

Marian Apparitions

Why Are These Important?



What Are They?



- ★ There are 26 Church-approved Marian Apparitions.
- ★ They are known appearances of The Blessed Virgin Mary coming down from Heaven to Earth.
- ★ Our Lady's appearances are always paired with some type of message(s) and they can be one visit or several over many years.
- ★ There can be one eyewitness or several. Many of the witnesses have become Saints or holy figures within the Church.
- ★ They must be approved by the local bishop to ensure they are not contrary to the Faith. They can in turn be approved by the Vatican as well, under set guidelines.



Examples of Supernatural Actions of the Divine



1. Eucharistic Miracles
2. Incorruptibility of Deceased Saint bodies
3. Marian Apparitions



Back to Creation Through the Old Testament Prophets



- ★ “To the woman He said: ‘I will intensify your toil in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.’” (Gen 3:16)
- ★ “Listen house of David! Is it not enough that you weary human beings? Must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign, the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.” (Is 7:13-14)
- ★ “Before she was in labor, she brought forth; before her time came to be delivered, she brought forth a male child. Who hath ever heard such a thing? And who hath ever seen the like to this? Shall the earth bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be brought forth at once, because Zion has been in labor, and hath brought forth her children?...For thus saith the Lord: Behold I will bring forth upon her as it were a river of peace, and as an overflowing torrent the glory of the gentiles.” (Is 66:7-8; 12, DR)
- ★ “(Thus says the Lord) ‘How long will you continue to hesitate rebellious daughter? The Lord has created a new thing upon the earth: woman encompasses man.’” (Jer 31:22) (Woman shall compass man- DR)
- ★ “But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah least among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be a ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore, the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, then the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall take his place as shepherd by the strength of the Lord, by the majestic Name of the Lord, his God.” (Micah 5:1-3)



Further Old Testament Prophecies

- ★ “I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the Way and of the Truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue.” (Sirach 24:24, DR)
- ★ “From the woman came the beginning of sin, and by her we all die.” (Sirach 25:33, DR)

New Testament Fulfillment - God's New Covenant in Jesus Through Mary



- ★ “And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women...Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end...And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:28, 31-33, 34, DR)
- ★ “And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she cried out with a loud voice, and said: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” (Luke 1:41-42, DR)
- ★ “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent his Son, **made of a woman**, made under the law: That he might redeem them who were under the law: that we might receive the adoption of sons.” (Gal 4:4-5, DR)



The Ark of OLD Covenant

1. God's Law inscribed on stone tablets



2. The Urn of Manna, the bread from Heaven that keeps God's people alive



3. Aaron's staff - Proof of True Priesthood



The Ark of NEW Covenant

1. God Himself in Mary's womb, The Living God inscribed on human hearts

2. The Bread of Life come down from Heaven that brings eternal Life given human form in Mary's womb

3. In her womb is Jesus the true High Priest



NOTE: The Ark of the Covenant was lost about 600 B.C. (2 Chron 35/2 Macc 2). No mention of the Ark in the Sacred Scripture until Rev 11:19-12:1 when St. John writes:

"Then God's temple in heaven was opened and the Ark of His Covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, and earthquake, and a violent hailstorm. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

Why Are They So Important to Our Faith?



- ★ According to Church Doctrine, public revelations ended with the death of The Last Apostle - St. John.
- ★ However, our Blessed Mother is the greatest creature God ever made inside of time and space (human).
- ★ Apparitions are real and objective intervention of Divine Power.
- ★ Although private revelations, they demonstrate with credibility the supernatural Power of God.
- ★ Our Lady leads us to her son, Jesus, as the most powerful Intercessor.
- ★ As the caring Mother of the Church of God, she wants the Church militant on earth to be guided into the arms of the Father through her son, Jesus.
- ★ If cures or other miraculous events occur - these are not the purpose of the apparition. They exist to draw us to the message(s) of the Blessed Mary. The cures/miracles are simply validations.
- ★ Only by God's grace and love for His creation and His Church are the apparitions allowed to occur.



