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Praying the Rosary From the Heart

This is not meant to be a "how to" on praying the rosary.

If you need basic instructions on praying the rosary, see

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) "How to Pray the Rosary" www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary



What is a Rosary?

• It is not designed to be a necklace

- *Note we do wear other religious objects such as crucifixes as "jewelry"
- Rosary vs. other rosaries
 "The word rosary is from the Latin rosarium, or rose garden. It signified a wreath or garland and was seen as special favor of presentation to Our Lord and Our Lady" (Ball, A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals. 145).
- Sacramental Instrument/tool for prayer



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What is a Sacramental?

- The Sacraments are instituted by Christ while "the Church herself created sacramentals for another purpose: to sanctify everyday life" (Ball, 12).
- Catechism of the Catholic Church 1667 "Holy Mother Church has, moreover, instituted sacramentals. These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy."

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What is a Sacramental? Cont'd

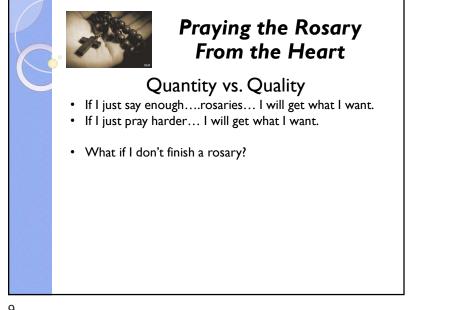
- Catechism of the Catholic Church 1670 "Sacramentals do <u>not</u> confer the grace of the Holy Spirit the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it."
- "When a medal or a scapular is blessed, it does not itself become <u>a cause of grace</u>. What happens is that God responds to our petition to give special graces when the faithful use these things with the proper disposition" (Ball, 13, my emphasis).



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What is a Sacramental? Cont'd

 "Non-Catholics, and even some Catholics, object as well that sacramentals and devotional practices contribute to a kind of "automatism" in our relationship with God. These challengers accuse us of holding that by just doing something, going somewhere, or reciting fixed prayers, we imagine ourselves to be saved" (Ball, 13)





The Origin of the Rosary cont'd

St. Dominic may not have started the Rosary but the Dominicans found it "an excellent way to teach the mysteries of Christianity to a largely illiterate European population" (Ball, 145).



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The Origin of the Rosary

- · "According to one tradition, the rosary's defining moment came during an apparition of Mary to St. Dominic around the year 1221. Dominic was battling a popular heresy called Albigensianism. Mary gave him the rosary, told him to teach people this devotion, and promised that his apostolic efforts would be blessed with much success if he did" (Sri, "The Origins of the Rosary").
- This now seems unlikely based on:
 - · Evidence of using beads with Our Fathers and Hail Mary's that pre-date St. Dominic by several centuries
 - And no mention by St. Dominic or the Dominicans of starting the rosary.

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The Poor Man's Breviary

- Monks were reciting the 150 psalms in prayer. (They continue this today as the Liturgy of the Hours, aka Divine Office)
- For centuries, books were too expensive for the average person and people could not read. Now most people can read and afford books but the rosary remains a good form of prayer that we can do anywhere.
- As a substitute, people would pray the Our Father 150 times. This began the Poor Man's Breviary. The practice also develops of praying 150 Hail Mary's (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2678. Sri, "The Origins of the Rosary").

The Poor Man's Breviary cont'd

- They began to use beads to count (Sri, "The Origins of the Rosary").
- Over time the beads were connected with string (Ball, 145). "The Old English word bede, surviving today as the word bead, originally was a word for prayer" (Ball, 145).

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The Origin of the Rosary cont'd

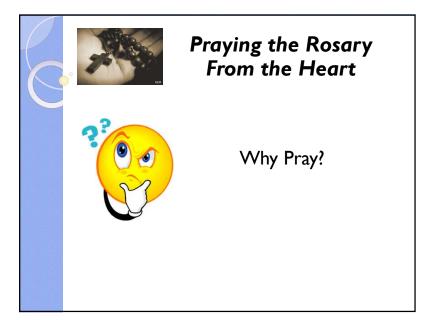
- Our Lady of the Rosary
 - 1571 Pope Pius V organized a fleet for battle and "asked all of the faithful to say the rosary and implore our Blessed Mother's prayers, under the title Our Lady of Victory, that our Lord would grant victory to the Christians" (Fr. Saunders, "The History of the Rosary).
 - The battle was won and honored today on October 7th with the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.



