

THE ROSARY

The rosary is one of our best-loved prayers. It is a prayer in which we remember major events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The rosary is divided into five groups of ten beads with a single bead set before each group. Each group is called a decade. There is also a crucifix and four other beads at the beginning of the rosary. Begin with the sign of the cross. We pray the Apostles' Creed on the cross of the rosary followed by one Our Father, three Hail Marys and one Glory Be to the Father.

For each Mystery or decade of the rosary, we pray one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be. As you pray each decade, we think about the mystery or special event in the lives of Jesus and Mary. At the end of the rosary, we pray the Hail, Holy Queen.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she has been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.

The Visitation

Mary visits her relative Elizabeth.

The Nativity

Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

The Presentation

Mary and Joseph present the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.

The Finding in the Temple

Mary and Joseph find the child Jesus with the teachers in the Temple.

The Luminous Mysteries

Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

The Wedding Feast at Cana

Jesus performs his first miracle at Mary's request.

Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Jesus announces the Kingdom of God and calls for conversion.

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Jesus reveals the glory of his divinity to Peter, James, and John.

The Institution of the Eucharist

Jesus offers us his body and blood as spiritual food under the signs of bread and wine.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

Jesus prays and suffers in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.

The Scourging at the Pillar

Jesus is whipped.

The Crowning with Thorns

Jesus wears a crown of thorns.

The Carrying of the Cross

Jesus carries his cross to Calvary.

The Crucifixion

Jesus is crucified and dies on the cross.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

Jesus is raised from the dead.

The Ascension

Jesus ascends to his Father in Heaven.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit comes upon the disciples at Pentecost.

The Assumption

Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul.

The Crowning of Mary

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; 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. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.