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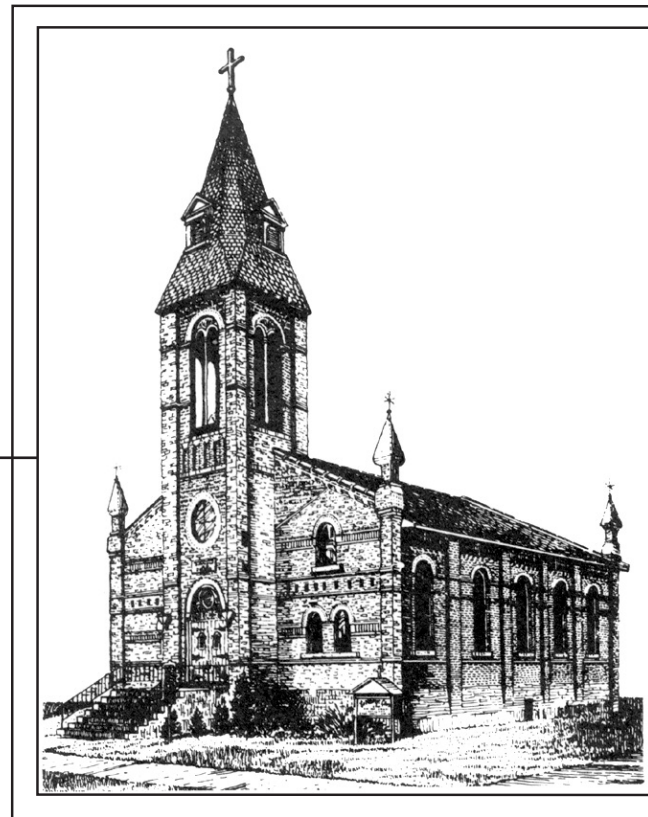


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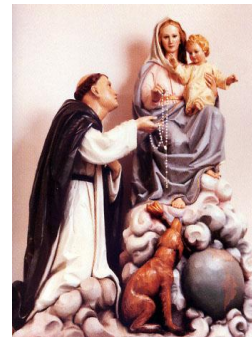
At a time when it seems everything gets its special day, week or even month, October has long since been the month when special emphasis has been placed on focus of the Rosary as a form of prayer

at the long-held practice of the Rosary which has come out of the worldwide use of beads to mark prayer:

"Since earliest times Christians have used pebbles, a string of knots, or beads on a cord to keep track of their prayers, and prayer beads can be found in virtually every major religious tradition in the world. Anglicans and other Protestants have also begun to use the rosary to help refresh a life of prayer--it creates a rhythm that helps wean us from our distractions and focus our attention so that we can more readily move into God's presence. As the beads and prayers recede into the background, the mysteries that make up the rosary come into our minds and hearts like religious pictures or icons."

I often personally have found the Rosary to be an instrument of peace as the rhythm of the prayers brings calm whether prayed in the midst of a busy, noisy day or in the still of the night. Often enough, particularly over the past two and a half years of not only the pandemic but all that is not good which continues to pour out from it and continues into the day-to-day of our unfolding and seemingly godless future, I have found such great solace in praying the Rosary, often awakened in the middle of the night or, mysteriously enough, just before 3 am, to get up and pray. If you desire heaven, heaven will tap you on the shoulder, gently awaken you, and instruct your heart to pray for the much that is the needs of this weary world and often enough, our own weariness in it. For prayer is not just something to do but in fact is everything and the answer to every situation, particularly when we wonder what we as individuals can do in such overwhelming circumstances.

I have three dogs. Sometimes when I pray the Rosary, I slowly walk through the house from room to room on the main floor of the rectory while two of my dogs take up a position and place of sleep in one of the rooms. But not Finnigan, my youngest five-year-old Shepherd/Beagle mix. He follows me. Sometimes I will feel a wet ball being pushed into my hand by his mouth, gently calling me to play instead of pray, but he soon stops and wanders from room to room and down the hall behind me



as I hold my Combat Rosary in my hand and pray either aloud or in silence. In the picture (right) you can see a statue of the Blessed Mother holding Jesus and a Rosary while St. Dominic looks on, along with a dog, sitting, looking at Jesus. And just when you might think this article on the Most Holy

Rosary has 'gone to the dogs', it serves as a reminder that the Rosary is really the ordinary which leads to the extraordinary, and a dog so fittingly depicts this everyday sort of ordinariness with the extraordinary that is Jesus and His Mother. If you are a Catholic who has heard about the Rosary all your life but never took it up as a powerful form of prayer, I urge, with the Church – Pray the Rosary! (Fr. Charles)

in the Church for Catholics and all Christians. It seems almost too simple to be powerful and yet, as never before, Catholic exorcists, one by one, are calling people to pray the Rosary every day for in the face of evil, trouble, discord or any calamity, the 'Beads', as they have often affectionately been called, have such a power of intercession.

The Rosary originally began with 150 beads for 150 *Our Father's* in imitation of the number of Psalms in the Bible. Then they were used to say 150 *Hail Mary's*, and then the mysteries of the life of Christ were added and the Rosary, largely under the Dominicans, became how we know it and use it every day.

I call it chain-driven prayer. A series of beads strung together, beginning with a crucifix, some initial prayers and then five *Our Father's* leading five sets (decades) of the Hail Mary, each culminating with the Glory-Be and the Fatima prayer. The final prayer, Hail Holy Queen completes this beautiful and rhythmic chain of prayer. The Rosary is also used today to pray the Divine Mercy, another power prayer tool and prayer form, with special emphasis on the great mercy of God that is so timely and specific to our time, this time in history when that powerful mercy is so desperately needed, though we certainly do not deserve it. Through the revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina the world has both been told that God chooses to be merciful to us sinners but also warns that this time of His great mercy will end. Therefore, we are given a tremendous grace to respond to God by turning away from our sins in repentance and running to and abiding in that great mercy that is beyond all price.

The Rosary can be prayed alone, as it most often is all around the world, day or night, or it can be prayed as a group, in teams, aloud or in silence. If you cannot sleep, it is a positive way to pray for the world, the Church, the country or your family and friends and the myriad needs in all our lives. I have personally always preferred to pray the Rosary alone as I can take time to actually stop and reflect on each of the mysteries in the various sets of mysteries, originally the Sorrowful, the Joyful and the Glorious, but now, since St. John Paul II, we have also the Luminous Mysteries.

It's interesting to note that while it is mainly Catholics who are associated with the prayer of the Rosary, many other Christians have adopted as part of their prayer life and, in fact, a beautiful book about the Rosary was written by a British Methodist minister, Neville Ward, called, *Five For Sorrow, Ten For Joy*, first published in 1971. This book looks

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tuesday Oct 18
8:30am No Mass
Wednesday Oct 19
7:00pm No Mass
Thursday Oct 20
8:30am No Mass
Friday Oct 21
7:30am Holy Hour
8:30am Unannounced Mass
Saturday Oct 22
3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Intentions of Kirsten Guerrero Requested by the Family
Sunday Oct 23
9:00am +Deceased Members of the Bisogno Family Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno
11:00am For the People

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