Vatican Approved

NAME	DATE FIRST APPARITION	DATE LAST APPARITION	# OF VISITS	VISIONARY	LOCATION
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Feast Day Dec 12th	Dec 9, 1531	Dec 12, 1531	3	St. Juan Diego	Guadalupe, Mexico
Our Lady of Lezajsk	1578	1578	2	Thomas Michalek (woodcutter)	Lezajsk, Poland
Our Lady of Siluva - Feast Day Sept 8	1608	1612	Many	4 children	Siluva, Lithuania
Our Lady of Happy Meetings - Feast Day Sept 27	1664	1718	Many	Benoite Rencurel	Laus, France
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - Feast Day Nov 27	1830	1830	2	St. Catherine Laboure	Rue du Bac, Paris France
Our Lady of Zion - Feast Day Nov 17	1842	1842	1	Marie Alphonse Ratisbonne	Rome, Italy



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Our Lady of La Salette - Feast Day Sept 19th	1846	1846	1	Maximin Giraud, Melanie Mathieu	La Salette, France
Our Lady of Lourdes - Feast Day Feb 11th	1858	1858	18	St. Bernadette	Lourdes, France
Our Lady Help of Christians - Feast Day Jan 13th	1866	1866	1	Magdalene Kade	Filippsdorf, Czech Republic
Our Lady of Hope - Feast Day Jan 17	1871	1871	1	4 students	Portman, France
Our Lady of Gietrzwald	1877	1877	9	Justyna Szafrynska, Barbara Samulowska	Gietrzwald, Poland
Our Lady of Knock - Feast Day Aug 21	1879	1879	1	18 total	Knock, Ireland



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NAME	DATE FIRST APPARITION	DATE LAST APPARITION	# OF VISITS	VISIONARY	LOCATION
Our Lady of Fatima - Feast Day May 13th	1917	1917	6	Lucia dos Santos (9), Jacinta Marto (8), Francisco Marto (7)	Fatima, Portugal
The Virgin with the Golden Heart - Feast Day Aug 22nd	1932	1933	33	5 children in convent school	Beauraing, Belgium
The Virgin of the Poor - Feast Day May 31st	1933	1933	8	Mariette Beco	Banneux, Belgium
The Mother of the Word	1981	1989	Many	Alphonsine Mumureke, Nathalie Mukamazimpaka, Marie Claire Mukangango	Kibeho, Rwanda



Other Marian Apparitions



1. Our Lady of Good Help - Champion, Wisconsin, 1859 - Approved by Bishop 12/8/2010 - Only U.S. Approved Apparition Site
2. Our Lady of Akita - Akita, Japan, 1973-1979 - Approved by Bishop 4/22/1984
3. Our Lady of Medjugorje - Medjugorje Bosnia/Herzegovina, 1981 - ongoing - Not Approved, Approved as Pilgrimage Site
4. Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Garabandal, Spain, 1961-1965 - Not Approved (and St. Michael)



Our Lady of Guadalupe (Our Lady of the Americas)

- ★ Occurred Dec 8-12th, 1531 (4 apparitions)
- ★ Appeared to Juan Diego, a peasant and asked for a church to be built in her honor
- ★ Location - Tepeyac Hill - 4 Apparitions
- ★ What makes this apparition very special is that Mary appeared in her glorified body because her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma.



The Message

“My son, I love you. I desire you to know who I am. I am the Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things, He is in all places. He is Lord of Heaven and earth. And I desire a church in this place, where your people may experience my compassion. All those who sincerely ask for my help in their work and in their sorrows will know their mother's near in this place. Here I will see their fears and I will console men and they will be at peace. Know for certain that I am the perfect ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God... Here I will show and offer all my love, my compassion, my help and protection. I am your merciful mother; the mother of all who love me. I will hear their weeping and their sorrows... Their necessities and misfortunes... Listen and let it penetrate your heart... do not fear any illness or vexation, anguish or pain. Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?”

