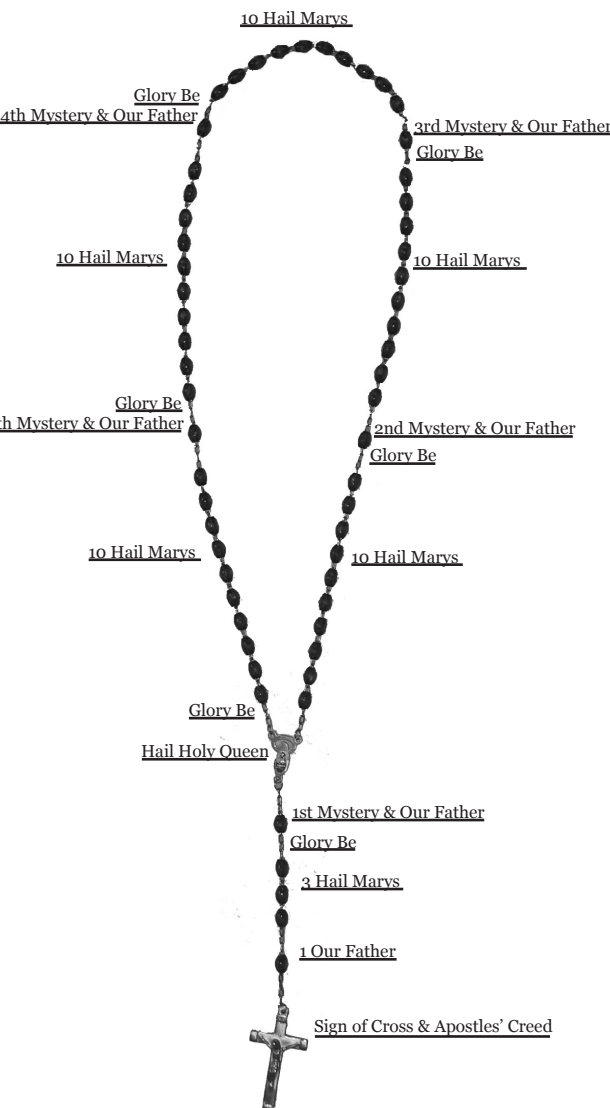


# Why should I pray the Rosary?

The Rosary is a special set of prayers to God that helps us to remember the most important events in the lives of Mary and Jesus.

There are a total of 20 Mysteries that tell the story of Mary and Jesus. Each group of 10 Hail Marys is called a decade, and each decade is a different mystery.



# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

# Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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.

# Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

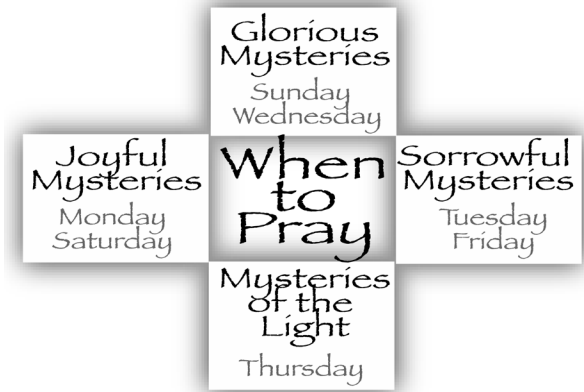
# Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# Hail Holy Queen

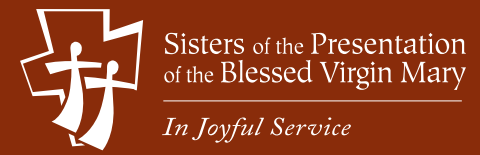
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears; turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show 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.



# Praying the Rosary

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## The 5 Joyful Mysteries

**Luke**  
1:26-38  
1. Annunciation  
God sent an angel to ask Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. Though she was afraid, she said, "Yes."

**Luke**  
1:39-45  
2. Visitation  
The angel told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby. Mary went to help Elizabeth, who became the mother of John the Baptist.

**Luke**  
2:2-20  
3. Birth of Our Lord  
Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem in a stable, because it was the only place that had room to house the family.

**Luke**  
2:22-35  
4. Presentation in the Temple  
After Jesus was born his parents took him to the Temple in Jerusalem and presented Jesus to God.

**Luke**  
2:41-52  
5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple  
When he was older, Jesus went with his parents to a service at the Temple. He stayed after the service to talk to the teachers and Mary and Joseph thought he was lost.

## The 5 Luminous Mysteries

**Matthew**  
3:16-17  
1. Baptism of Jesus  
John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit proclaimed Jesus as God's son.

**John**  
2:5  
2. Wedding at Cana  
Jesus changed water to wine because his mother, Mary, asked him to help. The disciples saw this miracle and believed in Jesus.

**Mark**  
1:14-15  
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom  
Jesus came to Galilee preaching the good news of God. He told everyone to ask for forgiveness and that the Kingdom of God was near.

**Luke**  
9:28-29  
4. Transfiguration of Jesus  
The Apostles were on Mount Tabor with Jesus when they saw the glory of God shining from Jesus. God said to them, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

**Matthew**  
26:26  
5. Institution of Eucharist  
At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the Apostles' feet, knowing already that Judas had betrayed him. He then offered his body and blood under the signs of bread and wine.

## The 5 Sorrowful Mysteries

**Matthew**  
26:36-44  
1. Agony in the Garden  
Knowing one of his friends had betrayed him, Jesus went to a garden to pray for strength. Though he was afraid, he found the courage to die for our sins.

**John**  
18:33-19:1  
2. Scourging at the Pillar  
Pilate, the Roman leader, ordered soldiers to whip and beat Jesus.

**Matthew**  
27:27-31  
3. Crowning of Thorns  
After whipping Jesus, the soldiers took his clothes and placed a scarlet cloak around him. Calling him "king of the Jews," they put a crown of thorns on his head.

**Luke**  
23:26-31  
4. Carrying the Cross  
Though he was in pain, Jesus was made to carry the heavy wooden cross to Calvary. Along the way he saw his mother and friends, who were crying, and Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus with his cross.

**Matthew**  
27:33-55  
5. Crucifixion & Death of Jesus  
As Mary watched, Jesus was nailed to the cross and died. Before he died, Jesus asked God to forgive everyone and gave Mary to John and to us as our mother.

## The 5 Glorious Mysteries

**Matthew**  
28:1-10  
1. Resurrection  
Jesus was placed in a tomb after his death. When Mary Magdalene came for him, an angel told her he had risen from the dead as he had promised.

**Luke**  
24:36-53  
2. Ascension  
Jesus went with his mother and friends to a place near Bethany. He blessed those with him and God took him to heaven.

**Acts**  
2:1-12  
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit  
Jesus promised his followers that he would always be with them. On Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to them and they were filled with God's peace.

**Psalms**  
131:8  
4. Assumption of Mary  
When Mary died Jesus took her body and spirit to heaven to be with him. Mary looks down from heaven and cares for us.

**Revelations**  
12:1-2  
5. Coronation of Mary  
Jesus and the angels welcomed Mary when she entered heaven. She was crowned the Queen of Heaven and the Universe. In heaven she appears with a robe made of the sun, the moon under her feet and a crown of 12 stars on her head.

*The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary.*