



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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May 10, 2020

All public Masses and other devotions are suspended until at least May 16, per the Archbishop.

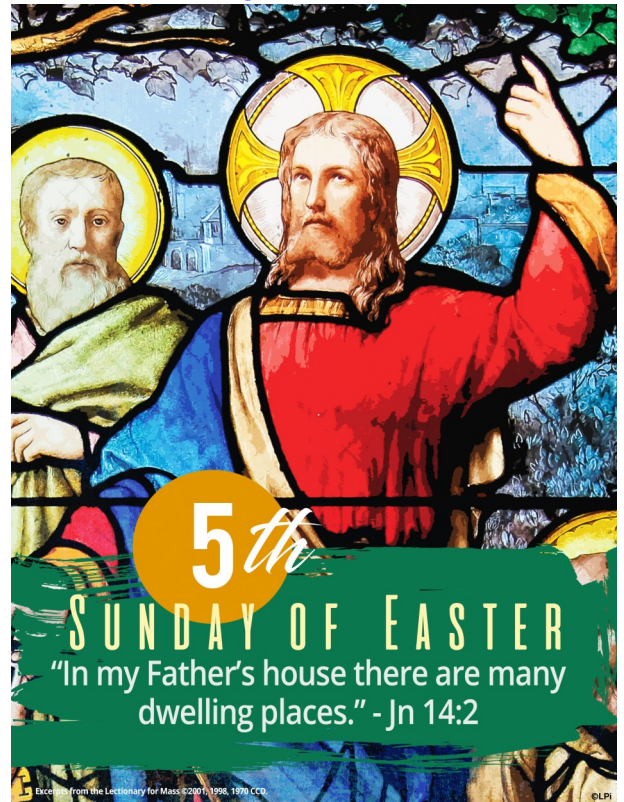
St. Joseph Chapel will remain available for Eucharistic Adoration (code 145)

Our livestream daily Masses can be found on the parish website or on YouTube

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

Sacraments

- Reconciliation:** Wednesday in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass
- Marriage:** Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding
- Baptism:** Contact the parish office to register for class and to arrange date
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all

part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you

see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

Parish Staff

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Parish School of Religion
 Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
 Confirmation Preparation
 8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
 Adult Education
 Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Quick Contacts Directory

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Catholics praying the Rosary create a "Map of Hope" amidst COVID-19

Throughout the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many around the world have looked to particular "maps" to track the spread of the virus. For many weeks these maps displayed a disheartening trend as the virus spread to every part of the globe.

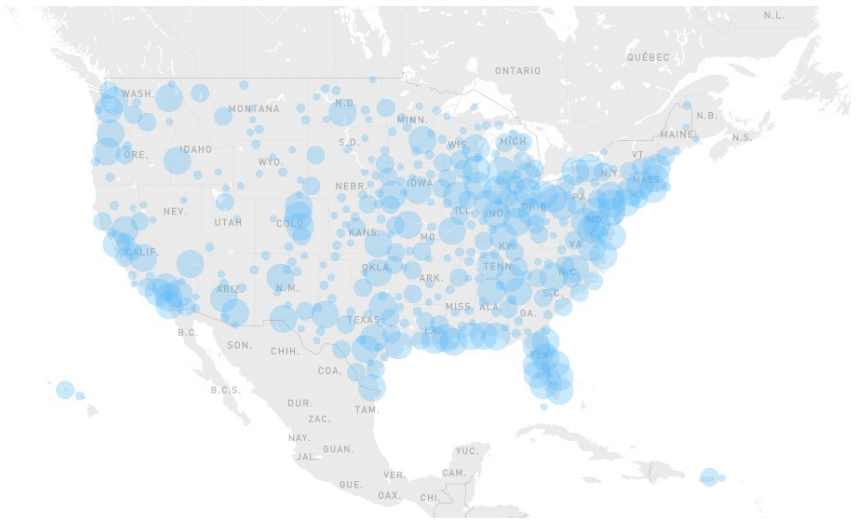
The maps caused many people to lose hope, seeing the virus wreak havoc in every country it touched. To counteract this feeling, a group of friends created a website called, "Map of Hope," which tracks the spread of the Rosary, instead of the virus.

According to the website's description, "Like many people, we looked at maps tracking all the coronavirus cases every day (and sometimes multiple times a day!). These maps kept getting worse. More and more red dots appeared, showing how the pandemic — and fear — was taking over the world. So we asked ourselves, 'What if we could create something that gives people hope?' It would be simple. It would track something inspiring. Something that gets better and better every day. A movement of people around the globe. Immediately, we thought, 'It should be the Rosary!'"

