St. Francis Borgia Children’s Faith Formation Registration **The goals of our Children’s Faith Formation:**

•To be a Christ-centered ministry that in collaboration with parents, will form young missionary disciples of Jesus Christ •To develop the sense of a loving, caring, praying community among students and parents; •To lead students and parents in a deepening self-awareness and faith commitment;

 •To guide them to find a faith that is alive and active and permeates all of life.

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Full Time School Entering in Fall 2025 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Has your child previously attended religious education classes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many years of instruction? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is your family a registered member of St. Francis Borgia Parish? Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY DATA**

Father’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Mother‘s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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  **STUDENT SACRAMENT INFORMATION**

 *ONLY FOR NEW STUDENTS ENROLLING THIS YEAR*

Please present a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate with registration.

**CHILD’S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Church:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**FIRST COMMUNION:** Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 **Emergency Contact Information**

 *Only one form per family required*

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please list the names of all the children attending St. Francis Borgia Faith Formation:*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In case of a serious accident or serious illness, I request the school to contact me. I hereby authorize the school to call the physician indicated below and to follow his instructions. If it is impossible to contact the physician, the school may make the appropriate arrangements for the care of my child

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*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

Physician’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name two neighbors or relatives who will assume temporary care of your child if you cannot be reached:

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Do any of your children have any allergies that we need to be aware of?**

My Child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has the following allergies;

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**Do any of your children receive any Special Services at their school or after hours?**

No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Explain below:

My Child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ receives the following special services:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note that my child has special medical needs or is on these medications:**

My Child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has the following medical needs/is on these medications\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**St. Francis Borgia**

**Children’s Faith Formation**



**Family Handbook**

**2025 - 2026**

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Francis Borgia Children’s Faith Formation! We look forward to a year filled with wonderful opportunities for you and your child as together we experience God’s blessings!

In addition to our classroom lessons, our students will participate in liturgy, prayer services, adoration and reconciliation. Whenever we participate in any of these, we invite you to join your child to pray alongside them.

We close every class in prayer as a school family. We invite all of our parents to join us in the cafeteria as we draw from one another in prayer.

Many adult Catholics do not think they can witness to their faith because they do not "know enough about the teachings of the Church “or cannot quote scripture like other Christians do, and therefore do not have the confidence to speak about their faith. When parents focus on what the Catholic faith means the most to them and they share it with others, they then begin to understand that witnessing one's faith does not have to mean trying to convince another person to believe what one believes. Parents can do this first and foremost in their home with their children demonstrating moments of personal prayer and a devotion to the Eucharist.

Our role as Catechists is to help not only your children grow in knowledge of our faith, but also to help them fall in love with our Lord. We walk side by side with you the parents in this task.

We ask for your prayers and support for our staff, catechists, and our students as we journey together to learn more about our faith.

Through the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father, His Son our precious Christ, our Messiah and the steadfast committed protection of the Holy Spirit, may your homes be blessed.

Blessings to all,

Kyra Gulledge

Coordinator of Children’s Faith Formation

St. Francis Borgia Parish

**St. Francis Borgia Children’s Faith Formation**

225 Cedar St. Washington, MO. 63090 636-239-2590 x 1277

**St. Francis Borgia Parish Office**

115 Cedar St. Washington, MO 63090 636-239-2590

**Archdiocesan Philosophy of Education**

Our children’s faith formation is an expression of the Church’s effort to evangelize and catechize its young members who have been baptized into the Catholic faith and who attend a public or secular private school.