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- ★ The Tilma - Agave Thread - estimated life expectancy 20 years - Colors did not exist in 1531, so it could not have been made by man.
- ★ As it approaches 500 years, it doesn't decay. 1791 nitric acid spilled on it - miraculously repairs itself. 1921, it survived unscathed a bomb attack.
- ★ The position of the stars in her gown conform to the constellations as they appeared on Dec 12th, 1531 when the Image was created.
- ★ The black bow symbolizes a Jewish pregnant woman. Note the American Flag.
- ★ Castilian roses are not native in Mexico.
- ★ 9 million Aztecs convert to Catholicism in 10 years.
- ★ The most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world - 20 million/year
- ★ The natives of the New World Continent have a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Alaska to Chile).



Our Lady of Lourdes - Background



- ★ Who was St. Bernadette?
 - She was born in 1844, the firstborn of 9 of an extremely poor family - Bernadette Soubirous
- ★ She was in poor health and not very intelligent. She didn't know how to read and thus didn't learn her faith enough to receive her First Communion. She yearned for Jesus in the Eucharist but her days of hard work left little time for learning.
- ★ She lived her life in poor health and suffered much. She died at age 35.
- ★ On Dec 8th, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.
- ★ She was beatified on Dec 8th, 1933 by Pius XI and her body is incorrupt.
- ★ Her Feast Day is April 16th.
- ★ 3 million pilgrims go to Lourdes annually to bath in the waters of Lourdes.
- ★ The Basilica seats 7,000.
- ★ Many documented miracles that cannot be scientifically explained occur there along with numerous recoveries.



The 18 Apparitions

- ★ February 11, 1858 - As Bernadette is gathering wood from the grotto of Massabielle with her sister and friend, Bernadette sees a young, beautiful lady dressed in white with a blue sash. Only she sees this and runs home to tell her parents. Her parents forbid her to speak of it or return.
- ★ Sunday, Feb 14, 1858 - Bernadette is compelled to return to the grotto. Once there, she recites the Rosary. The Lady appears again smiling with her head bowed. The Lady throws holy water on her and as soon as the prayer is over, she disappears.
- ★ February 18, 1858 - Bernadette returns to the grotto for the third time. Our Lady appears to her again and speaks. Bernadette holds out a tray to her with writing instruments and asks the Lady to write her name. The Lady speaks that it is not necessary and says, "I don't promise to make you happy in this world but in the next. Will you do me the grace of coming here for a fortnight (15 days)?" Bernadette comes to the grotto for 15 consecutive days.
- ★ February 19, 1858 - Bernadette enters the grotto with a candle lit in her hands. Our Lady appears again. That is why to this day, the Faithful burn candles at Lourdes. Bernadette prays the Rosary and everyone present notices her face was transfigured and illuminated.



The 18 Apparitions

- ★ February 20, 1858 - Bernadette returns and Our Lady appears and teaches Bernadette a prayer, when she disappears, Bernadette is saddened and has a feeling of unease that haunts her. She was in ecstasy praying the Rosary with a lit candle with the Blessed Mother. She was told to pray the prayer daily the rest of her life and to keep it a secret for the remainder of her life. Onlookers saw the joy in the little girl's face become troubled with tears. Bernadette was given a vision of the future of the world and the torment of sinners. She was told to always bring candles to the grotto.
- ★ February 21, 1858 - Bernadette goes to the grotto in the morning accompanied by 100 people including the police and her mother and aunt. She is in ecstasy again praying the Rosary in one hand with a candle-lit in the other. Like apparitions 4 and 5, she joyfully prays. Mary tells her to "pray for sinners." The Police Commissioner stops Bernadette afterwards and urges her to retract all she has seen of the mysterious woman. He mixes up facts so as to trick her into contradiction of her story. He asks her to promise never to return to the grotto. The investigation is interrupted by her father Francois. On Monday, they order their daughter to never go to the grotto again as the police are involved.
- ★ February 22, 1858 - She returns to the grotto but police followed her along with a crowd. She knelt down in her customary place. She arose and the police asked her if she saw the beautiful Lady. She said, "No, this time I saw nothing at all." She was allowed to go home.



