity-a-year-with-pope-leo.html)



US diocese to build shrine for Venerable Fr. Tolton, first US Black priest



The Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, in the United States, announces plans to build a shrine to Venerable Father Augustine Tolton, whose story of overcoming racial discrimination and divisions in his time continues to be a source of inspiration to promote peace and unity. *By Isabella H. de Carvalho* [Venerable Father Augustine Tolton](#)—the first publicly recognized Black priest in the United States surmounted tensions and divisions that marked the country in the 19th century and lived a full life serving the Church and its faithful, while being loved by many.

Now his life story and witness are set to reach many more people as the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, where he grew up and ministered, [announced](#) on April 29 that they plan to build a shrine in his honor at St. Boniface Church, in the city of Quincy. Father Augustine Tolton “overcame all the divisions of his time and he did so with peace, hope and love,” said Father Steven Arisman, Chairman of the Committee for [The Shrine for Father Augustine Tolton](#) and pastor of St. Francis Solanus Parish in Quincy, in an interview with Vatican News.

“His story teaches us how to do the same in our own time, with the divisions we see in our world today.”

Fr. Tolton’s cause for canonization was formally opened in 2010, and in 2019 he was recognized as a Venerable—the second of the four steps towards sainthood—by Pope Francis. If a miracle is attributed to his intercession, he can then be recognized as Blessed, and if then a second miracle is confirmed then he can be declared a Saint.

Get to know Father “Gus”

For Fr. Arisman the construction of the Shrine is an opportunity for Venerable Tolton’s story to go beyond Quincy and the United States and encourage more people to get to know him and turn to him in prayer.

“One thing I tell people all the time is, get to know good Father “Gus”, as he was called. You will have a good friend for the rest of your life,” he said.

“He’s such a wonderful friend and confidant, somebody you can turn to for intercession, guidance and inspiration in his story.” [See full article at:](#)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2026-05/venerable-augustine-tolton-united-states-unity-peace-illinois.html>

Pope in Pompeii: May God calm fratricidal hatred and enlighten world leaders

As he celebrates Mass in the Italian city of Pompeii, Pope Leo XIV recalls the many wars afflicting nations and prays that God’s overflowing mercy may fill our hearts and world with peace.

“Today, as in the times of ancient Pompeii,” said Pope Leo with JP II, “it is necessary to proclaim Christ to a society that is distancing itself from Christian values and is even losing the memory of them.” [See full article at:](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-05/pope-leo-xiv-mass-pompeii-italy-peace-global-leaders.html)

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From The

Pastor

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:15-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May the hope of the resurrection fill your heart with the joy of the resurrection!

As we contemplate today’s second reading, I encourage you to do good and to be strong amidst the sufferings of this life. Our model is the Lord Jesus. Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” John 14:15. Keep this in mind; your mission is to love not to hate! In the end, you are going to be judged according to how you loved.

In the same love and gratitude, I share with you that we are moving forward with some of the small building projects. Saint Michael’s Garden will be finished very soon. We are about to start working on the sprinklers to start planting! The library is also almost ready!

Pope Leo XIV (as of May 2026) strongly urges reading as an antidote to closed-mindedness and a vital way to nourish the mind and spirit, especially in the digital age. The Pope emphasizes that physical books foster critical thought, empathy, and “culture of encounter,” providing a bridge to others and a means to deepen spiritual life. Become a part of this. Come and read one of the many books which will be available. Donating Catholic books is another way to be a part of this mission and promoting education in our faith. I pray that everyone will benefit from this project.

Next week we are continuing with our training mission for those who participate in the liturgy. The way we practice our liturgy reflects our faith. This is a great time to review our Diocesan Guidelines in communion with what the church requires for those who are in ministry.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should receive sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence. In all matters they should follow the guidance of the diocesan bishop (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds for the Dioceses of the United States of America, NDRHC, no. 28.) All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or blood of Christ.

- **Preparation and Demeanor:** Candidates must be distinguished by their faith and morals, demonstrating profound devotion to the Eucharist. They should arrive early to prepare through prayer.
- **EMHCs must be authorized by their local Bishop** and must have their appointment renewed every three years.

May 13 is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, a significant Marian feast day celebrated within the Catholic Church’s Month of Mary. It marks the 1917 apparition to three children in Portugal, emphasizing prayer, the Rosary, and conversion. This day is a major focus of devotion during the month dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Special prayers for all Mothers—especially those who have died—who are constantly in our prayers and hearts. As a family of faith, we thank you for the gift of your lives, honoring your sacrificial love, faith, and nurturing spirit. First, we give our thanks to God for you, and then our thanks to you, who have made us who we are. Happy, happy Mother’s Day; I pray you have a blessed day! It has been said that the beauty of a mother is so great that even God wanted to have one.

