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Bl. Francisco and Jacinta Marto

20th century

Feast Day—February 20



Two of the three Fatima visionaries, this sister and brother were beatified in 2000. With their cousin, Lúcia dos Santos, they had monthly visions of Mary at Fatima, Portugal, from May to October 1917. Mary asked the shepherd children to promote devotion to her Immaculate Heart and pray the Rosary daily. Both Martos died of influenza—Francisco at age 10 in 1919 and Jacinta at age 9 in 1920. Their cousin Lúcia, who became a Carmelite nun, died in 2005 at age 97. Fatima is among the world's great Marian shrines and pilgrimage sites.

