

Celebration of the Living Rosary With Glorious Mysteries

Virtue Link: Faith, Hope, Love, Fortitude
Catholic Character Themes: Community, Discipleship, Reverence

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INTRODUCTION:

Good (morning/afternoon) and welcome to our celebration of the Living Rosary. We are now in the month of May/October. May/October is the month when Catholics honour Mary the mother of Jesus and our mother, in a special way. And so, we turn to Mary today by praying the rosary, knowing that she listens to all her children's prayers.

When we were baptized, we became one with Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary.

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Jesus, we look to Mary as our Mother, and God as our Father. We ask Mary to teach us and help us by her prayers to live as God's children.

As we pray the rosary today, we greet Mary our Mother with the words of the angel Gabriel saying "Hail Mary..." As Mary's sons and daughters, we ask her to pray for us "now, and at the hour of our death," that we might be good followers of Jesus, and share in his gift of eternal life.

Let us begin this wonderful prayer with the sign of our faith:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Apostles' Creed, Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

The Apostles' Creed

LEADER:

We begin the Rosary with The Apostles' Creed, saying "I believe." When we say these words, we tell everyone that we believe the Good News of Jesus that comes to us from the apostles. Let us begin:

I believe in God
The Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead;
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

ALL:

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Catholic Church
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Our Father

LEADER:

Our Father, who art in Heaven
 Hallowed be thy name,
 Thy Kingdom come
 Thy will be done
 On earth, as it is in heaven.

ALL:

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.

Three Hail Marys

LEADER: Now we pray three Hail Marys. We ask Mary to pray that God will strengthen the gifts of Faith, Hope and Charity we received at Baptism.

Hail Mary,
 Full of grace
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 And blessed is the fruit
 Of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL:

Holy Mary,
 Mother of God
 Pray for us sinners,
 Now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen.

Two more Hail Marys

Glory Be:

Glory be to the Father
 And to the Son
 And to the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

As it was in the beginning,
 Is now and ever shall be,
 World without end.
 Amen.

The Glorious Mysteries

First Glorious Mystery:

The Resurrection

LEADER:

In this First Glorious Mystery, we join with Mary in remembering the resurrection of Jesus, her Son, from the dead. We share her joy, and ask her to help us by her prayers to live as God's joyful people, in the hope of the resurrection.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 Hail Marys
- ❖ Glory Be
- ❖ O My Jesus,
 Forgive us our sins
 Save us from the power of hell
 Lead all souls to heaven,
 Especially those in most need of thy mercy.

Second Glorious Mystery:

The Ascension

LEADER:

In the Second Glorious Mystery, we join with Mary in remembering the risen Jesus, as he rose up to heaven. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, and we bow down with Mary in our hearts to adore him.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 Hail Marys
- ❖ Glory Be
- ❖ O My Jesus

Third Glorious Mystery:

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

LEADER:

In the Third Glorious Mystery, we remember with Mary how she joined the apostles to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came down on them as tongues of fire, filling them with gifts to preach the Good News to the whole world. We ask Mary to pray for us, so that we might be open to the Holy Spirit, who gives us everything we need to follow Jesus and to preach his Good News with our lives.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 Hail Marys
- ❖ Glory Be
- ❖ O My Jesus

Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

LEADER:

In the Fourth Glorious Mystery, we contemplate how Mary was taken up into heaven at the end of her time on earth, to be with Jesus her Son and all the saints forever. Mary shares body and soul in the glory of the risen Jesus, her Son. Mary's assumption reminds us that we the Baptized, will also share in the resurrection of our bodies like Mary, with Jesus, her risen Son.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 Hail Marys
- ❖ Glory Be
- ❖ O My Jesus

Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

LEADER:

In the Fifth Glorious Mystery, we contemplate how God specially honours Mary for saying "yes" to his plan to bring Jesus into the world. Mary is our model; she shows us how to follow Jesus. She is our Mother and Queen; her prayers for us to Jesus the King of heaven will always be heard. We ask Mary to pray for us to God for the help we need to live as disciples of Jesus. We want God's Kingdom to grow in everyone's hearts, so that all God's people will be crowned like Mary with the everlasting glory of Jesus, her Son.

- ❖ Our Father
- ❖ 10 Hail Marys
- ❖ Glory Be
- ❖ O My Jesus