



# Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

## Marian Messenger

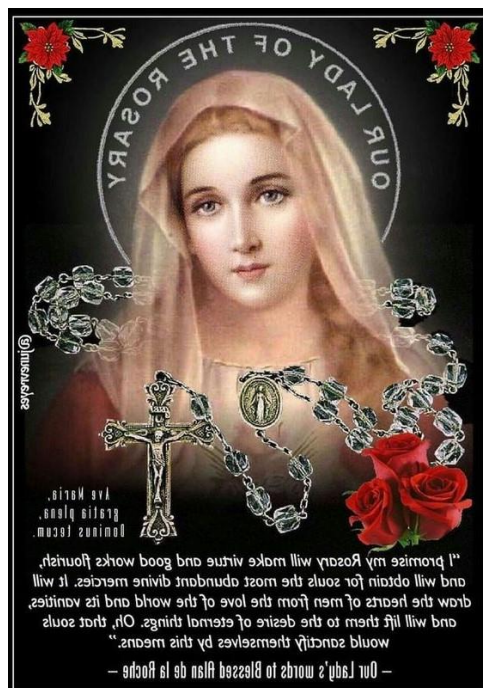


### The International Virgin Pilgrim Statue and Fr John Hedges in 2016.

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, come and make a visit anytime between 5:30pm and 7:30pm to the miraculous International Virgin Pilgrim statue at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. Many miracles have been attributed to the statue. From healings of serious health issues, to conversions, peace to those fighting for years and so much more.

In addition, there will be a special mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This begins the Masses on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May through October at the Shrine.

May Our Lady of Fatima bless us all through her presence among us at the Shrine.



### Join us for Mass

*First Friday, May 6th at 7pm*  
*First Saturday, May 7th at 8am*

*Friday, May 13th at 7pm*

*First Friday, June 3rd at 7pm*  
*First Saturday, June 4th at 8am*

*First Friday, July 1st at 7pm*  
*First Saturday, July 2nd at 8am*

*First Friday, August 5th at 7pm*  
*First Saturday, August 6th at 8am*

**Rosary and Confessions**  
30 minutes before First Friday and First Saturday Masses

**Monthly Mass Schedule**  
First Friday at 7pm and First Saturday at 8am

**7pm Mass on the 13th of each month during May-October**

### St. Joseph Bookstore Hours

**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and before and after Masses.

*The Chapel will be open for private prayer during these hours. Come and visit our Lord!*





We are in need of Altar Boys for the Shrine. If your son, grandson or a young boy you know that has made his first communion and wants to serve contact Leonard St. Pierre at (313) 320-7887. We will train them.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has traveled the **world** many times over. Millions of the faithful have come to see her and countless miracles have been recorded from their visits.

Not only is the statue a magnificent work of art, it's the first statue where Sister Lucia, one of the three Fatima children who saw Our Lady from May through October in 1917, said "of all the images of the Blessed Mother, this is the one I like best." The statue was sculpted in 1946 from one solid block of Mahogany wood based upon the description Sister Lucia provided the artist on how Our Lady looked when she appeared to the children. But more than its physical beauty, people report on the heavenly favors they receive when praying before Our Lady.

In 2016, during the last week of July, our volunteers at The World Apostolate of Fatima, Detroit Archdiocesan Division, were blessed to be able to coordinate and implement the tour of the miraculous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue at 12 parishes in Metro Detroit. Thousands upon thousands of the faithful lined up to make their personal visit. This was a once in a lifetime experience for me to see their joy and hear their moving stories about favors received by people praying before her.

As the statue traveled through the archdiocese, thousands lined up at each parish to spend time with Our Lady and ask for her heavenly intercession. A parishioner at Our Lady of Good Counsel, said "I was here when St. Maria Goretti's body was displayed. But this is different, this is amazing!"

A pilgrim, who traveled from Grand Rapids to see the statue, said "It seems like the eyes are looking right at you. With our world going crazy right now it's good to remind ourselves of the message of Fatima."

Many who have a great love for Our Lady had a chance to get up close and personal with the statue and were rewarded by their devotion. One couple told me, "Our condo wasn't selling for years and we were desperate. We visited the Pilgrim Statue and begged for her help. The next day our condo received a full cash offer!"

Another woman said "Look at my photographs from the tour." Holding back tears, she added, "You can clearly see a tear falling from Our Lady's eye onto her cheek."

A middle-aged man, shared "My wife and mother-in-law have been fighting bitterly for months. I begged them to come see the statue. Now they are reconciled and getting along fine!"

A grandmother came up to me and said, "I visited the statue 16 years ago because my grandson had a brain aneurysm and wasn't expected to live, so I took him to see Our Lady and begged her to heal him." She then introduced me to a strong, and handsome 16 year-old teenager standing next to her, it was her grandson. "Look at him now! He's, our miracle!"

A young woman in her early 20's clearly overwhelmed, exclaimed "So many blessings, I can't believe it; I keep smelling the strong aroma of roses after visiting Our Lady!"

I'm grateful for Our Lady's tour in our Archdiocese and want to thank the small group of amazing volunteers from The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima who worked tirelessly to make this a reality. Please know that I am asking Our Lady daily to bless you and grant you peace.

I am praying that Our Lady may bless you and your families when you visit her on May 1, 2022, at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine.

Leonard St. Pierre



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Children at the Shrine learning about the First Saturday devotion.



Detroit Archbishop, Allen H. Vigneron, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, kneels in front of the statue of Mary on loan from our Shrine as he joins Pope Francis and bishops around the world to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Feast Day, Sunday, February 20th



Dr. Marko Farion, Soloist at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church





### Holy Hour for Ukraine, Sunday, March 13th



Holy Hour for Ukraine Sunday, March 13, 2022

Exposition and incensing of Blessed Sacrament

Opening Ukrainian Hymn Dr. Marko Farion, Soloist St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Ch

**Lord Hear our Prayer**  
Lord, hear our prayers,  
Misfortune is destroying our land,  
In unity is the strength of the people,  
Lord, give us unity.

Lord, take off our chains,  
Don't let us perish in the yoke,  
Send Freedom to Ukraine,  
Give her happiness and good fortune.

Brief Talk by Father Cyril Whibaker, SJ

Rosary

Ave Maria Dr. Marko Farion

Benediction

Closing Hymn (Ukrainian Hymn, Prayer for Ukraine) Dr. Marko Farion

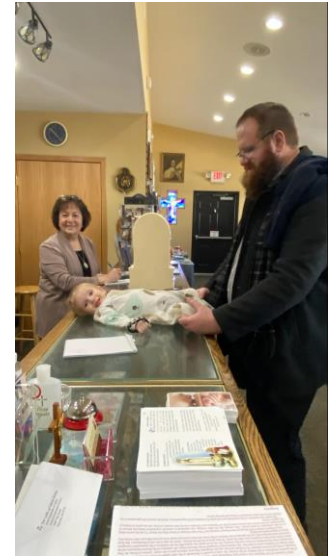
**Prayer for Ukraine**  
O Great God, eternal  
For us Ukraine do protect,  
Freedom and light of wisdom  
You shed upon her.

With the light of learning and knowledge  
Us, your children instruct,  
In pure love to our country  
You, O God, do nurture us.

Praying to you, God, almighty,  
For us, Ukraine do protect,  
All our griefs and sorrows  
To our people direct!

Grant her freedom, grant her fortune,  
Grant - Illumination,  
Prosperity grant God to the people  
And grant, many, many, prosperous years!

### Shopping at the St. Joseph Bookstore



### First Saturday, March 5th



### Fr. Tony Blunt leading the faithful in the Stations of the Cross

