

The Rosary

Daily Rosary, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m., Church
Family Rosary, Third Friday of the Month, 4:30 p.m., St. Benedict Chapel

The Rosary is a very powerful prayer. Although we say many formal prayers while praying the rosary, we are also meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Rosary is comprised of four groups of **mysteries**, The Joyful Mysteries, The Luminous Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries and The Glorious Mysteries.

When we pray the Joyful Mysteries we are recalling some happy times in the life of Jesus and Mary. We remember stories about when Jesus was born and when he was a young of boy. These mysteries remind us to be glad.

The Luminous Mysteries, or the Mysteries of Light, tell us about five of the many, many great things Jesus did during his life. Jesus spent his life being good and kind and teaching people about God. Mary encouraged Jesus to be the best teacher he could be. These mysteries remind us that we can be like Jesus. We can bring joy and goodness to the world by following Jesus, the light of the world.

Mary's greatest sacrifice was watching Jesus suffer and die for us. Mary wanted to protect Jesus from his enemies, and save him from death, but she realized that Jesus had to complete his mission and die to save us from our sins. We remember this time in the life of Mary and Jesus in the Sorrowful Mysteries. We call these mysteries the Sorrowful mysteries because they are very sad stories. But they also remind us that God is always with us, even when bad things happen to us.

The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died. They tell us that Jesus has a special place in heaven for all of us; God gives us a new life that never ends and that life is more beautiful than we can ever imagine.

Jesus loves us very much. He loves us so much that he died for us and saved us from sin. Jesus also loves His mother Mary and shares her with all of us. We pray the Rosary to honor Mary and to remember the special times in the lives of Jesus and Mary. When we pray the Rosary, we can ask Mary to ask Jesus to pay special attention to our prayers.

Mary is the greatest saint of our church. Mary loves us and keeps us close to Jesus. We pray to Jesus through Mary. We don't worship Mary or any of the saints. We only worship God.

In one of his letters, Pope John Paul suggested we pray certain rosaries on the different days of the week.

| The Joyful Mysteries (Mon & Sat) | The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues & Fri) | The Glorious Mysteries (Wed & Sun) | The Luminous Mysteries (Thurs) |
|---|--|--|---|
| The Annunciation The Visitation The Nativity The Presentation The Finding in the Temple | The Agony in the Garden The Scourging at the Pillar The Crowning with Thorns The Carrying of the Cross The Crucifixion | The Resurrection The Ascension The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Assumption The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | The Baptism of Jesus The Wedding of Cana The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God The Transfiguration The Institution of the Eucharist |

How to Pray the Rosary

1. Begin on the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and pray the Apostle's Creed.
2. On the 1st bead, pray 1 Our Father.
3. On the next 3 beads, pray Hail Mary.
4. Next pray 1 Glory be to the Father.
5. Then announce and think of the first mystery and pray 1 Our Father and 10 Hail Mary's.
6. Pray 1 Glory be to the Father and the Fatima Invocation.



Announce the second mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group or decade is said.

When you finish the five mysteries, pray the Glory and Hail, Holy Queen.

St. Kilian Roman Catholic Church
485 Conklin Street
Farmingdale, NY 11735