Anyone can check out the website and add their Rosary intention. Since its inception, the map has recorded over 5,000 prayer intentions! Social media users can, "Post on social media with #mapofhope to join the global movement," showing their Rosary and to give hope to others.

This focus on the Rosary coincides with Pope Francis' recent appeal to pray the Rosary in the month of May, specifically for the end of the pandemic.

During a time when there are many "negative" maps around, it is refreshing to see a "positive" map tracking hope around the world.



5th Sunday of Easter—Year A

[Jesus said,] "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." JOHN 14:6, 11

In 1965 huge areas of Canada and the United States were blacked out by the failure of an electric fuse the size of a football. All power to those huge areas funneled through that single fuse. Later, someone compared the fuse to Jesus, saying,

As that tiny fuse was the passageway by which power went forth to the United States and Canada, so Jesus is the tiny passageway by which we go forth to the Father."

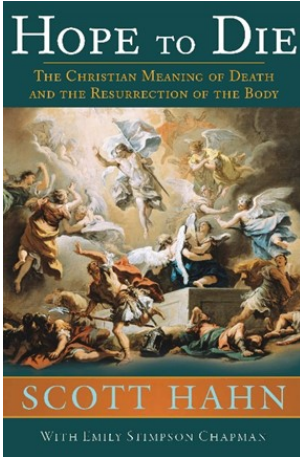
To what extent is my own life and faith reflected in this statement: "When we have traveled all ways, we shall come to the End of all ways, who says 'I am the way' "? Jesus is the way to the Father, the truth about the Father, and the life of the Father.

Fr. Mark Link S.J. (Action 2000)

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 items, the **Parish Library** is located in the **Grand Hall** past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the **Lighthouse CD rack** are located and available in the **Narthex**

From the Parish Library (Grand Hall)



(Latest book by Dr. Scott Hahn) As Catholics, we believe in the resurrection of the body. We profess it in our creed. We're taught that to bury and pray for the dead are corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We honor the dead in our Liturgy through the Rite of Christian burial. We do all of this, and more, because when Jesus Christ took on flesh for the salvation of our souls he also bestowed great dignity on our bodies.

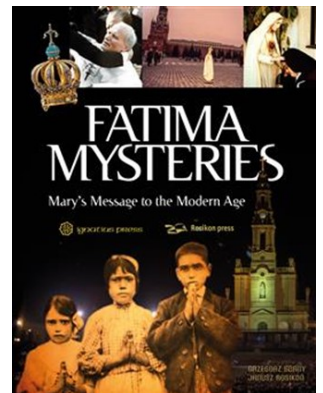
In *Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body*, Scott Hahn explores the significance of death and burial from a Catholic perspective. The promise of the bodily resurrection brings into focus the need for the dignified care of our bodies at the hour of death. Unpacking both Scripture and Catholic teaching, *Hope to Die* reminds us that we are destined for glorification on the last day.

Our bodies have been made by a God who loves us. Even in death, those bodies point to the mystery of our salvation.

"The tragedies foretold in Fatima did not come to an end with the demise of Communism. The crisis has not been resolved. From a certain point of view it is still as serious as it ever was, as it is primarily a crisis of faith, hence a moral and social crisis." — Pope Benedict XVI

The apparitions in 1917 of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three peasant children in Fatima, Portugal, are perhaps the most important private revelations in the history of the Church. At the height of World War I and on the eve of the Russian Revolution, Our Lady appeared in Fatima to warn us of another even greater world war, the spread of Communism, and a terrible persecution of the Church unless people returned to God. She asked for us to offer daily prayer and sacrifice for conversion of the world and salvation of souls.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of these important apparitions and messages for the modern world, renowned author-photographer team Grzegorz Górný and Janusz Rosikon traveled throughout Europe to tell the story of Fatima and its impact on the destiny of both individuals and nations. With stunningly beautiful four-color photographs on every page, and in-depth detail and insights on all aspects of the story and message of Fatima, they probe the mysteries of Fatima and their continued relevance for our modern age. Lavishly Illustrated.



Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White, Janie Roth,

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children), Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel), Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine), Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt), Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond), Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etkorn)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

PSR Corner

FORMED.ORG

We are fortunate that for years now we have already have a system in place for "home-schooling" as part of our regular PSR program. The Faith and Life textbooks that are used have an online counterpart at www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com. Along with all the prayers and works of home/spiritual life/climate that parents strive to set for their children, they also have a user-friendly, easily accessible tool in their homes to exercise their role as "first teachers" of their children in the way of faith. PSR catechists and the program at the parish is that "vitamin supplement" to the "meal" that is home life. With this "imposed monasticism" via the coronavirus, we hope all parents will have their sons and daughters finish out the year via the online program. The Sacrament of Confirmation is tentatively scheduled to take place on Pentecost, Sunday May 31 at 11:30 am. First Communion is tentatively scheduled to take place on Corpus Christ, Sunday, June 14th at 9:30 am. As soon as we know for sure, we will let everyone know.



Contributions, May 3

General Offertory:	\$6,640.00
Online – General Offertory:	\$6,540.32
TOTAL	\$13,180.32

*"The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone."
(1 Peter 2:7)*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

We pray ... that we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their gifts.

Needed at the Pantry

sugar, jelly, fruit juices, canned fruit, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple, pears, chicken broth, laundry detergent, dish soap, shaving lotion, saltines, cake mixes, icing, bar soap, toothpaste and paper products



Have you done your spring cleaning yet? Take your gently used clothes, furniture and home items (when it is appropriate!) to the nearest Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift store at Cave Springs.

For our donation guidelines, visit <https://svdpstlouis.org/ways-help/donate-goods>.

Friendly Reminders

We truly appreciate all who are supporting our SVDP Food Pantry. Occasionally, however, we have to throw some things away. Please remember:

When donating items to the SVDP food pantry, **please watch the expiration dates**. If you won't eat it, please don't drop it off in the donations box.

We can only accept items that are in their **original, unopened packaging**. We cannot give partly used goods to our neighbors in need. Thank you!

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of **Retha Beymer**

mother of Pam & David Debold,
grandmother of Lisa DeBold and Amanda Nobel,
great-grandmother of Ian, Tyler & Riley Nobel

Agnes Benne

mother of Elaine Sweeten and Roger Benne

Edward Langhammer

uncle of Kathleen Bellm

Rose Lumia

mother of Doris & Richard Berhorst

Brett Varady

grandson of Art & Sandy Varady

Jane Walters

daughter of Jane Holstein, sister-in-law of Laura Holstein

May they and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



Pope's Intentions for May: For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

- 1. church 1785
- 2. judgments 1790
- 3. culpable 1791
- 4. conduct 1792
- 5. charity 1792
- 6. objective 1794
- 7. God 1803
- 8. prudence 1806
- 9. justice 1807
- 10. fortitude 1808

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

- Formation of conscience is assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the _____.
 - priesthood
 - council
 - church
 - fathers of the church
- It can happen that moral conscience remains in ignorance and makes erroneous _____ about acts to be performed or already committed.
 - writings
 - math
 - thinking
 - judgments
- In cases when a man takes little trouble to find out what is true and good, or when conscience is by degrees almost blinded through the habit of committing sin, he is _____ for the evil he commits.
 - culpable
 - on probation
 - indifferent
 - not responsible
- Ignorance of Christ and His Gospel, bad example given by others, and enslavement to one's passions can be at the source of errors of judgment in moral _____.
 - conduct
 - indifference
 - mistakes
 - attitude
- Other sources of errors include a mistaken notion of autonomy of conscience, rejection of the Church's authority and her teaching, lack of conversion and of _____.
 - happiness
 - respect
 - family life
 - charity
- The more a correct conscience prevails, the more do persons turn aside from blind choice and try to be guided by _____ standards of moral conduct.
 - police
 - lawful
 - natural
 - objective
- A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good; the goal of a virtuous life is to become like _____.
 - Mary
 - saints
 - who you think you should be
 - God
- The virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.
 - justice
 - prudence
 - fortitude
 - temperance
- The moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor.
 - prudence
 - justice
 - fortitude
 - temperance
- The moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good.
 - prudence
 - fortitude
 - justice
 - temperance



Janet Hespem, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Steubenville Youth Conference

When: July 17-19

Where: MO State Campus, Springfield

Who: 9th thru 12 grade

For info: <https://steubystl.com>
or call Janet

Readings of the Week

Sun: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/
Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thu: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Positions needing to be filled

St. Francis Borgia Regional High School is looking for a volunteer nurse to work with high school students for the 2020-2021 school year. Volunteering at SFBRHS would be an excellent opportunity to work in a fun atmosphere with dedicated students. The hours could be flexible, and the Borgia community would be grateful.