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- ★ February 23, 1858 - 200 people accompany Bernadette to the grotto. Our Blessed Mother appears to her and Bernadette's appearance is transformed, now the men remove their hats and fall to their knees. Bernadette appears very serious then joyful and bows low several times. This vision lasts one hour. When asked about what the Lady said she responded "The Lady entrusted me with 3 secrets." She would never reveal them.
- ★ February 24, 1858 - With more than 400 people present, Bernadette has an eighth apparition of Our Lady. She would turn and face the crowd and three times say to them: "Penance, penance, penance!"
- ★ February 25, 1858 - During this apparition, the beautiful Lady told her to "drink from the fountain and bathe in it." Bernadette was confused as there was no water in the cave nor any natural spring in the town. She began scratching the gravel and digging all around the ground where she stood. A pool of water formed and she drank and washed her face. The next day, the pool was overflowing and water dripped down over the rock. When she drank the dirty water, the onlookers thought she was crazy. She said to them, "it is for sinners."



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- ★ February 27, 1858 - More than 800 people present. The Blessed Mother tells her to kiss the ground on behalf of sinners and repeats, “penance, penance, penance.” The crowd follows her example and kisses the ground although they see nothing.
- ★ February 28, 1858 - With approximately 2,000 people from surrounding communities, she enters the grotto. She goes again into ecstasy and the Lady asks Bernadette to tell the clergy to build a chapel on the site of the grotto. Seeing the ecstasy and her behavior, police take her to a judge who threatens the girl with prison if she returns.
- ★ March 1, 1858 - Defying the Judge, she returns for the 12th apparition. This is the first time a priest is present. The Lady asks Bernadette why she was not using her own Rosary. Bernadette has been asked by Pauline to please use her Rosary that day at the grotto. That evening, Catherine Latapie who had a withered arm, dips her arm in the water. She is immediately healed in her disabled arm!



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- ★ March 2, 1958 - Bernadette arrives again and prays the Rosary with Our Lady. The Blessed Virgin tells Bernadette, “Go and tell the priests that they should come here in procession and build a chapel.” After this request from the Lady, Bernadette passes on the request to the parish priest of Lourdes, Father Peyramale. But the Abbot gets angry and demands to know the name of the Lady.
- ★ March 3, 1858 - At 7 am, more than 3,000 people are at the grotto. Bernadette arrives and the Lady does not appear. Later that day, she gets a calling to go back, which she does. Our Lady repeats that she wants a chapel constructed and people to come to the chapel in procession form. Bernadette asks Our Lady for her name but only gets a smile. Bernadette goes back to the priest to repeat the request for the chapel to be constructed. He dismisses her curtly and says, “If the lady wanted a chapel, she must reveal her identity.”
- ★ March 4, 1858 - This was the fifteenth day. Everyone in the community knew. They were expecting a miracle. 20,000 people were present, including military garrison in full uniform. Bernadette was escorted into the grotto. She went into ecstasy and the crowd saw her transfigured again. After the apparition, she told the crowd the Lady said nothing about a farewell, so she planned on continuing to come back. The crowd was disillusioned because they wanted to share in the vision, to hear her voice and expected a miracle!



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- ★ March 25, 1858 - The sixteenth apparition, the Feast of the Annunciation, the Lady reveals to Bernadette, “I Am the Immaculate Conception.” Bernadette didn’t understand the words so she kept repeating it over and over to ensure she said it correctly to the people and the priest.
- ★ April 7, 1858 - Bernadette always brought a candle with her to the grotto because of our Lady’s instructions. During the apparition, she unconsciously placed one of her hands over the candle. Witnesses arose and in cries of horror saw the flames coming through the girls’ fingers. Bernadette continued to pray for 15 minutes in ecstasy unaltered. She finished praying and her hand was never burned. A Dr. Dozous who frequently went to study the apparitions grabbed another candle and without warning, Bernadette touched her hand to the candle and she cried out in pain. The Prefect ordered the grotto closed.
- ★ Friday, July 16, 1858 - After receiving the Eucharist on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bernadette receives a calling to return to the grotto. Despite the barricade, she and her aunt knelt in the grass outside the cave and the Blessed Virgin appeared one last time. Bernadette recalled, “She was the most beautiful as I have seen her.”



