

"Mary invites us to prayer, penance and conversion"

In his May 11 general audience, Pope Francis reminded everyone that Friday May 13 is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and urged us to follow Saint John Paul II's example in having recourse to her.

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During his weekly General Audience this morning in St. Peter's Square,

Pope Francis recalled that in this month of Mary, Friday marks the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Fatima.

“In this apparition,” Pope Francis said, “Mary invites us once again to prayer, penance and conversion. She asks us to not offend God anymore. She warns all mankind of the need to surrender to God, the source of love and mercy.

“Follow the example of St. John Paul II, great devotee of Our Lady of Fatima; let us listen attentively to the Mother of God and seek peace for the world. Praised be Jesus Christ,” Francis said.

The Pope also gave greetings today to Slovak pilgrims and acknowledged that Sunday marks the Solemnity of Pentecost.

“We pray to Almighty God to pour out upon us the Holy Spirit with His

gifts, so we can become courageous witnesses of Christ and the Gospel,” Pope Francis prayed.

For translation of Pope's entire address click [here](#).

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