

Father Jim's Weekly Bulletin Article for May 7 2017

Our Lady of Fatima: This year marks the 100th anniversary of Mary's appearance at Fatima, Portugal. She appeared on the 13th of each month, May through October, with the exception of August when she appeared on the 19th. More about the reason for the August change of date later. Our two parishes will be commemorating each of Mary's appearances, beginning next Saturday with Mass at 9 am at Queen of Peace.

Readings for next week: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Reflection: Who is the cornerstone? Some say that it is Jesus. He is the rock upon whom all faith rests. Without Him, there can be no Christianity. Some say that it is Peter, the rock upon which Jesus built His Church, a man full of weaknesses and yet strong enough in faith to meet any and all obstacles to Christ. There are other candidates. What would the Church be without Paul or Mary or Francis or Mother Theresa or Aloysius or any of the saints? What would the Church be without us? All of us rely upon others to be our cornerstones. By the witness of their lives they confirm God's presence and our faith in Him. There are others who look to us. We are living stones, with the power to strengthen, or shake, the faith of those around us. Our lives are essential to the faith of those who build upon us.

1. Who do you look to as cornerstones of faith?
2. Make an effort to strengthen your relationship with another person. How does growth in one relationship effect the whole Church?

Prayer: Father, your Son brings us together as living stones, joined together as one temple, as one Body of praise. Strengthen the faith that binds us. May we always live as one Church, as one family, in peace with each other and in peace with you, Our God.