Our Lady of Fatima

- ★ The Mother of God appeared once a month on the 13th from May 1917 to October 1917.
- ★ There were 3 seers: Francisco and Jacinta Marto and (Sister) Lucia dos Santos.
- ★ The seers were guarding the families sheep and saw The Blessed Virgin Mary dressed in white.
- ★ It is the most prophetic message of modern approved apparitions.
- ★ The apparitions are an urgent call to conversion and penance!
- ★ Our Blessed Mother's predictions and visions given to the seers include:
 - An immensely frightening vision of hell!
 - Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 - The prophecy of the second world war
 - The Cataclysmic damage that Russia would cause humanity by abandoning the Christian Faith and embracing Communist Totalitarianism



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First Apparition - May 13, 1917

- ★ About noon - Flashes of lightning, yet no clouds?
- ★ Our Blessed Mother appears as a Lady dressed in white brighter than the sun. The seers were within 3-4 feet from her, standing within the light that radiated from her.
- ★ Per Lucia, Mary was indescribably beautiful.

Excerpts of the 1st Apparition

- ★ “Do not be afraid. I will not harm you. (Lucia) Where is your Grace from? (Mary) I am from heaven (as she points to the sky). (Lucia) And what does your grace wish of me? (Mary) I am come to ask you to come here for 6 consecutive months on the 13th day of each month at the same hour. (Lucia) Will I go to heaven, too? (Mary) Yes, you will. (Lucia) And Jacinta? (Mary) Yes. (Lucia) And, Francisco? (Mary) Yes, but he must say many rosaries... Well then, you will have much to suffer. But the grace of God will be your comfort.” It was upon saying these last words, “the grace of God” that she opened her hands from prayer which emitted a most intense light that penetrated our breasts, reaching the innermost part of our souls and making us see ourselves in the best of mirrors. Then driven by deep inspiration, we knelt down and repeated inwardly: “O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee, my God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.” Our Lady said, “Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of war.” She immediately began to rise to the east until she disappeared.



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Excerpts of the 2nd Apparition - June 13, 1917

- ★ There were 50 bystanders, once again great light brilliance like lightning. The spectators said they heard “whispering” sounds like the humming of bees
- ★ “(Lucia) What does your Grace wish of me? (Mary) I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month, to pray the Rosary every day, and to learn to read. I shall later say what I want...(Lucia) I would like to ask you to take us to Heaven. (Mary) Yes, I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain here for some time yet. Jesus wishes to use you in order to make me known and loved. He wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. I promise salvation to those who embrace it; and these souls will be beloved by God like flowers arranged by me to adorn His throne. (Lucia) will I stay here alone? (Mary)...No, daughter...My Immaculate Heart shall be your refuge and the road that shall lead you to God.” Upon saying these last words, she opened her hands, and for the second time she communicated to us the reflection of that intense light. We could see ourselves in it, as if immersed in God...In front of Our Lady’s right hand there was a heart encircled with thorns that seemed to pierce it. We understand that it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, insulted by the sins of humanity and which deserve reparation...(She once again) glided toward the east until she disappeared.



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Third Apparition - July 13, 1917

- ★ The father of Jacinta & Francisco is present. He noticed a small greyish cloud hover over the holm oak. And the sunlight diminished and a cool breeze blew over the mountain range. He also heard something like the buzzing of flies in an empty jug. The seers saw the same light of Our Lady.

Excerpts of the 3rd Apparition

- ★ “(Mary) I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month and continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end to the war, for she alone can be of any avail”...Lucia asks for a sign (miracle)...”(Mary) In October, I will tell you who I am and what I wish, and I will perform a miracle that everyone shall see so as to believe.”



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The Vision of Hell

- ★ “Our Lady showed us a great sea of fire which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by flames that issues from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair which horrified us and made us tremble with fear...how can we be ever grateful enough to our kind heavenly Mother, who had already prepared us by promising in the first apparition, to take us to heaven. Otherwise, I think we would have died of fear and terror.”



Mary continues, “You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war (WWI) is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the Pontificate of Pius XI (WWII). When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given to you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father.”

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Third Apparition continued

- ★ “To prevent this (WWII), I shall come to ask you for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the communion of reparations on the First Five Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world (Communism), causing wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred; The Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace shall be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the faith will always be preserved... Do not tell this to anyone, but you may tell Francisco about it. When you say the Rosary, after each mystery, pray ‘O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy’”... She began to rise to the east until she disappeared.



