

First Saturday Devotions 100th Anniversary of Fatima

Every First Saturday in the Back Mountain
from June til October 2017

9 am Mass

Saturday, 3 June 2017	Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake
Saturday, 1 July 2017	Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Lake Silkworth
Saturday, 5 Aug 2017	Gate of Heaven, Dallas
Saturday, 2 Sept 2017	St. Therese, Shavertown
Saturday, 7 Oct 2017	St. Frances Cabrini, Carverton

The **First Saturdays Devotion** (also called the **Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary**) is a Catholic devotion which, according to Lúcia of Fátima, was requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain in December 1925. The pious practice of honoring the Blessed Mother on Saturday is an ancient custom, derived from the tradition that Jesus appeared to her on Holy Saturday. This devotion has been approved by the Roman Catholic Church.

When Lúcia Santos experienced the Pontevedra apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she heard her promise to grant great graces, especially at the hour of death, in particular the salvation of the soul, for the believer who for **Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Month** (5 Saturdays in 5 months) receives Holy Communion and practices the following exercises as an Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Heaven:

Sacramental confession: The confession can take place within eight days before or even after the Holy Communion is received.

To receive Holy Communion: The Holy Communion has to be received within the 24 hours of the first Saturday of the Month. Attendance to Holy Mass is optional. Receiving Holy Communion as part of this devotion must be consciously intended as an Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart.

If a person has a valid reason not to attend Mass (Masses not available on Saturdays, difficult mobilization, other major event), the devotee may consult a priest about receiving Communion privately or on another day with the intention of making this Communion as part of the devotion.

A 5-Decade Rosary is recited: The Rosary must also be recited with the intention of making reparation. One is to also meditate on all decades of the Rosary for fifteen minutes.