

The Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine



21st Century Pre-Evangelization & Cultural Catholicism

The narrative of success portrayed in the 72 disciples mission can uplift us, but it may also leave us with a sense of frustration. I heard it often said that if only people knew their faith better, the churches would be fuller with enthusiasm.

But, with most twenty-first-century people (there are always exceptions), we can't start with catechesis. They aren't ready for it yet, and if they aren't ready, it will just roll off like water off a duck's back. In any case, catechesis is designed to foster the maturation of disciples, not the initial conversion of those who struggle deeply with their faith more in the church than in Christ.

It is not a matter of following the rules or being a cultural Catholic.

It means entrusting one's life to Jesus Christ and regular participation in the Sacraments as the vessels of grace. Everything else follows. That is a sacred act that does not happen easily or consistently.

Lots of people are not ready for evangelization, which is why we look at the lessons of missionaries and consider building trust and spiritual curiosity as an act of pre-evangelization.

Trust is not easy in a time when younger generations don't necessarily trust the church. But all the research points toward building this trust with strong support. Our first task is creating a deep sense of belongingness with our young people. Trust is possible there.



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July 6, 2025
14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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The Gift Shop is open
Thursday to Sunday,
11 am to 6 pm.
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Fatima Shrine News

Last Sunday: \$698.00
Thank you for your generosity

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday Family Dinner at the Shrine is coming on Sunday, August 3, after mass. We'll be building our community from the table of the Lord to the table of friendship

We published a blog post of our retreat, **Embracing Christ, Embracing All Creation** which took place last Sunday with seventeen people attending. You can read what we covered, view the videos we used and download the handouts for yourself. Check it out at <https://www.xaverianmissionaries.org/embracing-christ-embracing-all-creation/>

Fatima Days continue on July 13th with the theme prayer: Mary, Star of Hope, help us be peacemakers as war rages around the world. The third apparition on July 13, 1917, reminds us of the challenge of peace as Our Lady hints at the start of WWII. War continues in Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, and elsewhere. The visions of hell in the apparition speak of the continued "hell" suffered by the innocent. Read the third apparition here: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/third-apparition-of-our-lady-23365>. Fr. Rocco will preside.

Weekly Celebrations

SUNDAY

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE CHURCH

SATURDAY

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE CHURCH
CONFESSIONS 3 PM - 4 PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

7:30 AM MASS IN CONFORTI CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY CONFESSIONS

6 PM - 7 PM IN THE SHRINE CHURCH

DAYS OF OBLIGATION

7:30 AM IN CONFORTI CHAPEL
12:10 PM IN SHRINE CHURCH

LECTIO DIVINA

EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM

PAX CHRISTI

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT
4 PM IN THE UPPER ROOM

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, July 6, 10 AM

+ Thomas Cullen (birthday)

MONDAY, July 7, 7:30 AM

+ Luis Vitorino Gonclaves

TUESDAY, July 8, 7:30 AM

+ Ana Marie Dias & Family and Jeffrey Taylor

WEDNESDAY, July 9, 7:30 AM

.+ Luis Vitorino Gonclaves

THURSDAY, July 10, 7:30 AM

+ Dorothy Avellone (25th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, July 11, 7:30 AM

+ Joao Gomes Carneiro, Amilcar Carneiro, Laurinda Valenca, Domingos Dos Santos

SATURDAY, July 12, 10 AM

+ Luis Vitorino Gonclaves

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