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The Fourth Apparition - August 19, 1917

- ★ The seers were abducted by the mayor and imprisoned on August 13, 2017.
- ★ On August 19, about 4 pm Lucia and Francisco were playing when atmospheric changes that preceded the other apparitions of Our Lady occurred: sudden cooling of the temperature and a waning of the sun. Lucia sent for Jacinta and upon arrival, Our Lady appeared in bright light as before.



Excerpts from the 4th Apparition

- ★ “(Mary) I want you to continue to go to Cova da Iria on the thirteenth of each month and continue to pray the Rosary every day. On the last month, I will perform the miracle for all to believe...(Lucia) I would like to ask you for the healing of some sick persons. (Mary) Yes, I will cure some during the year.” Becoming sadder, she recommended the practice of mortification, saying lastly, “Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them”...She then began to rise to the east.



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The Fifth Apparition - September 13, 1917

- ★ An estimated crowd of 20,000 people all observed atmospheric phenomena again; the sudden cooling of the air, a dimming of the sun to the point where stars were visible and rain resembling iridescent petals or snowflakes that disappeared before touching the ground.
- ★ The seers saw a light and immediately Our Blessed Mother appeared again over the holm oak.

Excerpts from the 5th Apparition

- ★ “(Mary) Continue to pray the Rosary to obtain the end of the war. In October, Our Lord will also come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices but He does not want you to sleep with the ropes; wear them only during the day. (Lucia) They have requested me to ask you for many things, for the cure of some sick persons, of a deaf mute. (Mary) Yes, I will cure some, others not. In October, I will perform a miracle for all to believe.” Rising, she disappeared again to the east.



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The Sixth Apparition - October 13, 1917

- ★ As all previous apparitions, the seers all saw a bright light and then Our Blessed Mother over the holm oak. Approximately 70,000 people are present for the miracle.

Excerpts from the Final Apparition

- ★ “(Mary) I wish to tell you that I want a chapel built here in my honor. I am the Lady of The Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end and the soldiers will return to their homes”...Then opening her hands, Mary shone the light issuing from them onto the sun and as she rose, her own radiance continued to be cast onto the sun. At that moment, Lucia cried, ‘Look at the sun!’ Our Lady had disappeared into the firmament, three scenes then follow in succession; symbolizing the joyful mysteries of the Rosary, then the sorrowful mysteries, and finally, the glorious mysteries. Lucia sees all three scenes, Francisco and Jacinta only saw the first.

Scene I

- ★ St. Joseph appeared beside the sun with the Child Jesus and Our Lady of the Rosary. The scene was the Holy Family. The Virgin was dressed in white with a blue mantle. St. Joseph was also dressed in white and the Child Jesus in light red. St. Joseph blessed the crowd, and making the Sign of the Cross three times. The Child Jesus did the same.



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Scene 2

- ★ Lucia sees a vision of Our Lady of Sorrows, without a sword in her breast, and of Our Lord overwhelmed with sorrow on the way to Calvary. Our Lord made the Sign of the Cross to bless people. Lucia said she could only see the upper part of Our Lord's Body.

Scene 3

- ★ Lucia sees Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, crowned queen of Heaven and earth, appeared in a glorious vision holding the Child Jesus near her heart. While these scenes take place, the 70,000 spectators see the miracle of the sun.

The Miracle of the Sun

- ★ When Lucia cries out "Look at the sun!", the clouds part, revealing the sun as a silver disc shining but not blinding. The sun begins to dance, spinning rapidly like a circle of fire, stopping and starting. Its rim became scarlet; whirling it scattered red flames across the sky. After performing the bizarre pattern 3 times, the globe of fire seems to tremble, shake and then plunge zig zag towards the terrified crowd. This occurs over 10 minutes and the sun zig zags back to its original place and becomes brilliant again. People notice their clothes which were soaking wet from the rain had suddenly dried. The miracle of the sun was seen by eyewitnesses up to 25 miles away.