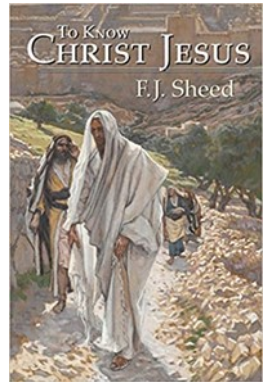
St. Joseph/Josephville School is in need of a janitor to work three hours a day, five days a week. If interested, please call Jill Nance at 636-332-5672.

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of May 10: Mary Ann Boenker
Week of May 17: Patrice Riley
Week of May 24: Teresa Berfanger
Week of May 31: Legion of Mary
Week of June 7: Peggy Dupree

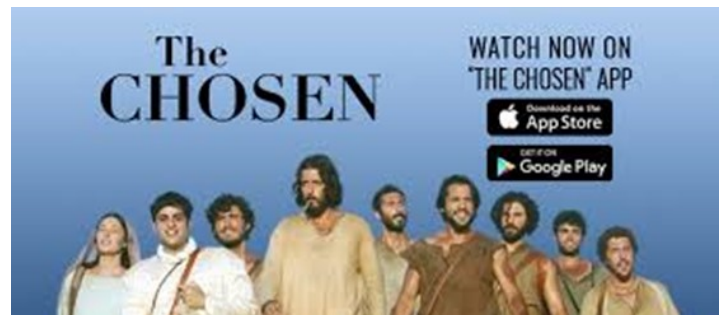
How much do I really know about the Life of Christ? What about my children?

Here's a simple test question that Frank Sheed (a Catholic lay evangelist for 50 years) would frequently give to audiences. He would ask, "Where did Jesus live as an adult?" Does the answer come to mind right away? Obviously, such "trivia" may be "trivial" in the big scheme of things, but if Jesus is important to us as both Lord and Savior, the center of life's meaning, then would it not be odd to know some of these basic details about his life and person? And surely, all Christians should be able to answer this simple question about where He lived, where his "headquarters" were during His public ministry, right?



If you don't know the answer, we won't reveal it here, but leave it for you to look up. (Hint: He lived in Peter's house, located in this town. Importance for today? He still "lives in Peter's house" – only this time it is "headquartered" in Rome, thus why we call ourselves "Roman" Catholics).

Dr. Scott Hahn was the recent keynote speaker at a "virtual retreat" Catholic family conference. He spoke on the themes of his new book "Hope to Die" (mentioned on page 4). He also commented on what his family has been doing during this time of quarantine, how they attempt to pray together, watch Mass together, and the like. One of the things he recommended was a video series they watched together as a family. Stating up front he's not a typical fan of "Christian movies" he was glad to endorse this one. It is called "The Chosen." It is a series that has recently come out about the life of Christ. One can watch it for free using various media tools. (Google how). It's been said of such movies in the past, "If you liked the movie, read the book." Well, if such a movie can help us know more about the Lord and help motivate us to "read the Book," praise God. Consider checking it out and recommending it to others if you like it.



DON'T FORGET



Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

During this time of separation...

Please remember that **food donations** can still be dropped off, and most importantly, **monetary donations** can still be made by check or through online giving on the parish web-site.

We are mindful of all those who are temporarily laid off, and don't know what to expect as to the future needs for both food and financial assistance. If you are able, please help our St. Vincent de Paul Society in this work of caring



Karen & Barry Galloway's granddaughter Lyra (and Rosalia), sporting her Mass Watching shirt recently. They watch IHM's Mass every morning from Grand Junction, CO.

Larry & Rita Bendel ready to watch Sunday Mass in their Mass Watching t-shirts.



Mass watching t-shirts are still available: \$10 each (\$12 for 2X-4X). Call the church office if you'd like to place an order!

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?



A Mother's Prayer

Lord, give me strength just for today to lead my children in Your way;
Oh, give me wisdom, Lord and grace to show to them Your precious face!

And help me, Lord, to teach them, too, the things of Christ so rich and true,
Just let them see in me, dear Lord, Your holiness in life and word.

Keep me from sinning with my tongue, from harsh, quick words that might have stung
Their tender hearts that trust me so and watch to see which way I go.

Dear Father, keep my thoughts so pure that they will always know for sure
My Lord has lead me all the way, Lord, grant my prayer just for today.

(author unknown)



*"My Immaculate
Heart will be your
refuge and the way
that will lead you to
God"*

-OUR LADY OF FATIMA