

FAMILY ASSIGNMENT: ROSARY RALLY

The Feast of the Holy Rosary is October 7, and the whole month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. The word “rosary” comes from the Latin for “rose garden” or “garland of roses.” The rose is associated with Our Lady. And when we pray the Rosary, each prayer of the Rosary is like offering a rose to our Mother Mary.



The Rosary is a beautiful way to reflect on the life of Jesus and grow closer to Him through prayer. Each mystery of the Rosary helps us meditate on important moments in His life, inviting us to think about His love, His sacrifice, and His mission. These mysteries are not just stories from the past—they teach us how to live our faith every day!

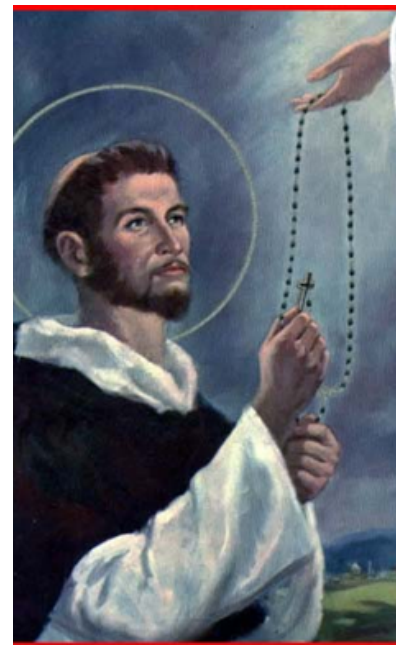
The Story of St. Dominic and the Rosary

A long time ago, a priest named Dominic wanted people to know and love Jesus. Some people were confused about what the Church taught, so Dominic prayed every day and asked God to help them.

One day, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Dominic. She gave him the Rosary and showed him how to pray it. Mary asked Dominic to teach everyone to pray the Rosary so they could grow closer to Jesus. Dominic taught many people how to pray the Rosary. Because of his love for God, he later became St. Dominic.

When we pray the Rosary, we think about the important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. We remember how much Jesus loves us and how He wants us to follow Him.

The Rosary is a special prayer that helps us spend time with Jesus. We ask Mary to pray for us and help us love Jesus more every day.



Rosary Prayer

V. Let us pray,

R. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Part I:Read Together:

1. **The Annunciation**, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and she agreed to be the mother of Jesus (Lk 1:28)
2. **The Visitation**, when Mary visited Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist (Lk 1:41-42)
3. **The Nativity**, the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (Lk 2:7)
4. **The Presentation**, when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple forty days after His birth (Lk 2:22-23)
5. **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**, when Mary and Joseph found Jesus preaching in the Temple as a boy after searching for Him for three days (Lk 2:46)

PART III:REFLECTION

DISCUSS TOGETHER .

1. The Annunciation

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus." Luke 1:30-31

Reflection Question: What is one way you can say "yes" to God in your life, even when it's hard or when you don't understand His plan?

2. The Visitation

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Luke 1:41-42 **Reflection Question: How can you help someone in need today, just like the Blessed Virgin Mary helped her cousin Elizabeth?**

3. The Nativity of Jesus

And she gave birth to her son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 **Reflection Question: What are some simple things in your life that bring you joy, just like the humble birth of Jesus?**

4. Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Luke 2:22 **Reflection Question: How can you show God your love through obedience, even when it might be hard?**

5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:48-49 **Reflection Question: How can you keep searching for Jesus and trust that He is always with you, even when you can't see Him?**

Part IV: Living the Eucharist

At the Last Supper, Jesus gives us the gift of the Eucharist, offering His body and blood for our salvation. Mary, who cherished Jesus deeply, teaches us to value the Eucharist as the gift of His very presence among us. Christianity Just as Mary treasured Him in her heart, we are called to cherish Jesus in the Eucharist, receiving Him with love and gratitude. What are some things we can do?

- ☐ 🙏 Pray before and after Mass to thank Jesus for His love.
- ☐ 🏛️ Go to Mass every Sunday and participate with a joyful heart.
- ☐ 🍞 Receive Jesus in Holy Communion with reverence and gratitude (when prepared to do so).
- ☐ 🤫 Be quiet and respectful in church because Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.
- ☐ ❤️ Spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration or simply visit Him in the church.
- ☐ 📖 Read a Bible story to learn more about Jesus.
- ☐ ❤️ Show kindness and love to others, just as Jesus teaches us.
- ☐ 🤝 Forgive others and be a peacemaker.
- ☐ 🙌 Help someone in need by sharing, serving, or encouraging them.
- ☐ ☀️ Thank Jesus every day for the gift of the Eucharist.

How can our family show Jesus that we are thankful for the gift of the Eucharist?

What is one thing we can do this week to show our love for Jesus at Mass or in our daily lives?

How can receiving Jesus in the Eucharist help us love others more like He does?

Closing Family Prayer

Loving God,

Thank You for the gift of Mary and the Rosary. Help our family grow closer to Jesus each time we pray together. Teach us to follow Mary's example of faith, love, and trust.

Bless our family and fill our hearts with Your peace.

Amen.

Parent Verification

One thing our family learned: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____