Our Lady of Fatima

The Third Secret - Per the Vatican

- ★ “I write in obedience to you, my God, who command me to do so through his Excellency the Bishop of Leiria and through your Most Holy Mother and mine. After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendour that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand. Pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: ‘Penance, Penance, Penance!’ And we saw in an immense light that is God, something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it, a Bishop dressed in White. We had the impression that it was the Holy Father, other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark. Before reaching there, the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way. Having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross, he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way, there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersion in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs, and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.”



Our Lady of Akita

- ★ Occurred from June 1973 - September 15, 1981, approved by Bishop Ito on April 22, 1984
- ★ The statue of Our Lady of Akita has wept blood, sweat and tears 101 times over this period.
- ★ The seer, Sr. Agnes Sasagawa, has had her Guardian Angel speak meaning to her in addition to Our Blessed Mother - 2 quotes to follow:
 - December 1975 - “Do not be surprised to see the Blessed Virgin weeping. She weeps because she wishes the conversion of the greatest number. She desires that souls be consecrated to Jesus.”
 - September 28, 1981 - Guardian Angel explains the meaning of the weeping statue: “There is a meaning to the figure 101. This signifies that sin came into the world by a woman and it is also by a woman that salvation came into the world. The zero between the two signifies the Eternal God who is from all eternity until eternity. The First one represents Eve, and the last, the Virgin Mary.”
- ★ Again, prophecy of pray the Rosary, penance and heresy in the Church.



Our Lady of Akita

Excerpts of Our Blessed Mother's Words

August 3, 1973

- ★ "In order that the world might know His anger, the Heavenly Father is preparing to inflict a great chastisement on all mankind. With my Son I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him forming a cohort of victim souls. Prayer, penance and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger... Offer in reparation (whatever God may send) for sins. Let each one endeavor, according to capacity and position, to offer herself entirely to the Lord."



October 13, 1973 (Anniversary of Last Fatima Apparition)

- ★ "As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will remain for you will be the Rosary and the sign left by my Son. Each day recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops and priests."

Our Lady of Akita

Again, October 13, 1973 - Dangers in the Church

- ★ "The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres...churches and altars sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord."
- ★ "The demon will be especially implacable against souls consecrated to God. The thought of the loss of so many souls is the cause of my sadness. If sins increase in number and gravity, there will be no longer pardon for them...Pray very much the Prayer of the Rosary, I alone am able to save you from the calamities which approach. Those who place their confidence in me will be saved (from the calamities)."



St. Paul VI - 1977

- ★ "The tail of the devil is functioning in the disintegration of the Catholic world. The darkness of Satan has entered and spread throughout the Catholic Church even to its summit. Apostasy, loss of faith, is spreading throughout the world and into its highest levels in the Church."

Garabandal, Spain (Not Yet Approved)

- ★ Occurred between 1961-1965 (same time as Vatican II) - San Sebastian de Garabandal
- ★ Four seers: Conchita Gonzalez, Jacinta Gonzalez, Mari Cruz Gonzalez and Mari-Loli Mazon
- ★ There are three categories assigned to purported apparitions:
 1. Established as supernatural
 2. Not established as supernatural
 3. Established as not supernatural
- ★ Conchita visited St. Padre Pio in 1966. St. Padre Pio ordered that his burial face cloth be given to Conchita after his death.
- ★ Over 2,000 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ★ Messages are Fatima 2.0!
- ★ St. Teresa of Calcutta followed the apparitions closely and met with Conchita often, she said, “From the beginning, I felt the events were authentic.”



Garabandal, Spain (Not Yet Approved)

St. Padre Pio's Letter to the Girls, Dated March 3, 1962 (Translated from Italian)

“Dear Girls,

At 9 o'clock this morning the Blessed Virgin Mary told me about you, oh dear girls, about your visions and she told me to say to you:

“Oh blessed girls of San Sebastian de Garabandal, I promise that I will be with you until the end of the centuries, and you will be with me until the end of the world, and then united with me in the glory of paradise.”

Together with this, I am sending you a copy of the Holy Rosary of Fatima, which the Blessed Virgin has ordered me to send you. The Blessed Virgin dictated this Rosary, and she wants it to be propagated for the salvation of sinners and the preservation of humanity from terrible punishment, with which the Good God is threatening.

