

## Why do we pray the rosary?

**The rosary is known as a very powerful prayer and has been known as tool to bring peace. Our modern world is moving towards the abandonment of morals, destruction of family and turning its back on God in every imaginable way.**

**In 1917, God sent his own Mother of Fatima to 3 small children in Italy. She warned us of what is to come if we do not change and solution is to “Pray the Rosary.”**

**Pray the Rosary, Pray it well and get others to do the same and watch as your life and the world is transformed**

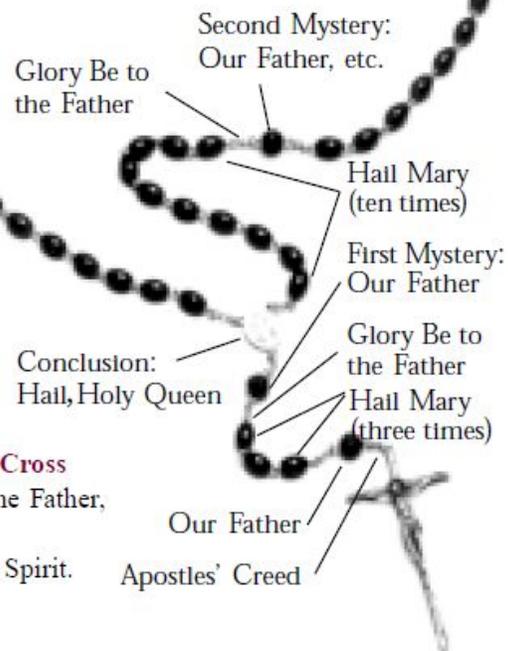


## Praying the Rosary

1. While holding the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the first bead and all the single beads, say an Our Father.
3. Pray one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads for an increase in faith, hope, and charity.
4. On the next single bead, pray the Glory Be.
5. Before praying the next set of ten beads (called a decade), first meditate on the first mystery. Announce the mystery, imagine the event, and begin to meditate on it by itself or in association with whatever matter the mystery brings to your heart.
6. Pray an Our Father.
7. Pray a Hail Mary on the first bead of the decade, and on each following bead.
8. After praying the decade, pray the Glory Be. You may also want to add the Fatima invocation.
9. Reflect on the second mystery, then pray an Our Father on the next single bead.
10. Pray the Hail Mary on the next ten beads. Repeat the sequence around the rosary.
11. At the end of the last decade, pray the Hail Holy Queen.



## Praying the Rosary



### The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,  
And of the Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### The Apostles' Creed

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 into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will 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.

### The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

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

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.

### The Glory Be (The Doxology)

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 Invocation

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy.

### Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



# Joyful Mysteries (on Mondays and Sundays)



□ **The Annunciation:** Virgin Mary being greeted by the angel, who announces she is to conceive and give birth to Christ, our Redeemer.



□ **The Visitation:** Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, whose son, trembled with joy in the womb upon hearing the voice of Mary



□ **The Nativity:** Our God, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, and laid in a manger.



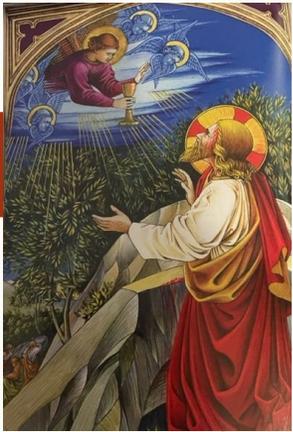
□ **The Presentation:** Mary carries her Son to Jerusalem to Present Him to the Lord



□ **The Finding in the Temple:** Virgin Mary, having lost her Son, found Him in the Temple after 3 days of wearisome search, listening to the Doctors of the Law and asking them questions.



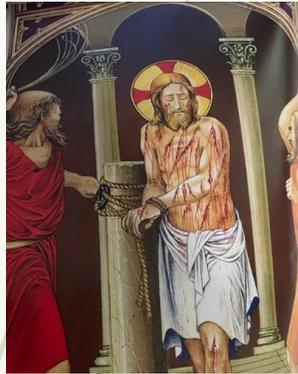
# Sorrowful Mysteries (on Tuesdays and Fridays)



- **The Agony in the Garden:** Jesus praying in the Garden of Olives as his apostles sleep.



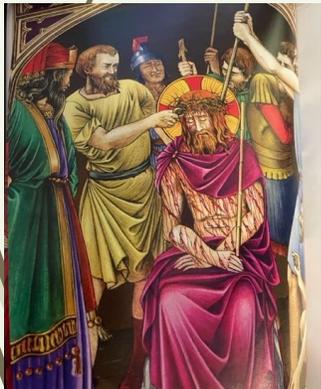
- **The Carrying of the Cross:** Bearing the crushing burden of the Cross.



- **The Scourging at the Pillar:** Our Lord Jesus Christ bound to the pillar and mercilessly flogged at the order of Pilate, who is pleasing the crowds.



- **The Crucifixion:** Jesus is nailed to the Cross and raised aloft between 2 thieves.



- **The Crowning with Thorns:** Jesus removes his garments and clothed in a cloak. He is crowned with thorn.



# Glories Mysteries (on Wednesdays and Sundays)



□ **The Resurrection:** Jesus rising through His own power on the third day.



□ **The Assumption:** Virgin Mary taken body and soul into heaven by God amidst the rejoicing of the angels.



□ **The Ascension:** Jesus withdraws from His disciples and ascending into heaven forty days after His resurrection.



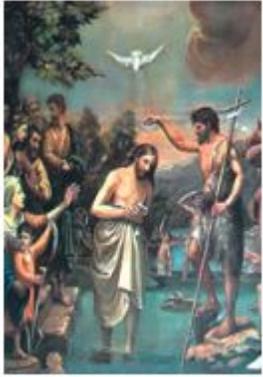
□ **The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin as Queen of Heaven and Earth:**



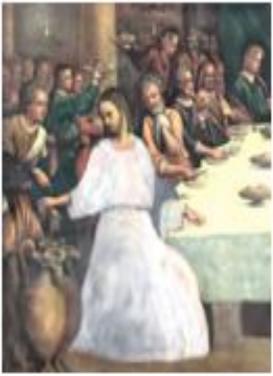
□ **The Descent of the Holy Spirit:** The Apostles gather and are now filled with the Holy Spirit



# Luminous Mysteries (on Thursdays)



- **The Baptism at the Jordan:** John is baptizing in the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance.



- **The Miracle at Cana:** Jesus, His Mother and disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana. The wine ran out. At Mary's request, Jesus worked His first miracle.



- **The Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to Conversion:** Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.



- **The Transfiguration:** As He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His raiment became dazzling white. He talked with Moses and Elijah.



- **The Institution of the Eucharist:** He took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them saying "This is My body which is given for you...."