Ideally, the family desires to strengthen the Catholic identity and formation of their

children through regular religious instruction and participation in the Catholic community of faith. The partnership between parents/guardians and our parish children’s faith formation best evidenced when families support the concepts upheld in the

***Parent Christian*** ***Witness Statement: Called to Be Catholic for Students Who Attend Parish Children’s Faith Formation.***

The parish also seeks out Catholic families who have not registered their children in a Catholic school or parish children’s faith formation, inviting them to consider fuller participation in the life of the Church*.* Rather than placing more obstacles in their way, the parish reaches out to families experiencing difficulties, such as poverty, divorce, estrangement from the community, offering our children’s faith formation as an evangelizing moment in their lives. As Pope John Paul II has pointed out, “A certain number of children baptized in infancy come for catechesis in the parish without receiving any other initiation into the faith. This means that catechesis must concern itself not only with nourishing and teaching the faith, but also with arousing it with the help of grace, with opening the heart, with converting, and with preparing total adherence to Jesus Christ on the part of those who are still on the threshold of faith” (*On Catechesis in Our Time, #19*).

The educational mission of the Catholic Church finds its center in the life and teachings of Jesus, who reveals God’s design for all of creation. In Jesus, the church invites all people into communion with the Father, Son and Spirit and into the mission of transforming all of life into God’s kingdom. Through education, the church seeks to prepare her members to see, hear, live and proclaim the good news of the Gospel. The shared tradition of the church supports, challenges, and enlightens people at every stage of human life toward their full potential as individuals and members of family, Church and world.

The St. Francis Borgia Parish Children’s Faith Formation program is founded to assist the Catholic Church in fulfilling an essential mission to teach the Gospel to all peoples. The St. Francis Borgia Parish Children’s Faith Formation is dedicated to a Catholic Philosophy of Education. We guide our students in learning about our Catholic faith, in celebration as a Catholic community and in reaching out in love and service to others. In cooperation with the parents, who are the primary religious educators of their children, our students in our program will become knowledgeable and devout Catholics thus becoming mature individuals with Catholic ideals and values.

***Goals of the Parish Children’s Faith Formation***

To be a Christ centered ministry that in collaboration with parents will form young missionary disciples of Jesus Christ

Develop the sense of a loving, caring, praying community among students, parents and all parishioners.

Lead students and parents in a deepening self-awareness and faith commitment, a faith that is living and active and permeates all of life.

Enable students and all parishioners to reach out in loving service to others.

* ***Objectives***

Develop programs that will nourish faith growth appropriate for all age levels.

Have the students of St. Francis Borgia Parish Children’s Faith Formation community develop a personal relationship with God.

Have the children obtain knowledge of the basic doctrines of the Catholic faith, its history, tradition and liturgical rites.

Facilitate the spiritual growth in regard to sacramental programs for students and parents and sponsors.

Provide various faith enriching experiences such as liturgies, prayers, sacramental preparations and discussions leading to moral awareness and community service.

Provide students with opportunities to fully participate in the sacramental and liturgical life of the church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

Provide students with opportunities of involvement in social justice concerns, vocation/ministry, and respect life issues.

Aid the faith growth of parents as they guide their children’s religious development. Provide informative communication and evaluation methods with parents and parishioners.

Provide a safe environment for all children and youth as we implement Archdiocesan Protecting God’s Children Program and Safe Touch policies.

* ***Admission and Registration***

Admission and Registration Enrollment is open to children who attend public school or a non-Catholic private school and whose parents are registered members of the parish. Parents from outside the boundaries who wish their children to attend faith formation classes must make arrangements with their pastor from their home parish as well as the pastor and coordinator from St. Francis Borgia. A copy of your child’s Baptismal Record is needed at registration. Tuition assistance is available for families in need. No family will be refused admission for inability to pay fees. It is very important that you contact the parish office for financial arrangements.

The Tuition for the upcoming 2025 – 2026 School Year will be a Family Fee of $50.00 for any registered family of St. Francis Borgia Parish.

* ***Arrival***

 Students should not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to class and should wait in the cafeteria until they are dismissed to go to class. Students should report directly to the cafeteria when they arrive in the building. No student should ever be in a classroom or hallways without adult supervision.

If you drop your child off, they should be dropped off at the cafeteria doors. The cafeteria door of the school will be the only door unlocked. Everyone needs to enter through them.

Being on time is important to the continuity of good education and teaches the child responsibility. Classes are only one hour and fifteen minutes, so it is important that the students arrive on time.

