

# October - Month of the Holy Rosary



October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. Previous to the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.

Two years before establishing the feast, in 1569, Pope St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in its present form with the papal bull *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices* ("The Roman Pontiffs are accustomed," the first words of the document). In a development from earlier methods of praying the rosary, the new version included the second half of the Hail Mary, as well as the "Glory Be" prayer at the end of each mystery.

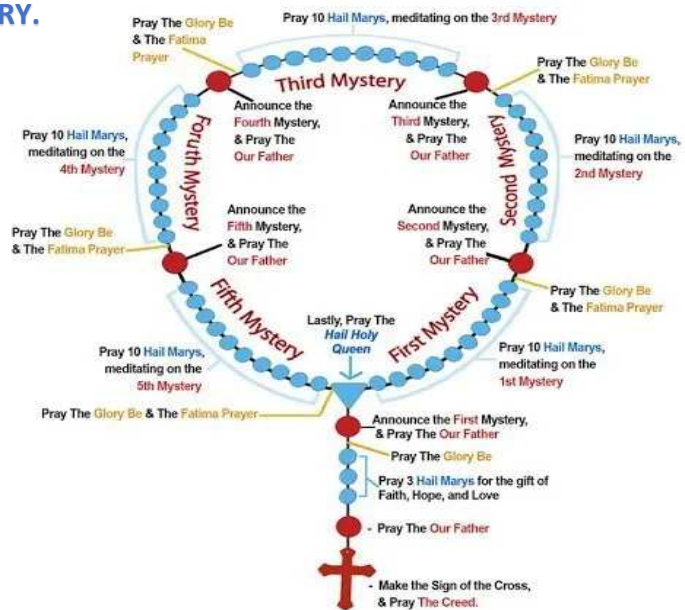
Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls and has impressed on his mind, the Popes tell us, "the chief mysteries of the Christian religion," "the mysteries of our Redemption," "the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs." The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries."

## HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY.

*The Fatima Prayer (Decade Prayer)*

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.

*-Mary told the children at Fatima that people should add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.*



## UP-COMING EVENT:

Join **Australia Needs Fatima** in a Rosary to honour Our Lady of the Rosary and pray for special intentions. Please, bring some flowers to help decorate Our Lady's statue carrier. Bring a plate to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. *All welcome!*

For all queries, call Don on (9756 6946).

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 2022

10:30am – 11:30am

**Venue :** Monbulk RSL Building Lawn,

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