I want you to know that we are going to start meeting for the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Feast very soon. Our Blessed Mother has done so much for us that we should celebrate her motherly protection and intercession. This year her Feast will fall on June 13th, so please save the date and be part of this important celebration.

Beloved, listen to the words of Saint Peter, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts” 1 Peter 3:15.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 2026: Our parish ministry invites us to gather on June 6th with all those who belong to this powerful ministry, which has the mission to love as Jesus has loved us. Learn more about the different ministries our parish offers us.

- **What Is the Sacred Heart of Jesus?**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a profound and enduring symbol within the Catholic Church, representing the immense love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotion to the sacred Heart is a special form of devotion to Jesus—the focus being his Heart, which exemplifies our Lord’s redemptive suffering for the whole world. Explore the history, significance, and devotion associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Discover the great benefit of paying homage to the Love of Jesus represented by his Heart of flesh.

- **Origins and Early Devotion to the Sacred Heart**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began in the eleventh and twelfth centuries but became more prominent through our Lord’s private revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century. Between 1673 and 1675, St. Margaret Mary, a nun in the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial, France, received several visions of Jesus. In these visions, Christ revealed his Heart as a symbol of his boundless love for humanity and emphasized the need for people to return his love through devotion and prayer. Special thanks to our ministry coordinator for her service, guidance and valuable support.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all our confirmandi and newly baptized. You are all a blessing to us, and a reminder to get ready for the mission which is just beginning.

Sincerely,
Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector
PAX

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado May 9th

- 5:30p.m** † Maria Fragoso (Fragoso Family)
 † Olga Snyder & Longing Verdugo (by Cecilia M. Monje)
 † Tillie Nevarez & Maggie Baldonado (by Family)
 † Paul & Margarit Acevez (By Acevez Family)

Sunday / domingo May 10th

- 7:30a.m.** † Lorenzo & Lily Marin (by Their Children)
 † Josefina Hernandez (by Familia Trejo)
 For all the Mother's (by Annuia Family)

- 9:00a.m.** † Epifania & Abelardo Rey (by Familia Rey's)
 (sp) † Adelina Friez (by Jesus Frieze & Family)
 Por las almas del purgatorio

- 11:00a.m.** † Isabel Villa (by Jose & Marie Gallegos)
 † Carmen & Eduardo Garcia (by Familia Garcia)
 † Graciela Garcia (by Family)

Monday / lunes May 11th

- 8: 15a.m.** † Vince Ramirez (by Alice Lujan)
 † Paul & Margarit Acevez (by Acevez Family)

Tuesday / martes May 12th

- 8:15a.m.** † Paul & Margarit Acevez (by Acevez Family)
 Divine Mercy (by Denise Ingram)

- 6:00p.m.** Por las almas del purgatorio

Wednesday / miércoles May 13th

- 8:15a.m.** † Vince Ramirez Family
 † Paul & Margarit Acevez (by Acevez Family)

Thursday / jueves May 14th

- 8:15a.m.** † Randy Delgado (Family Vargas)

Friday / viernes May 15th

- 8:15a.m.** Community of IHM

Saturday / sabado May 16th

- 8:15a.m.** Holy Souls of the Purgatory

What is happening

The Ascension of the Lord.

It will take place on **Sunday, May 17, 2026**, instead of **May 14, 2026**.
 The celebration will occur during the regular Sunday Mass.

Medical Fair
 (Host by The Catholic Medical Association)
May 16, 2026
 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
 Come and Joined us for this event they will provide health Care service for the community & a Blood Drive.

Ministries & Sacristans Training
May 15, 2026
 6:00 p.m.
 at IHM Church

Feria de Salud
 (Organizada por la Asociación Médica Católica)
16 de mayo de 2026
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Acompañanos en este evento donde se ofrecerán servicios de salud para la comunidad y se llevará a cabo una campaña de donación de sangre.

Graduation Mass
May 17, 2026
 During the 11:00a.m Mass
 Call the office to register.

Last Day of Catechesis
May 20, 2026

Pray for the members of our parish who are ill.