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The Origin of the Rosary cont'd

- The name of Jesus was added to the Hail Mary in the 13th Century (Sri, "The Origins of the Rosary")
- From the 13th to 16th centuries, the mysteries of the rosary were added along with the Glory Be and the second half of the Hail Mary. Pope St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in 1569 (Sri, "The Origins of the Rosary")
- 2002, Pope Francis added the Luminous Mysteries in his Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* centered on events in Jesus' life (Sri, "The Origins of the Rosary." USCCB, *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, 299-300).







The Meaning Behind the Words

Prayer can involve saying the words of prayers that we have memorized. However, good prayer is not just about saying the words. We need to reflect on what the words mean.

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Forms of Prayer - Meditation

"Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2705).

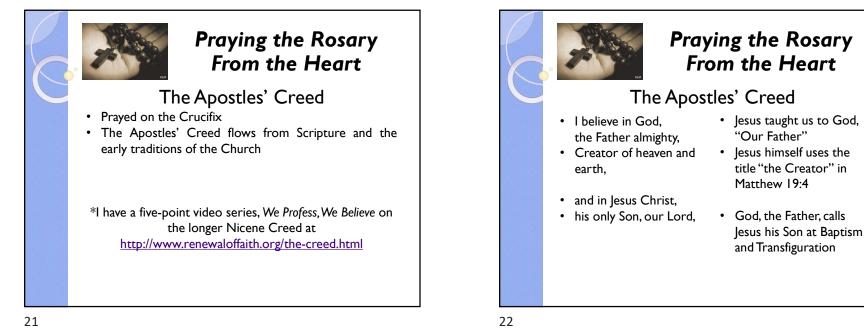


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What are We Meditating On?

"The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer" (USCCB, United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006. page 298)

The Compendium: Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the rosary as "a compendium of the whole Gospel" (Question 198).







The Apostles' Creed cont'd

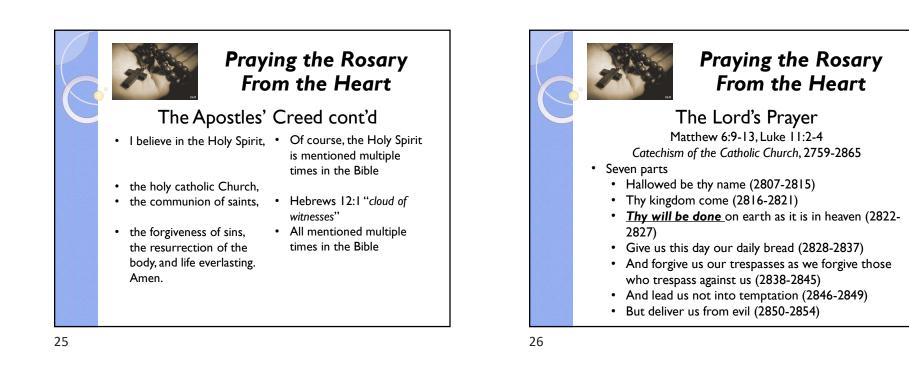
- · who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
- suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
- he descended into hell;
- See the story of the Annunciation Luke 1:26-38
- Found in various verses in the bible
- See I Peter 3:18-22, especially 19a, "In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison" and Ephesians 4:9, "What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower [regions] of the earth?"



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The Apostles' Creed cont'd

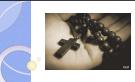
- on the third day he rose again from the dead;
- he ascended into heaven, Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-
- and is seated at the right I Peter 3:22 "who has hand of God the Father almighty;
- from there he will come to *judge* the living and the dead.
- Found in various verses ٠ in the bible
 - 53:Acts 1:6-12
- gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God"





- Hail Mary
- Hail Mary, Full of Grace, Luke I:28 "Hail, favored The Lord is with thee. • Blessed art thou among • Luke I:42b - "Most blessed
- women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- Holy Mary,
- Mother of God.
- pray for us sinners now, ٠ and at the hour of our death.

