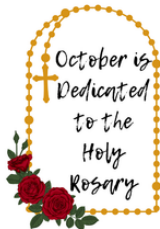


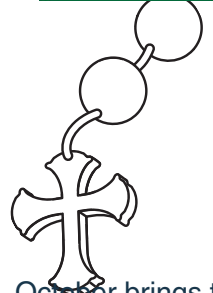
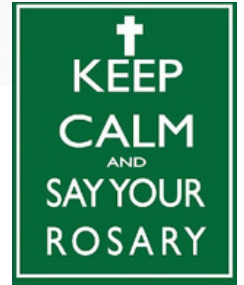


St Joseph Religious Education



OCTOBER

October 2026



October brings time to learn together, celebrate Mass as a family, and enjoy two parish gatherings. Please save the dates that apply to your child.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS
SIGN UP FOR THE YEAR**

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Wednesday, October 7th

5:30pm-6:45 pm RE Session

Sunday, October 11th

Sacramental Formation

with Father Marek

9:45am-10:45am

For sacramental families

Youth/Family Mass 11 am

Donut Sunday (after 11 am Mass)



Wednesday, October 14th

5:30 pm- 6:45 pm RE Session

Saturday, October 17th

Faith Buddies (Parish Hall) 9:30 am - 11 am

Holy-ween Trunk or Treat

1:00-3:00p.m. • NorthParking Lot



Sunday, October 18th



Saint, S'mores and Sweets

(Confirmation candidates) 3 pm-4:30 pm (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, October 21st

5:30 pm- 6:45 pm RE Session

Sunday, October 25th

2 pm PWD Mass

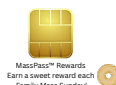
3 pm PWD Social



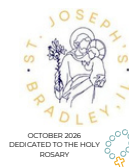
Wednesday, October 28th

5:30 pm- 6:45 pm RE Session

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October Happenings...

Saints Feast Day Of October



October 1st: St. Therese of Lisieux

October 2nd: Feast of the Guardian Angels

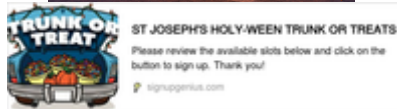
October 4th: St. Francis of Assisi

October 5th: Saint Faustina

October 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary

October 15th: Saint Teresa of Avila

October 22nd: Saint Pope John Paul II

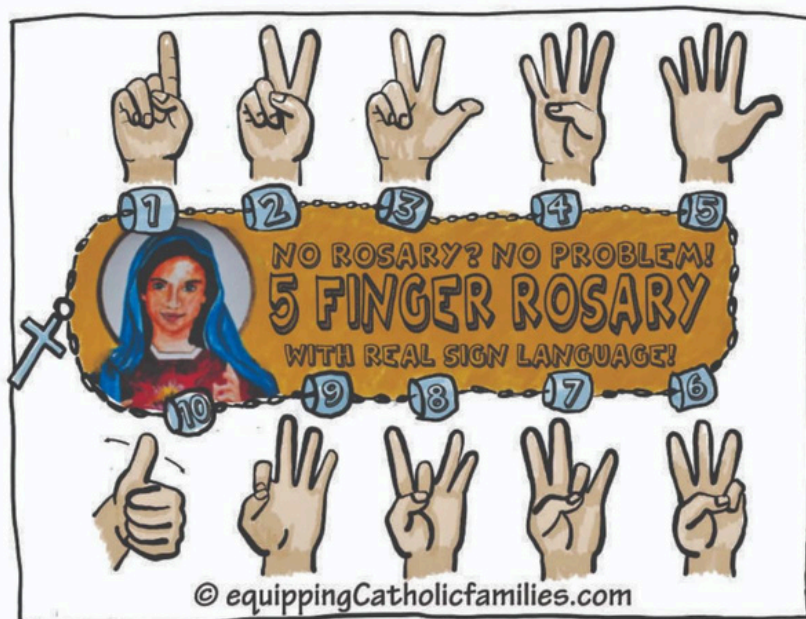


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Student: _____
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Sometimes throughout our busy day, we may find ourselves with an opportunity to pray, but no Rosary in our pocket. Despair not! While a blessed Rosary is ideal to recite the Rosary with and very helpful to keep track of all those Hail Marys, we need look no further than our own hands for an easy way to keep track of prayers. And...if we find we don't quite want to drop everything and count with both hands...here's a quick hack to count with the fingers on just one hand...with the bonus of learning legit sign language for number 1-10, at the same time! No excuses...we can commit to saying the Daily Rosary and if we ask Our Lady to help us remember and squeeze in those decades each day? She will certainly help us out!

Incredible Facts About the Rosary

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, MAKING IT A WONDERFUL TIME FOR OUR FAMILIES TO REDISCOVER THIS BEAUTIFUL AND POWERFUL CATHOLIC PRAYER. BUT DID YOU KNOW THERE IS MUCH MORE TO THE ROSARY THAN ITS 59 BEADS?

THE ROSARY IS SOMETIMES CALLED THE "BIBLE ON A STRING" BECAUSE ITS MYSTERIES WALK US THROUGH IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN THE LIVES OF JESUS AND MARY. AS WE PRAY THE OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, AND GLORY BE, WE ARE INVITED TO REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL AND GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST.

WHY IS IT CALLED THE ROSARY?