I give you a recommendation: Pray and make others pray, because the world is on a road to perdition.

They do not believe in you or in your conversations with the White Lady, but they will believe when it is too late.”



Garabandal, Spain (Not Yet Approved)

Apparitions begin on June 18, 1961 by the girls hearing thunder on a sunny day. An Angel appears to them and disappears often. On July 1, 1961 the angel and speaks to them:

“Do you know why I have come? I have come to proclaim that the Blessed Virgin Mary will appear to you tomorrow as Our Lady of Mount Carmel.”

On July 2, 1961 (Feast of the Visitation), The Blessed Virgin appears with the Child Jesus and two Angels. One of the Angels is the same as earlier and is St. Michael. They pray the Rosary with her.

Select Events

1. Their faces always upward, people brought all sorts of objects to be blessed by the Virgin. Once they were given a powder compact and the Virgin asked to kiss it saying it belonged to her Son. When the ecstasy ended, the owner of the compact told them that the compact was used to take the Eucharist to prisoners and those to be executed during the Spanish Civil War.
2. Doctors and psychologists were astonished by the physical phenomena that accompanied the ecstasies - no sensitivity to pain, their bodies couldn't be moved, their eyes remained open and despite onlookers flashing cameras and shouting, they remained affixed on Our Mother, they outran all peoples to the apparition sites and were not fatigued like the rest, they ran backwards uphill and downhill on cobblestone streets and never fell. When they did fall into ecstasy, they dropped to their knees without any cuts or bruises.



Garabandal, Spain (Not Yet Approved)

4. October 1961, The Blessed Virgin Mary reveals the Great Miracle to Conchita. Conchita says it will be on a Thursday at 8:30 pm and will last 15 minutes, yet a visible sign will remain in the pines until the end of time. It will coincide with a great event in the Church. The sick in Garabandal will be healed, sinners will convert and unbelievers will believe. Conchita will announce the date of the miracle 8 days in advance. In order to prepare the world, a supernatural warning from God will occur. The warning will appear in the sky - All will see it and understand it regardless of their knowledge of God. It will be a terrible experience but it is for the well being of our soul because we will see interiorly - our conscience - the good and evil we have done. Everyone will have to make a choice. If the world does not change after the miracle, a chastisement will come to mankind. Per Conchita, "If we do not change, the chastisement will be horrible. I cannot say what it is because I do not have Our Lady's permission."



5. October 1961 - Our Blessed Mother gives permission to announce the first message:

"We must make many sacrifices, perform much penance and visit the Blessed Sacrament frequently. But first, we must lead good lives. If we do not, a chastisement will befall us. The cup is already filling up, and if we do not change, a great chastisement will come upon us."

6. The girls often asked for a visible miracle so the people would believe. July 19, 1962 (Conchita had announced 15 days earlier it would occur based upon the Blessed Mother's message) - Michael the Archangel places the Eucharist into Conchita's mouth on her tongue (it is on video).

Garabandal, Spain (Not Yet Approved)

7. June 18, 1965 - Saint Michael was sent by the Blessed Virgin to impart this message to Conchita. As Saint Michael spoke, Conchita cried profusely. "As my message of October 18th has not been fulfilled and has not been made known to the world, I tell you this is my last message. Before, the cup was filling up, now it is overflowing. Many cardinals, many bishops, and many priests are on the road to perdition and are taking many souls with them. Less and less importance is being given to the Eucharist. You should turn the wrath of God away from yourselves by your efforts. If you ask for His forgiveness with sincere hearts, He will forgive you. I, your Mother, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, ask you to amend your lives. You are now receiving the last warnings. I love you very much and do not want your condemnation. Pray to us with sincerity, and we will grant you requests. You should make more sacrifices. Meditate on The Passion of Jesus."



8. November 13, 1965 - Excerpt of The Last Apparition

"This will be the last time you see me here, but I will be with you always and with all my children. Conchita, you should visit my son more often in the Tabernacle. Why do you let yourself be led by your laziness to not visit him? He is waiting for you all, day and night."