- one! The Lord is with you."
 - are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
 - Luke I:43b "mother of my Lord"
 - "St. Pius V officially added the second part to the Hail Mary" (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 298)



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The Glory Be

- Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
- Revelation 16:5 "Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just, O Holy One, who are and who were, in passing this sentence."
- Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- Revelation 1:8 ""I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.""



The Fatima Prayer

(optional prayer at the end of each decade – given by Mary at Fatima in 1917) "<u>O my Jesus</u>, forgive us our sins, <u>save us</u> from the fires of hell; <u>lead all souls</u> to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

- "Our Father" and "O my Jesus" → the Rosary is not simply a prayer to Mary. Mary gave this prayer at Fatima and she points us to Jesus
- "save us" we cannot save ourselves
- "lead <u>all</u> souls" → Not just praying for ourselves



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Mysteries of the Rosary

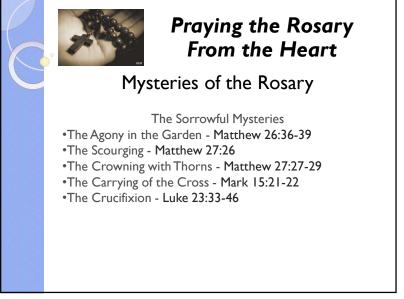
We call them the mysteries of the Rosary.

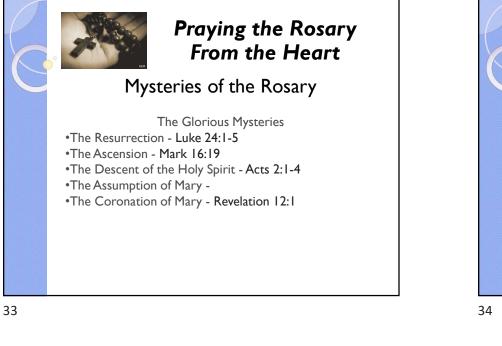
What are the mysteries about?

- Mary?
 - Assumption and Coronation of Mary
- The rest are moments in the life of Jesus (Mary is present at some of the events in the mysteries)
 - Mary points us to Jesus

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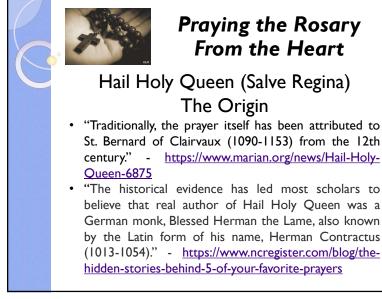


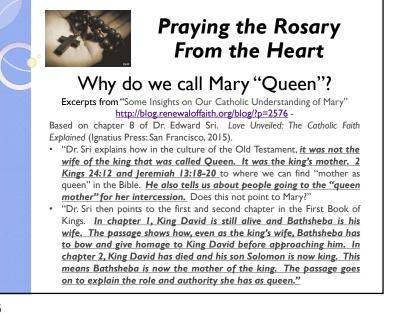


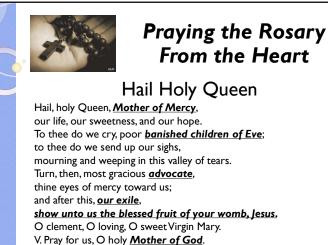


Mysteries of the Rosary

The Luminous Mysteries •The Baptism of the Lord - Matthew 3:16-17 •The Wedding of Cana - John 2:1-11 •The Proclamation of the Kingdom - Mark 1:15 •The Transfiguration - Matthew 17:1-2 •The Institution of the Eucharist - Matthew 26:26







R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



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Prayer that closes the Rosary

O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, ("to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28 and Mark 10:45)) grant, we beseech thee, that while <u>meditating</u> on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <u>we may imitate what they contain</u> and <u>obtain what they promise</u>, <u>through</u> the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Future Schedule

- Being Church in Today's World For centuries western civilization was rooted in Christianity. This is being lost today. Fewer people practice their faith and many do not believe that God exists. In a world where many think that you are free to believe whatever you want, how do you know what voice to listen to? Where do we go for real Truth? What does it mean to be "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church?"
 - September 22nd, October 27th, and November 17th
- When you exit this webinar a short evaluation questionnaire should come up to invite your feedback.
- The slides for this presentation will be available online at www.renewaloffaith.org/rosaryvideo



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