THE WORD ROSARY IS CONNECTED TO THE IMAGE OF A CROWN OR GARDEN OF ROSES. TRADITIONALLY, EACH PRAYER IS THOUGHT OF AS A SPIRITUAL ROSE OFFERED TO MARY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, MARY ALWAYS DIRECTS OUR ATTENTION TOWARD HER SON, JESUS. THIS IS WHY CATHOLICS OFTEN USE THE PHRASE "TO JESUS THROUGH MARY."

DID YOU KNOW?

A TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC ROSARY CONTAINS 59 BEADS. CHRISTIANS HAVE USED BEADS, STONES, KNOTS, AND OTHER OBJECTS TO COUNT PRAYERS FOR CENTURIES, AND THE ROSARY GRADUALLY DEVELOPED INTO THE FORM CATHOLICS RECOGNIZE TODAY.

THE ROSARY ALSO HAS AN AMAZING PLACE IN CHURCH HISTORY. IN 1571, POPE ST. PIUS V ASKED CHRISTIANS TO PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO. AFTER THE UNEXPECTED CHRISTIAN VICTORY, THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED A CELEBRATION HONORING OUR LADY OF VICTORY. THIS EVENTUALLY BECAME THE FEAST WE NOW CELEBRATE AS OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY. AT FATIMA IN 1917, MARY REPEATEDLY ASKED THE THREE SHEPHERD CHILDREN TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY FOR PEACE. HER MESSAGE REMINDS US THAT PRAYER CAN BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT DURING TIMES OF FEAR, CONFLICT, AND UNCERTAINTY.

SAINTS LOVED THE ROSARY, TOO!

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II HAD A TREMENDOUS DEVOTION TO THE ROSARY. HE DESCRIBED IT AS A WAY OF "CONTEMPLATING THE FACE OF CHRIST WITH MARY." IN 2002, HE ALSO INTRODUCED THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES, OR MYSTERIES OF LIGHT, WHICH HELP US MEDITATE ON JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY.

ST. PADRE PIO CONSIDERED THE ROSARY A POWERFUL SPIRITUAL "WEAPON" AND ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO PRAY IT FAITHFULLY. BLESSED BARTOLO LONGO HAS ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE CONVERSION STORIES CONNECTED WITH THE ROSARY. AFTER BECOMING INVOLVED IN OCCULT PRACTICES AS A YOUNG MAN, HE EXPERIENCED A PROFOUND CONVERSION BACK TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. HE EVENTUALLY DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SPREADING DEVOTION TO THE ROSARY AND HELPING THE POOR.

WHY IS THE ROSARY CALLED A "WEAPON"?

WHEN SAINTS CALL THE ROSARY A WEAPON, THEY DO NOT MEAN A WEAPON THAT HURTS PEOPLE. THEY MEAN A SPIRITUAL WEAPON AGAINST FEAR, TEMPTATION, HATRED, DESPAIR, AND SIN.

SOME RELIGIOUS BROTHERS AND SISTERS EVEN WEAR A LONG ROSARY HANGING FROM THEIR HABIT. ITS PLACEMENT CAN RESEMBLE THE WAY A KNIGHT ONCE CARRIED A SWORD—A REMINDER THAT A CHRISTIAN'S STRENGTH COMES THROUGH FAITH AND PRAYER RATHER THAN VIOLENCE.

A FAMILY PRAYER

THE ROSARY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE COMPLICATED. FAMILIES CAN PRAY ALL FIVE DECADES TOGETHER, PRAY JUST ONE DECADE, OR CHOOSE A MYSTERY TO REFLECT UPON BEFORE BEDTIME.

YOU CAN PRAY IT AT CHURCH, AT HOME, WHILE TAKING A WALK, OR TOGETHER IN THE CAR. WHAT MATTERS MOST ISN'T HOW QUICKLY WE FINISH THE BEADS. IT IS TAKING TIME TO THINK ABOUT JESUS AND HIS LIFE, THROUGH THE LOVING EYES OF HIS MOTHER, MARY.

THIS OCTOBER, CONSIDER MAKING THE ROSARY PART OF YOUR FAMILY'S PRAYER LIFE—EVEN IF YOU BEGIN WITH JUST ONE DECADE AT A TIME.

EVERY BEAD IS A PRAYER. EVERY MYSTERY TELLS PART OF THE GOSPEL. AND EVERY ROSARY CAN LEAD OUR HEARTS CLOSER TO JESUS.



NOVEMBER

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	Sun. 1 – Harvest Sunday – Day 1 <i>Blessing and collection for our neighbors in need</i> Sun. 8 – Harvest Sunday – Day 2 & Family Mass <i>Sacramental Faith Formation with Father Marek</i> 9:45–10:45 a.m.
	Sun. 22 – PWD Mass Sat. 14 – Rake & Run Fri. 20 – Annual Parish Advent Family Activity <i>Preparing Our Hearts for Advent</i> <i>Family Advent Door Wreath Making</i> 6:30–8:00 p.m.



October Family Challenge

What is something extra you can do as a family to connect with God?

Enjoy angel food cake (or another angel themed treat) for feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. (October 2nd)

- **Do something nice for animals to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis (Oct 4th), such as building a bird feeder, putting out bread with peanut butter and bird seeds, take a dog to the park, etc.**
- **Go to a local farmers market and buy everything you need to make a meal as a family. Talk about the blessings of harvest time and those who grow our food.**
- **Spend the month doing read aloud from Gospel according to St. Luke (or pick a few stories for younger children). St. Luke's feast day is Oct 18th.**

Send us a photo or tell us about it, if you do!