

LEADER'S GUIDE FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Start the Rosary 25 minutes before Mass (use the clock at the choir area)

It is **important** that you start on time. At a normal pace, the Rosary can be completed in 20 minutes. Please do not add any other remarks or prayers that are not found in this guide.

After the Rosary, the Commentator still needs to read the Opening Greeting before Mass.

Saturday – Joyful Mysteries

1st Mystery: The Annunciation – *The fruit of the mystery is Humility.*

2nd Mystery: The Visitation – *The fruit of the mystery is Love of Neighbor.*

3rd Mystery: The Nativity – *The fruit of the mystery is Poverty.*

4th Mystery: The Presentation in the Temple – *The fruit of the mystery is Purity of Heart and Body.*

5th Mystery: The Finding in the Temple – *The fruit of the mystery is Devotion to Jesus.*

Sunday – The Glorious Mysteries

1st Mystery: The Resurrection – *The fruit of the mystery is Faith.*

2nd Mystery: The Ascension – *The fruit of the mystery is Hope.*

3rd Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit – *The fruit of the mystery is Wisdom.*

4th Mystery: The Assumption – *The fruit of the mystery is Devotion to Mary.*

5th Mystery: The Coronation of Mary – *The fruit of the mystery is Grace of a happy death.*

PRAYING THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.

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

2. Holding the crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.

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; on 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 there he will 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.

3. On the first bead, say the *Our Father*.
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.
4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art 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.
5. Say the *Glory Be*.
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.
6. For each of the 5 decades, announce the Mystery (see previous page).
7. Say the *Our Father*.
8. Say 10 *Hail Marys* while meditating on the Mystery.
9. Say the *Glory Be*.
10. Say this prayer:
*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell;
lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.*
11. Repeat steps 6 – 10 for the remaining 4 decades.
12. After the last decade, say the *Hail, Holy Queen*.
Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy 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.
V. Let us pray:
All: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection,
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life;
grant, we beseech thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries
of the most 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.
13. Conclude the rosary with the *Sign of the Cross*.

OPENING GREETING

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Read the Opening Greeting 5 minutes before Mass starts.

Commentator:

Good morning/afternoon!

Welcome to St. Clare Catholic Church
as we celebrate the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pause 3 seconds

We extend a special welcome to all visitors and new parishioners.

Our celebrant today is _____.

Pause 5 seconds

We have a second collection today for our Facilities Maintenance fund.

Thank you for your continued support!

Pause 5 seconds

Before we begin this celebration of the Eucharist, let's all greet and welcome one another.

Pause 10 seconds or until people are done greeting each other.

Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month and the first Sunday is designated as Respect Life Sunday. We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Pause 5 seconds

Let us now pray together the Pro-Life prayer.

Heavenly Father,

You are the Creator and Lord of all life.

We ask You to protect every unborn child
and surround each mother and father
with courage, wisdom, and love.

Strengthen all who work to defend human life—
advocates, families, clergy, and communities—
and fill them with compassion and perseverance.
Guide our leaders to enact laws
that uphold the dignity of every human person.
Bring healing to all who suffer from abortion
and grant peace to every wounded heart.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pause 10 seconds

Brothers and sisters, today we are invited to reflect on ourselves as God's treasured vineyard. The Lord has planted us with love, nourished us with His grace, and entrusted us with the call to bear good and lasting fruit.

As we prepare ourselves for this sacred liturgy, let us open our hearts to the Lord who is patient and merciful, yet calls us to live as faithful stewards of His kingdom. May this Mass renew our commitment to serve Him with joy, gratitude, and perseverance.