

Rosary Program

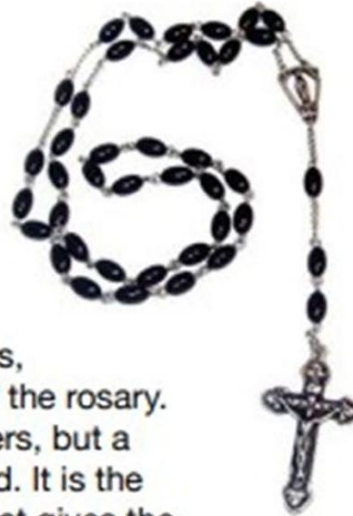
Did you know.....

The word rosary comes from Latin meaning a garland of roses.

When Christians recite the twelve prayers that form a decade of the rosary, they meditate on the mystery associated with that decade.

If they merely recite the prayers, they're missing the essence of the rosary.

It isn't just a recitation of prayers, but a meditation on the grace of God. It is the meditation on the mysteries that gives the rosary its staying power. The Joyful Mysteries are these: the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38), the Visitation (Luke 1:40-56), the Nativity (Luke 2:6-20), the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:21-39), and the Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51) each mystery is explicitly scriptural. Both Catholics and non-Catholics, as they learn more about the rosary and make more frequent use of it, come to see how its meditations bring to mind the sweet fragrance not only of the Mother of God, but of Christ himself!



The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should personally invite each family of the parish and offer attending families a copy of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service's A Scriptural Rosary for the Family (#319). Encourage families to read this booklet and learn how their faith can be strengthened through a devotion to Our Lady, while praying the rosary at home together regularly. Kits with rosary rings, rosary prayer guides, and leader books are available for councils to order. For Rosary program resources, visit www.kofc.org/rosary. Also you may order item 10600 for information on how to conduct a rosary program.

The Rosary , formally known as the Psalter of Jesus and Mary (Latin: Psalterium Jesu et Mariae), also known as the Dominican Rosary (as distinct from other forms of rosary such as the [Franciscan Crown](#), [Bridgettine Rosary](#), [Rosary of the Holy Wounds](#), etc. [See more](#)

The Mysteries of the Rosary are meditations on episodes in the life and death of Jesus from the Annunciation to the Ascension and beyond. These are traditionally grouped by fives into themed sets known as the *Joyful* (or *Joyous*) *Mysteries*, the *Sorrowful Mysteries*, and the *Glorious Mysteries*.^[10] [Pope John Paul II](#) recommended an additional set called the *Luminous Mysteries* (or the "Mysteries of Light") in his apostolic letter [Rosarium Virginis Mariae](#) (October 2002).^[17] The original *Mysteries of Light* were written by [George Preca](#), the only [Maltese](#) official Catholic saint, and later reformed by the pope.^[18]

Typically, a spiritual goal known as a "fruit" is also assigned to each mystery. Below are listed from the appendix of [Louis Marie de Montfort](#)'s book [Secret of the Rosary](#) for the original 15 mysteries, with other possible fruits being listed in other pamphlets bracketed:

Joyful Mysteries

1. [The Annunciation](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Humility.
2. [The Visitation](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Neighbor.
3. [The Birth of Jesus](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Poverty, Detachment from the things of the world, Contempt of Riches, Love of the Poor.
4. [The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Gift of Wisdom and Purity of mind and body (Obedience).
5. [The Finding of Jesus in the Temple](#). Fruit of the Mystery: True Conversion (Piety, Joy of Finding Jesus).

Luminous Mysteries

1. [The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Openness to the Holy Spirit, the Healer.
2. [The Wedding at Cana](#). Fruit of the Mystery: To Jesus through Mary, Understanding of the ability to manifest-through faith.
3. [Jesus' Proclamation of the Kingdom of God](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Trust in God (Call of Conversion to God).
4. [The Transfiguration](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Desire for Holiness.
5. [The Institution of the Eucharist](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Adoration.

Sorrowful Mysteries

1. [The Agony in the Garden](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for Sin, Uniformity with the Will of God.
2. [The Scourging at the Pillar](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Mortification (Purity).
3. [The Crowning with Thorns](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Contempt of the World (Moral Courage).
4. [The Carrying of the Cross](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Patience.
5. [The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Perseverance in Faith, Grace for a Holy Death, Forgiveness.

Glorious Mysteries

1. [The Resurrection](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Faith.
2. [The Ascension](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Hope, Desire to Ascend to Heaven.
3. [The Descent of the Holy Spirit](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Love of God, Holy Wisdom to know the truth and share it with everyone, Divine Charity, Worship of the Holy Spirit.
4. [The Assumption of Mary](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Union with Mary and True Devotion to Mary.
5. [The Coronation of the Virgin](#). Fruit of the Mystery: Perseverance and an Increase in Virtue (Trust in Mary's Intercession).

Traditionally the full Rosary consisted of praying all 15 traditional mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious) together.^[19] Alternatively, a single set of five mysteries can be prayed each day, according to the following convention:

Day of praying	Standard / Traditional ^[20]	With the Luminous Mysteries ^[21]
Sunday	During Advent : The Joyful Mysteries During Lent : The Sorrowful Mysteries During Easter and Ordinary Time : The Glorious Mysteries	The Glorious Mysteries
Monday	The Joyful Mysteries	The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday	The Sorrowful Mysteries	The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday	The Glorious Mysteries	The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday	The Joyful Mysteries	The Luminous Mysteries
Friday	The Sorrowful Mysteries	The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday	The Glorious Mysteries	The Joyful Mysteries