* ***Assignments***

 To reinforce what is being taught students may have a homework assignment. The homework assignment is designed to enhance your child’s learning experience. Younger children need to consistently practice to memorize their prayers. Older students may have assignments from the teacher. Since we only have class one night a week, it is easy to forget what is required from one week to the next. It would be helpful to set aside a specific place for religion assignments and a specific time when your child can work on assignments.

* ***Attendance***

For your child to receive the most benefit from the program, regular attendance is vital. An attendance report is kept for each child and those missing class will be asked to make up work. ATTENDANCE AT MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IS EXPECTED OF ALL STUDENTS. Participation in the sacramental life of the Church is the very heart of our faith. The Catholic teaching and training your child receives in the classroom needs to be rooted in the parish worship at Mass.

* ***Absentee Procedures:***

 If your child is unable to attend class due to illness or family emergency, please call 636-239-2590 x1277 or email kgulledge@borgiaparish.org to report the intended absence. Give the student's name, grade, teacher's name and reason for absence. The student's name will be added to the "Excused Absence" list. Let your child’s teacher know if she/he will be missing several classes due to sickness or unavoidable circumstances, so that make-up work can be done.

* ***Cancellation of Classes***

 Sometimes it is necessary to cancel classes due to inclement weather. If classes are canceled, a message will be sent by email or watch Channel 2, 4 or 5.

* ***Discipline***

The task of religious education is rewarding, but also challenging. Our catechists are dedicated people who are devoting their time to find the best means of guiding and teaching your children about God and their faith. It is very important that your child knows that his or her parents stand by our guidelines and value religious education. The children’s faith formation emphasizes the positive in each child. The following regulations have been established to ensure this atmosphere exists:

* The student may not bring items such as toys or any object that may distract from class. If the child must bring a cell phone it is to remain off during class. No texting, calling or any use of the phone is allowed during class; if this occurs the phone will be confiscated and returned to parents.
* Deliberate property damage or vandalism will not be tolerated. Students should respect our parish buildings and the property of all the students.
* No use of profanity
* Students will show respect for other students, teachers, adults, and property.
* No eating or chewing gum during class time.
* ***Dismissal***

Parents of students should come into the cafeteria to pick up their children. We do not have crossing guards outside to ensure the children are safe crossing the streets and therefore require an adult to come in and pick up their child. If someone else is picking up your child, a note needs to be given to your child’s catechist. We cannot release your children without this written permission.

* ***Dress Code***

The following dress code will aid in providing a safe and orderly environment for both faculty and students. Please dress appropriately for class. This includes:

* No revealing clothing- i.e. midriff tops, muscle shirts, low rise pants, spaghetti straps, short skirts or shorts. Please make sure that the length of shorts and dresses is modest and appropriate.
* No clothing with words or graphics that are anti-Christian, racist, sexist, profane or demeaning to another person or group.
* No clothing or accessories that advocate violence
* No clothing or accessories with wording or graphics that advocates the consumption or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
* Hats are not to be worn in the classroom or in church. Students dressed inappropriately will not be allowed in the classroom.
* ***Harassment Policy***

We maintain a learning environment that is free from all forms of harassment. No student shall be subjected to any type of harassment. We forbid harassment because it is not in keeping with the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Harassment is defined as any unwanted and unwelcome behavior that interferes with a student’s performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment. Harassment includes conduct that is verbal, physical or visual.

* ***Parental and Student Responsibility***

Parents have the primary responsibility of religious education for their children. Parents/Guardians are expected to show an interest in the religious education of each child by cooperating with the teachers and the administrator. Students are expected to comply with all school regulations and conduct themself in a manner that is conducive to good learning.

* ***Parish Ministry 8th Grade Requirement***

As a part of the Confirmation requirements, we ask that all of our 8th Graders participate actively in one of the ministries of our parish. This might include serving our Lord as an Altar Server, singing in the choir, participating in Children’s Liturgy of the Word, reading at Mass on Sunday, Usher or Greeter. Please take time to discuss what option your 8th Grader will participate in during the year.

