

Blessed Jacinta Marto

The children of Fatima responded to the messages Mary brought us all. They did not merely pass these messages on as instruments. They were the first to respond to a divine call to arms, to the spiritual combat called for in an age of revolution, when the golden chain of the holy rosary must be raised against tyranny, persecution and increasing moral corruption.

“

Give my love to our Lord and our Lady, and tell them that I suffer all they ask of me to convert sinners, and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

– Jacinta to her brother Francisco just before he died



Date of birth:

11 March 1910

Birthplace:

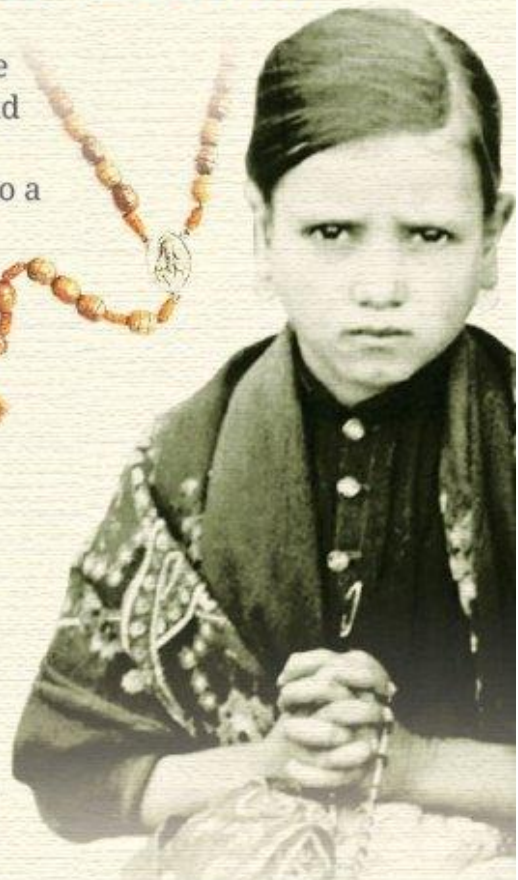
Aljustrel, Santarém, Portugal

Died: 20 February 1920

Age: 9

Feast Day: February 20

Patronage: bodily ill, captives, people ridiculed for their piety, prisoners, sick people, sickness



1910

On March 11, Jacinta Marto was born the eleventh and last blessing in her family.

1915

She had a marked love for Our Lord, and at the age of five she melted in tears on hearing the account of His Passion, vowing that she would never sin or offend Him anymore.

1916

She and her brother (Francisco) and cousin (Lucia) were visited three times by the Angel of Peace.

1917

From May 13 through September 13, Our Lady appeared five times to the children.



Our Lady told the children many things including many warnings and prophecies of the terrible future that awaited us if we did not repent.



She was particularly struck by Our Lady's request to pray for sinners, especially after seeing the vision of Hell which Mary showed to the three children.

On August 13, the Administrator, Santos, 'kidnapped' the children to prevent them going to Cova da Iria for the next Apparition, and threatened them with a cauldron of boiling oil.

On October 13, the sixth and final apparition takes place. 70,000 people present witnessed the Miracle of the Sun at the Cova da Iria.

1918

An influenza epidemic swept Europe in autumn of 1918, just as the War was finishing, and both Jacinta and Francisco became victims.

1920

On the evening of February 20, Jacinta asked to receive the Last Rites. A priest heard her confession and promised to bring her Communion next morning, but Jacinta died peacefully that night.

1935

When Jacinta's coffin was opened on September 12, during its removal to a tomb especially built at Fatima, her face was seen to be perfectly incorrupt.



2000

Jacinta and her brother Francisco were beatified, by Pope John Paul II on May 13, at Fatima.