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 Raymond Matlak
 Deacon Ed Misquez
 Mr. & Mrs. Montoya
 Mike Ortega
 Julieta Rojas
 Rose Sedillo
 Daniel Telles
 Sally Torres
 Ceylon Mendenall
 Jaime Adaime
 Jose Luis Moncada
 Ignacio Romero
 Luke Simmons
 Beverly Zubia
 Caesar Lopez
 Lidia Arredondo
 Cruz Trejo Rojas
 Miguel Sanchez
 Sam Trujillo
 Debbie Villegas
 Andrew Bustamante
 Phylis Larkin
 Mary Horton
 Ken Singh
 Irene Pando
 Mike Walker
 Mary H. Sedillo
 Sylvia Briseño
 Arturo Woods Jr.
 Joe Chavez
 Ruben Chacon
 Mathew Garcia

Margie y Carlos Armendariz
 Camilo Uriel Soto (6th grader)
 Alfonso Santa Maria Jr.
 Stella Armenta
 Christina Arrieta
 Mrs. Arvizu
 Daniel J. Castillo
 Alice & Carlos Castro
 Alice Romero
 Bill & Raquel Chubb
 Joe Contreras
 Narciso Dominguez
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- Extraordinary Minister of the holy Hour to homebound
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- MDS Marriages Group
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- Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- Mujeres a los pies de Jesus-Fe, Servicio y formación
- Neocatechumenal Way
- OCIA Core Team (catechists)
- Pastoral council
- Pascuales
- Religious Education
- Rosary Makers
- Sacristan
- Sacred Heart Society
- St. Joselito Youth Group
- Talleres de Oración y Vida
- Talitha Kum - Overcoming addiction w/ Personal support
- Ushers
- Wedding Sacristan/Server

If you wish to be involved in one of our ministries, call our office (575) 524-8563

Saint of the Day / Santo del dia

B. María virgen de Fatima



“No tengan miedo”: la Virgen María se dirige con estas palabras a tres pastorcillos portugueses de Aljustrel el 13 de mayo de 1917. Es un espléndido domingo por la mañana, Lucía Dos Santos (10 años) y los primos Francisco y Jacinta Marto (9 y 7 años), después de haber participado en la Misa en la parroquia de Fátima, llevan a apacentar a sus ovejas a la ladera de la Cova da Iria. Como era su costumbre, al escuchar la campana del Ángelus recitan el Rosario y después mientras juegan se asustan por un resplandor imprevisto. Confundiéndolo con un rayo y temiendo la llegada de un temporal, se encaminan para llevar el rebaño de regreso. Los detiene poco después un nuevo fulgor y delante de ellos, ven a una bella Señora vestida de blanco, sobre un roble, resplandeciente de luz. “He venido a pedirles – les dice – que vengan aquí por seis meses consecutivos, el día 13, a esta misma hora. Luego les diré qué es lo que quiero”. La Señora tiene un vestido adornado con bordes dorados, con un cordón de oro como cinto, un manto cándido y en la mano un rosario de cuentas blancas. La que habla es Lucía; Jacinta escucha la conversación mientras Francisco no oye nada. “¿Quiere ofrecerse a Dios para soportar todos los sufrimientos que Él les mandará, en acto de reparación por los pecados con los cuales Él es ofendido y de súplica por la conversión de los pecadores?” Pregunta María. “Sí, queremos”, responde Lucía. Y María dice: “Entonces, deberán sufrir mucho, pero la gracia de Dios será vuestra consolación”. [ver artículo completo en: https://www.vaticannews.va/es/santos/05/13/b--maria-virgen-de-fatima.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/es/santos/05/13/b--maria-virgen-de-fatima.html)

Our Lady of Fátima

Our Lady of Fátima, in Roman Catholicism, the title given to the Virgin Mary in her six appearances before three peasant children near the village of Fátima, Portugal, in 1917. Since that revelation, millions of the faithful have made pilgrimages to the site where the woman, commonly called Our Lady of Fátima, is said to have appeared. The Roman Catholic Church officially recognized the Fátima events as “worthy of belief” in 1930. On May 13, 1917, Lucia dos Santos (aged 10) and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (aged 8 and 6, respectively) were tending sheep in central Portugal, about 113 km (70 miles) northeast of Lisbon, when they purportedly had a vision of a woman surrounded by light who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. Following the initial event, the children reported seeing the vision five more times, once each month through October. During her appearances, Our Lady of Fátima supposedly gave the children three secrets and repeatedly exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace and emphasized the necessity of devotions to her Immaculate Heart in order for souls to be saved. The children also said that she told them God would perform a miracle on October 13 so that people would believe. A crowd estimated at about 70,000 gathered at Fátima on that day and witnessed what has been described as a miraculous solar phenomenon in which the Sun appeared to fall toward Earth—sometimes called the Miracle of the Sun—immediately after the lady's final appearance to the children. [See full article at: https://www.britannica.com/event/Our-Lady-of-Fatima](https://www.britannica.com/event/Our-Lady-of-Fatima)