* ***Sacramental Programs***

St. Francis Borgia Parish Children’s Faith Formation prepares for Sacraments during a two-year period. We receive the Sacraments together with the full-time school.

2nd grade: First Reconciliation and First Communion.

8th grade: Confirmation

Preparation for these sacraments actually begins in kindergarten and continues every year of our program. Every year our students grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and in their relationship with God. It is necessary that the student fulfills all the assignments for the reception of the sacrament. There are various activities and meetings throughout the year for these sacraments. We would like at least one parent to attend the gatherings in preparation for the sacraments.

* ***Service Projects***

Occasionally, throughout the year we will be offering other opportunities for the children to participate in service projects. Your support of these projects is encouraged and greatly appreciated. The students in Grades 6th through 8th are required to participate in Christian Service Hours throughout the year. A form is sent home at the beginning of the year to keep track of the hours done by a student.

**PRAYERS**

* ***The Sign of the Cross*** (K-8)

 In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

* ***Hail Mary*** (K-8)

 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

* ***Glory Be*** (K-8)

 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

* ***Our Father*** (K-8)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

* ***Angel of God*** (1-8)

 Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, to guide. Amen

* ***Blessing Before Meals*** (1-8)

Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy Bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen

* ***Fatima Prayer (All)***

 O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

* ***Grace After Meals*** (3-8)

 We give you thanks for all our gifts Almighty God, living and reigning now and forever, Amen. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

* ***Act of Contrition*** (2-8)

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen

* ***Apostles Creed*** (3-8)

 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, 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; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

* ***Seven Sacraments*** (2-8)
* Baptism Reconciliation
* Holy Eucharist
* Confirmation
* Holy Orders
* Matrimony
* Anointing of the Sick

* ***Laws of Church*** (4-8)
* Participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
* Confess serious at sins at least once a year
* Receive communion during the Easter season
* Fast and abstain on the days appointed
* To help to provide for the needs of the Church
* ***The Ten Commandments*** (4-8)

 1. I am the Lord your God; You shall not have strange Gods before me.

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.

4. Honor your father and your mother.

5. You shall not kill.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

 7. You shall not steal.

 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.

 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

* ***Act of Hope*** (4-8)

 O my God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace and life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

* ***Act of Faith*** (4-8)

 O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Person; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe thee and all the truths that the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou has revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived

* ***Act of Love*** (4-8)

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

* ***Memorare*** (5-8)

 Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come before you I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

* ***Hail Holy Queen*** (8)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray to God, whose only begotten Son. By His life, death and resurrection, had purchased for us the rewards of external life, grant, we beseech You. That meditation upon these mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* ***Mysteries of Rosary*** (4-8)
* ***Joyful Mysteries*** 1. The Annunciation 2. The Visitation 3. The Nativity 4. The Presentation 5. The Finding in the Temple
* ***Sorrowful Mysteries*** 1. The Agony in the Garden 2. The Scourging at the Pillar 3. The Crowning with Thorns 4. The Carrying of the Cross 5. The Crucifixion
* ***Luminous Mysteries*** 1. The Baptism in the Jordan 2. The Wedding at Cana 3. Proclamation of the Kingdom 4. The Transfiguration 5. Institution of the Eucharist
* ***Glorious Mysteries*** 1. The Resurrection 2. The Ascension 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit 4. The Assumption 5. The Coronation
* ***Prayer of Holy Spirit*** (8)

 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be recreated, and you will renew the face of the earth.

* ***The Angelus*** (8)

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit Hail Mary…

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Be it done to me according to Thy word. Hail Mary…

V. And the Word was made Flesh

R. And dwelt among us Hail Mary…

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

* ***The Anima Christi***

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds, hide me. Let me never be separated from you.
From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me, And bid me come to you,
That with your saints I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

* ***St. Michael Prayer***

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.