



October is Month of Rosary: Why Pray the Rosary?

October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and the month of October is traditionally the month of the rosary. Why did the Blessed Mother ask us to pray the rosary at many of her approved apparitions such as at Fatima? Why should we pray at all?

Psalm 1:1-3 tells us how to be happy: "Blessed (happy) is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

So why pray the rosary?

One reason the Blessed Mother asked us to pray the rosary might be because it can benefit anyone at any stage of the spiritual life from beginners to advanced. The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" teaches about various types of prayer including vocal prayer, meditation and contemplation. The rosary is a vocal prayer, a meditation and can lead to contemplation as Pope John Paul II mentioned in his encyclical Rosary of the Virgin Mary. Here is a quote from that encyclical:

"A path of contemplation ... But the most important reason for strongly encouraging the practice of the Rosary is that it represents a most effective means of fostering among the faithful that commitment to the contemplation of the Christian mystery as a genuine 'training in holiness': The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation."

The rosary is not only a vocal prayer but also a meditative prayer. So what is meditation?



It is interesting that the Blessed Mother appeared in the St. Anthony Church at Fatima to seven-year-old Jacinta, one of the Fatima seers. There she taught Jacinta how to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary by showing her 15 tableaux (pictures) of the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. Mary taught her to meditate on the mysteries by forming images of the mysteries in her mind as she prayed the Hail Marys.

Praying the decades (10 Hail Marys) of the rosary is not necessarily about focusing on the meaning of each word of each prayer. Rather it is more about pondering the mystery for that decade. For example, the first sorrowful mystery is the Agony in the

Garden. While a person says the 10 Hail Marys for that decade they might think about how Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and what Jesus said and did there. To do this it helps to know the Gospel passages regarding the mysteries. The rosary is a prayer of the gospels as we not only meditate on the gospel scene, but most of the prayers are also taken from Scripture verses.

In our Church 10 days Rosary begins on Oct. 22nd.



Heartfelt gratitude to **Rev. Sr. Xavier** for her dedicated service to St. Mary's Church, Morton Grove for last 6 years as a Sacristan and Secretary. Your presence and service enriched our pastoral ministry. We wish and pray all the best for your new appointment in Tampa, Florida. We are going to miss you greatly. You will be ever remembered in our parish community.

We also express our sincere thanks to Sr. Sandra for your support and services to our parish community and wish you all the best in your new ministry in Tampa.

There will be farewell greetings to our sisters after the 10 am Mass on Sunday Oct. 2nd



St. Therese of Lisieux
"The Little Flower"
1873-1897

*Our Lord needs from us
neither great deeds nor
profound thoughts.
Neither intelligence nor
talents. He cherishes
simplicity.*



Oct 1, Feast of
St Therese of
Child Jesus

Oct 2, Feast of
Guardian Angel

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT IN THE YEAR OF MERCY
LEAD BY REV. DR. SIBY PULICKAL
AT ST. MARY'S KNANAYA CATHOLIC CHURCH
MORTON GROVE IL
OCTOBER 7, 2016 To OCTOBER 9, 2016



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For more details contact:
Vicar and Trustees,
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All are Welcome

Schedule

Friday Oct 7, 2016

7:00 pm Holy Mass
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Retreat

Saturday Oct 8, 2016

10:00 am Holy Mass
11:00 am to 6:00 pm Retreat

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For details contact: Vicar and Trustees, St. Mary's Parish, Morton Grove, IL 310 709 5111

Fourth Sunday of Cross			
Oct 02	READING	10:00 AM	11:45
1st Reading	Is 32: 1-8		Sona Kadalimattom
2nd Reading	Phil 1: 12-25		Derek Valiamattathil
Gospel	Mt 13: 24-30		

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Oct 2 — Youth Mass at 10:00 AM (All the Youth and young adults of our community, please participate)

Oct 7, 8 & 9 — Retreat in the Year of Mercy

Fr Boban's Class about Catechism to the parents.

[Click here for the pictures](#)



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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

7:45am Holy Mass in Malayalam
10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam
11:40pm Holy Mass in English
05:30pm Holy Mass in Malayalam

MONDAY — FRIDAY

07:00pm Holy Mass in Malayalam

TUESDAY

After Mass Novena to St. Anthony

THURSDAY

After Mass Novena to St. Jude

SATURDAY

10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam
followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Offerings

Date	Collection Amount	Description	Comment
9/13/2016	\$84.00	REGULAR MASS COLLECTION	ST ANTONY
9/15/2016	\$14,499.00	REGULAR MASS COLLECTION	ST JUDE + ANNAUL FROM R.E(14250) + ANNUAL 85
9/18/2016	\$500.00	BUILDING FUND	
9/18/2016	\$3,043.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	10:00 AM MASS
9/18/2016	\$1,324.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	7:45 AM MASS
9/18/2016	\$61.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	ENGLISH MASS
9/18/2016	\$241.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	EVENING MASS
9/18/2016	\$5,180.00	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	R.E - CASH
9/18/2016	\$18,625.00	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	R.E - CHECK
9/18/2016	\$25.00	SPONSOR	CLOTH FOR DHARSANA SAMMOHAM
9/18/2016	\$350.00	OTHER Income	SPECIAL DONATION
9/18/2016	\$1,750.00	FACILITY USAGE	SOCIAL CLUB
9/18/2016	\$150.00	FACILITY USAGE	THATHAMKULAM
9/18/2016	\$40.00	PERUNNAL	MAIN FEAST - AUCTION
9/18/2016	\$162.00	KNANAYA REGION REFUND	MANTHRA - THATHAMKULAM
	\$46,034.00		