

As we pray the Rosary we contemplate

The Mysteries of Joy:

- Annunciation-Incarnation of the Lord (Lk 1:26-38)
- Visitation of MARY to her cousin Elizabeth (Lk 1:39-56)
- Nativity of Our Saviour JESUS CHRIST in Bethlehem (Lk2:1-20)
- Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (Lk 2:22-39)
- Finding of JESUS in the Temple (Lk 2:41-51)

The Mysteries of Light: *

- Baptism of JESUS in the Jordan (Mt 3:13)
- Wedding Feast of Cana—JESUS' first public miracle (Jn2:1-12)
- JESUS Proclaims the Kingdom and Calls us to Conversion (Mk 1:14; 2:3-13)
- Transfiguration of Our Lord on Mt Tabor (Lk 9: 28-35)
- JESUS Institutes the Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26-29 and Jn13:1)

The Mysteries of Sorrow:

- JESUS' Agony in the Garden (Lk 22:41-46)
- Scourging of JESUS at the Pillar (Jn 19:1)
- Crowning of JESUS with thorns (Mt 27:29)
- JESUS carries His Cross to Calvary (Jn 19: 17)
- JESUS is crucified on the Cross (Lk 23: 33-46)

The Mysteries of Glory:

- The Resurrection - JESUS is raised from the dead (Jn20:1-18)
- JESUS ascends into Heaven (Acts 1:9)
- Pentecost— the Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)
- Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven (Lk 1:49)
- Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven and Earth (Apoc 12:1)

** Added to the Rosary in 2002 by Pope John Paul II*

FAITH

“...belief means casting the net where we have caught nothing the whole night long, if, at dawn, the Lord bids us do so. It is to play our part, commit our whole life, on Christ’s word. It is to say “yes” to God, to accept His conditions, to entrust Him with the direction of our life, to hand Him the key of our soul – “I have taken Christ for my Master forever”. It is to embrace the views of God, to judge things as He judges them, from a divine and Christian standpoint. ..

...Prayer, the exercise of faith, is, obviously, where we steep ourselves most thoroughly in God’s view; it is in prayer that we can best adjust our view to that of our Father in Heaven, by imitating the model, fraternal to us and filial to God, given by the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Faith is an interior light derived from the light of God which illumines all things in the light of God and makes us see them as He does. It is no illumination from without, not even a power magnifying that of our human vision, but a new sight grafted on our actually existent humanity, new eyes, the eyes of the Father, source of a new gaze which is the gaze of God, since it comes from Him, and which is also my gaze, since it is really engrafted and adapted in my own life. Thus, there is in me a principle of vision and, in more general fashion, a principle of action that is strictly divine, a possibility of seeing things with the eye of God. The Christian performs acts and leads a life whose true principle is Christ; his way of seeing and judging is Christ’s way; his life springs not so much from himself as from Another whose standpoint he has embraced and whose vision he has received for his own. This, surely, is the realization of the Mystical Body, of a life led on Christ’s account.” (The Mystery of the Church Fr. Yves Congar, OP, p. 122-124)

“Although everything seemed to go astray, still Catherine could not lose her faith in the Church: she had been told that the bridge Christ has offered mankind to reach the house of the Father cannot wholly crumble since it rests on the power of the Father, the wisdom of the Son and the ‘strong hand’ of the gentle Spirit of Love that holds the universe.”

(St. Catherine of Siena, Giuliana Cavallini, OP, p.105)



Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us!

***Have you stopped
practicing your
Catholic faith?***

Whatever the reason may be...

...and no matter how long it may be...

“Behold, your Mother!” (Jn 19:27) who calls you back to begin again in a small way. Each day pray 5 decades (or even one) of the Holy Rosary. This method of prayer, which you may have learned as a child, is deeply rooted in Holy Scripture. The prayer of the Rosary is a ‘school of love’ where the teacher is the Mother of God and the lessons are all about Jesus, Her Son. Jesus Christ is the center of the Rosary prayer and it is in Him that we experience the divine power of this prayer.

In Fatima in 1917, the Virgin Mary, Mother of God appeared to three small children: Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta and asked them to tell everyone to pray the Rosary everyday and to amend their lives because God was already so much offended by the sins of mankind... These three children were the first to take this message to heart and they fulfilled it beautifully.

