

Saints

About the Rosary

- **St. Pius X** said: "Give me an army of Christians who recite the Rosary well and I will conquer the world. If you want peace in your heart, in your home, in your country, assemble together every night and say the ROSARY."

By the Rosary we will conquer all fear, sadness, doubt and difficulty.

- **Padre Pio** said: "Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the Rosary."

The Rosary was the contact link between himself and the Blessed Mother. It was the weapon with which Padre Pio would defeat the devil. Padre Pio was never without the Rosary in his hands throughout the day.

- **St. Louis Marie de Montfort**: "The Rosary is a priceless treasure which is inspired by God. If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that in spite of the gravity of your sins you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. For even if you are now on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell..."

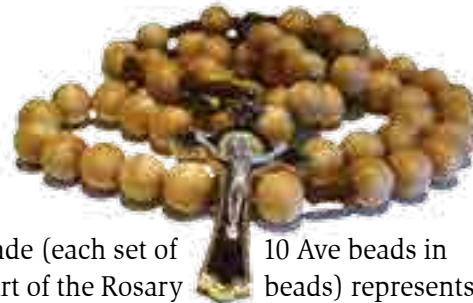
- **St. Teresa of Avila** tells us how priceless a treasure it is by showing the value and merits of a single HAIL MARY. Shortly after her death, she appeared to one of the Sisters of her Community and told her that she was willing to return to a life of suffering until the end of time to merit the degree of glory with which God rewards one devoutly recited Hail Mary.

- The Rosary saves souls. **St. Maximilian Kolbe** wrote in his agenda, "Many Rosaries, many souls saved." Do we think of this? We will save many souls by reciting the Rosary. What charity of inestimable value would this be!



Mary is a living person, not a memory. We talk and converse with her when we pray, especially in the Rosary because there we meditate and ask her help to put into practice what we have meditated upon.

The Rosary is a meditation on the lives of Mary and Jesus.



Each decade (each set of 10 Ave beads in the circular part of the Rosary beads) represents a single Mystery in their lives, and as the prayers are recited, we contemplate that particular Mystery.

There are **3 sets** of 5 Mysteries:

1. The Joyful Mysteries,
2. The Sorrowful Mysteries,
3. The Glorious Mysteries.



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Let's pray the
Rosary
every day



Every day the Rosary
for Thee, o Immaculate!

A short history of The Rosary



- The Rosary began as a practice by the laity (they said 150 Ave Marias) to imitate the Christian monasticism of the Liturgy of the Hours, during the course of which the monks prayed the 150 Psalms daily.

- In the year 1214, St. Dominic had received the Rosary from the Blessed Virgin as a means of converting the Albigensians and other sinners. Our Lady appeared to him and she said, "Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?" "Oh, my Lady," answered Saint Dominic, "you know far better than I do, because next to your Son Jesus Christ you have always been the chief instrument of our salvation." Our Lady replied: "I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare, the principal weapon has always been the Angelic Psalter, which is the foundation-stone of the New Testament. Therefore, if you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Rosary."

- The Rosary, thus, has always been a weapon against heresy and trouble. The 7th of October 1571 victory of Christendom over Islamic warriors at the Battle of Lepanto – the first naval victory against the infidels – was attributed directly to the Rosaries prayed by the faithful.



- Our Lady also appeared to the children at Fatima and asked that the Rosary be prayed daily.

It is truly of great importance that Our Lady gave us the Rosary. When at Fatima she spoke of the salvation of sinners, of the ruin of the souls in hell, of wars and of the future of our age, Our Lady indicated and recommended the Rosary as the prayer that saves.

The Rosary and the Immaculate Heart of Mary mark the final triumph of the Kingdom of God for this epoch.

True devotion to the Rosary and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary guarantee salvation. Even Our Lady says that the souls devoted to the Rosary and to her Immaculate Heart "will be dear to God as flowers placed by me to adorn His throne".

Our Lady herself wants to light and to keep burning in us the love for the Rosary and for her Immaculate Heart.



15 Promises for praying the Holy Rosary, given to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive significant graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.

6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death. If he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life.

7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.

8. Those who are faithful in reciting the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in Paradise.

9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.

11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.

12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire Celestial Court during their life and at the hour of death.

14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.