

NOTES FROM THE LITURGIST...

THE HOLY ROSARY

“The **Holy Rosary** (*/ˈroʊzəri/*; Latin: *rosarium*, in the sense of "crown of roses" or "garland of roses"), also known as the **Dominican Rosary**, refers to a form of prayer used in the Catholic Church and to the string of knots or beads used to count the component prayers. When used for the prayer, the word is usually capitalized ("the Rosary"), as is customary for other names of prayers, such as "the Lord's Prayer", and "the Hail Mary"; when referring to the beads, it is written with a lower-case initial letter ("a rosary").

The prayers that comprise the Rosary are arranged in sets of ten Hail Marys, called decades. Each decade is preceded by one Lord's Prayer and followed by one Glory Be. During recitation of each set, thought is given to one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, which recall events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Five decades are recited per rosary. Other prayers are sometimes added before or after each decade. Rosary beads are an aid towards saying these prayers in the proper sequence.

A standard 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, based on the long-standing custom, was established by Pope Pius V during the 16th century, grouping the mysteries in three sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. During 2002 Pope John Paul II said that it is fitting that a new set of five be added, termed the Luminous Mysteries, bringing the total number of mysteries to 20. The Glorious mysteries are said on Sunday and Wednesday, the Joyful on Monday and Saturday, the Sorrowful on Tuesday and Friday, and the Luminous Mysteries are said on Thursday. Usually five decades are recited in a session.”

...by Wikipedia

The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because it reflects the story of our salvation. When we pray the Holy Rosary, we meditate on the life of Jesus and Mary. It is a simple, humble prayer so much like Mary.

My dear friends, let us pray the Holy Rosary together. We ask for the intercession of the Blessed Mother to pray for us. Our Blessed Mother always grants our request. She joins her prayer to ours. Make that habit to pray the Holy Rosary because what Mary asks she always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for.

For the month of October, we will have a 24/7 Praying the Holy Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel here in our parish. I am inviting you all to come and pray anytime.