The true essence of this prophetic Message of Mary, offered almost 2000 years after the Birth of Christ, is one of hope and life— hope in God’s infinite mercy and true life in Christ now and in eternity in heaven. As we read in the Gospel: “God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son...” (Jn 3:16-17) and in 1917 God showed His unending love for the world when He sent Mary, the Mother of His Son Jesus, to remind us of His unconditional love for every person and of our true dignity and destiny as His children.

Some years later, reflecting on the prayer of the Rosary, Lucia, who was then a Carmelite Nun, said: “The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Most Holy Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” Sr. Lucia dos Santos, OCD

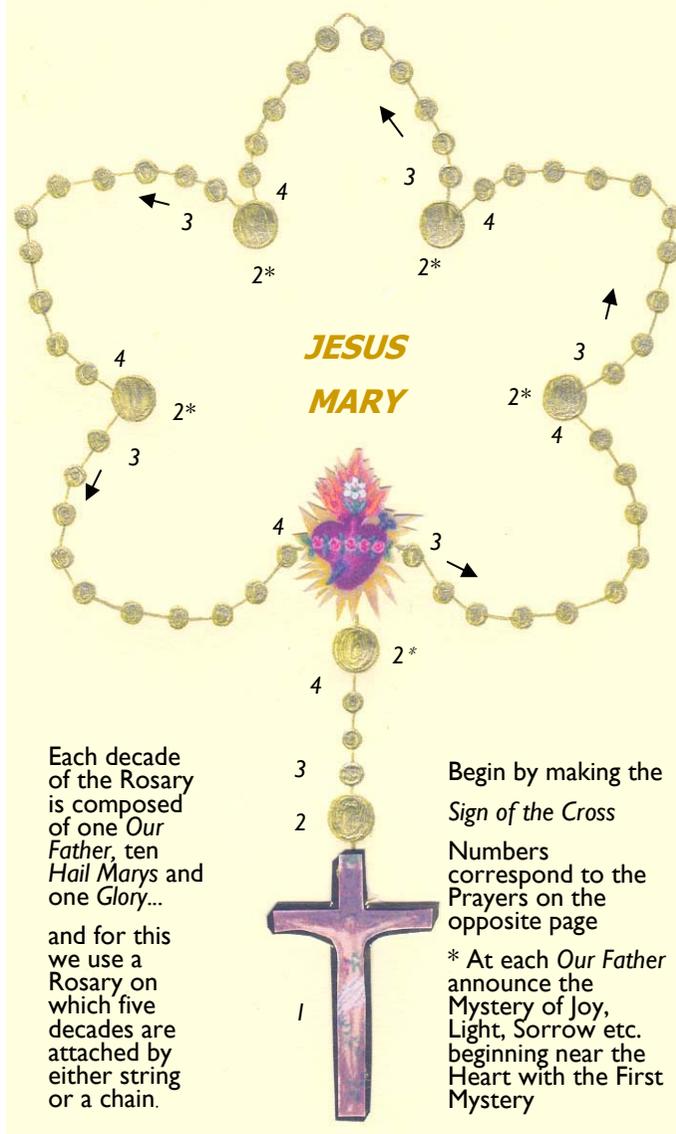
Dear Catholic brothers and sisters, won’t you allow MARY, the Mother of JESUS and our Mother to take your hand and begin to practice this simple, yet very beautiful method of prayer -

the **Holy Rosary.**

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How to Pray the Rosary



Each decade of the Rosary is composed of one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys* and one *Glory*...

and for this we use a Rosary on which five decades are attached by either string or a chain.

Begin by making the *Sign of the Cross*

Numbers correspond to the Prayers on the opposite page

* At each *Our Father* announce the *Mystery of Joy, Light, Sorrow etc.* beginning near the Heart with the *First Mystery*

Web sites that may be of interest to you:

www.fatima-dominicans.com

www.op.org

www.rosarium.op.org

www.rosaryconfraternity.org

www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index_rosary.htm

Prayers used in the Rosary

Apostles' Creed (1) (Opening prayer)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father (2) (Lk 11:2-4)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary (3) (Lk 1:28-29)

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death Amen.

Glory (4) (Mt 28:18-19)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer taught by Our Lady of the Rosary at Fatima (1917) to be prayed after each Glory: “Oh my JESUS, forgive us, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven especially those most in need.”

Hail Holy Queen (Closing prayer)

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To Thee do we cry poor banished children of Thee. To Thee do we send up our sighs of mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn Thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile be shown unto us the blessed Fruit of Thy womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.