

# OUR LADY OF *Fatima*



**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND**

**9am - 9pm**

**At St. Mary Catholic Church  
Mount Angel, OR**

**Join us as we venerate the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima during her visit to St. Mary.**

**9am** Statue arrives & exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**12pm** Rosary in English

**3pm** Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet

**3:50pm** Benediction

**5pm** Marian mass in English

**7pm** Marian mass in Spanish

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to three shepherd children, Lúcia (Sr. Lucy) dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto outside the village of Aljustrel, near Fatima, Portugal. In the months that followed, the children would see Mary five more times. Cardinal Ratzinger summarizes these visitations saying, "Mary's plea was ultimately for prayer and penance... The Fatima message is a strong reminder that **the crises of the world must finally be resolved not through armed force but through prayer, and reliance on God's grace.**"

In the 1940's an effort to create the most precise and beautiful Fatima statue began. John Haffert, (co-founder of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatma), met with Sr. Lucy, to work on what came to be the final version of the statue. By 1947, the statue we now know was completed. This statue was destined to travel the world as a pilgrim.

Sr. Lucia, commented, "that she had never seen a statue which so resembled the actual apparition of Our Lady." Her first tour in the United States alone covered 32 dioceses in 20 states and was venerated by 5,000,000 people. This statue has not stopped traveling the world since 1947.