

Grace and Mercy

On Thursday 13 June 1929, Sister Lucia was making a Holy Hour from 11 p.m to midnight in the convent chapel in Tuy, Spain. The chaplet lit up with a supernatural light and she had a vision of The Holy Trinity, above the altar. The date was the twelfth anniversary of the second apparition of Our Lady of The Rosary, in Fatima.

The picture on the front of the flyer shows the vision of The Holy Trinity. Lucia said, "Suddenly the whole chapel lit up with a supernatural light and above the altar appeared a cross of light reaching the ceiling. In a brighter light on the upper part of the cross could be seen the face of a man and His body as far as the waist, upon His breast was a dove, also of light, and nailed to the cross was the body of another man. A little below the waist I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air. Drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus crucified and from the wound in His side. These drops ran down onto the host and into the chalice. Beneath the right arm of the cross was Our Lady. It was Our Lady of Fatima with her Immaculate Heart, without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames. Under the left arm of the cross were large letters, as if of crystal water which ran down upon the altar and formed the words 'Grace and Mercy'. I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity".

Lucia saw what happens at every Mass. The Grace and Mercy of God are the fruits of the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, present at each Mass, which pour down on humanity. Mary is present, as at Calvary, as intercessor and mediatrix of all graces. Mary also represents the love of the Father who never gives up on His children and wants to save them. And in her right hand, Our Lady holds the Rosary, a reminder of her request in Fatima, to "continue to pray The Rosary every day".

The vision is also linked to the third apparition of the Angel of Fatima in Autumn 1916. Lucia was first taught how to adore the Holy Trinity and pray in reparation to the hearts of Jesus and Mary, when she was 9 years old. The Angel of Portugal appeared to Lucia and St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, holding a chalice, with a Host suspended in the air above it, from which drops of blood fell into it. The Angel knelt with his face to the ground and prayed: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the Infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners". Then the Angel said, "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God".

Jesus told Sister Lucia, in August 1931, that He wanted devotion to the Immaculate Heart, placed alongside devotion to His most Sacred Heart. He also told her "it is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary".

On 27 December 1673, the feast of St. John the Apostle, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary while she was praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament in her convent in Paray-le-Monial, France. St. Margaret Mary describes the vision as: "Jesus came resplendent with glory, with His five wounds shining like so many suns. From all parts of His Sacred Humanity there issued flames but especially from His adorable breast, which was like a furnace. Opening it, He showed me His loving and lovable Heart as the living source of those flames. Then He revealed to me all the unspeakable marvels of His pure love, and the excess of love He had conceived for men from whom He had received nothing but ingratitude and contempt. "This is more grievous to Me," He said, "than all that I endured in my



The Sacred Heart of Jesus appears to St. Margaret Mary on 27 Dec 1673

Passion...you, at least, give Me the happiness of making up for their ingratitude, as much as you can."

Jesus continued to appear to St. Margaret Mary revealing His passionate love for all humanity and His great sorrow at the world's indifference, especially to the Sacrament of love, and gave her the 12 promises of His most Sacred Heart. Jesus also told her, "Announce it and let it be announced to the whole world, that I set neither limit nor meaure to my gifts of grace for those who seek them in My Heart".

On 16 June 1675, Jesus said, "Behold the Heart, which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting itself in order to testify its love; and in return, I receive from their greater part only ingratitude by their irreverence and sacrilege and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me, in this Sacrament of love. But what I feel most keenly is that it is hearts which are consecrated to Me, that treat Me thus. Therefore, I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honour My Heart, by receiving communion on that day, and making reparation to It by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which It has received during the time It has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that My Heart shall expand Itself to shed in abundance the influence of Its Divine Love upon those who shall thus honour It, and cause It to be honoured."

The All Night Vigil will commence at 6 p.m. on Friday 28 June with Adoration, the Rosary and Stations of the Cross, in reparation, as Our Lord requested. Mass in honour of The Sacred Heart will be at 8 p.m. followed by a blessing with the relics of the True Cross, St. Margaret Mary and St. Padre Pio. Mass in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is at midnight. There will be a blessing with a piece of the Holm Oak tree on which Our Lady stood in Fatima, and the relics of the children of Fatima. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Please consider making a novena to the Sacred Heart starting on 20 June, praying the novena written by St. Margaret Mary and prayed daily by St. Padre Pio. If you can kindly go to confession before coming to the Vigil. Bring roses for blessing for the sick if you wish.

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