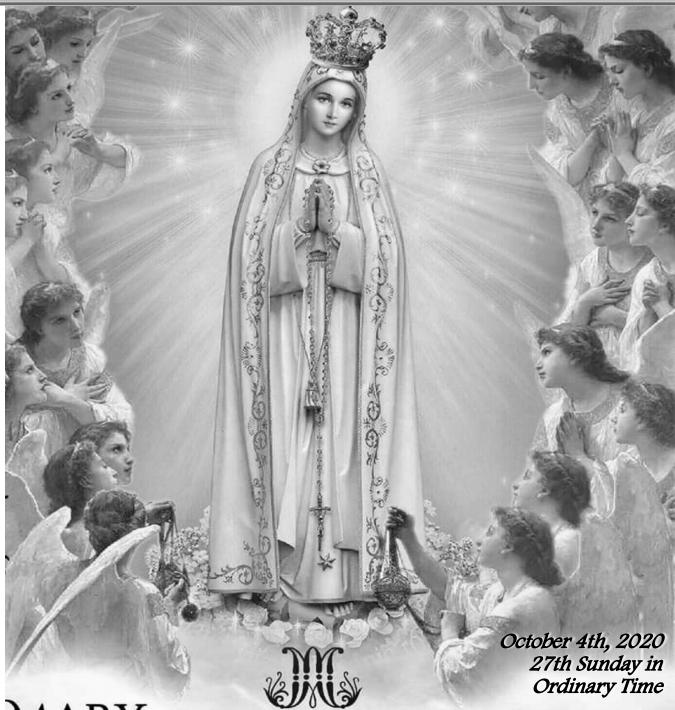


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MARY, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption. May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining all the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul.



The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated in the Catholic Church on October 7. This feast day was established by Pope St. Pius V in the 16th century in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people against the Turkish armada in what is called the Battle of Lepanto, October 7, 1571. Initially, it was called the Feast of Our Lady of Victories and then, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Under the 1969 liturgical reforms of Pope Paul VI it became Our Lady of the Rosary. It is a mandatory liturgical Memorial.

Due to this Feast, the month of October has come to be known as the Month of the Rosary. It is traditional to hold rosary congresses or some other event centered on the devotion and prayer of the rosary. Naturally, these events are associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. In fact, Mary and the rosary are inseparable which is why the invocation "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary" was added to the Litany of Loretto by Pope Leo XIII. According to tradition, St. Dominic received a vision of the Blessed Virgin who gave him the rosary as the best way to convert sinners and spread the Gospel. It is one of the most beloved forms of prayer in the Catholic tradition.

I like to think of the rosary as a school of prayer. The reason I say this is because the rosary has everything needed for Christian prayer. Let me explain. There are three types of prayer, namely, vocal, mental, and contemplative. We may think the rosary is primarily vocal prayer, but it can easily lead one to mental and contemplative prayer. Let us start with vocal prayer. The two main prayers recited vocally are the most cherished prayers of the Christian religion, the Our Father and the Hail Mary. The first is also called the Lord's Prayer because it was taught by the Lord himself when his disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. No Christian can object to this prayer. The Hail Mary, although not taught by the Lord, is based on the Word of God. It consists of the Archangel Gabriel's salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the words of Mary's cousin Elizabeth. In addition, it states the Church's belief that Mary is, indeed, the Mother of God and we are sinners. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us, (1Jn1:10). We sinners truly benefit from Mary's prayer, that is, her intercession with her Son.

Metal prayer happens when we apply our heart and mind to the person we address in vocal prayer. St. Teresa could not imagine vocal prayer that did not remember the one being addressed in the prayer, be it Jesus, Mary, or the heavenly Father. For this reason, we meditate on the life of Our Lord as we recall the mysteries of the Rosary. We call them "mysteries" because they are about things revealed by God, things beyond human reason. What a beautiful thing to be thinking about the life of Jesus and Mary when we recite the rosary. It can happen that we forget ourselves and our thinking becomes more like a fixed thought or gaze. Without even realizing it, our heart is intimately united with Someone whose love touches us. We have found peace and joy while praying the rosary. This is a taste of contemplation.

I am so pleased that many of you love to pray the rosary. It is true that the rosary is difficult for some. Even St. Therese admitted that the rosary was difficult for her, "more difficult than wearing an instrument of penance", she said. But she did not stop praying it because she knew it was so pleasing to the Blessed Virgin. Let us make a special effort to pray the rosary. I highly recommend it as a family prayer. At least during the beautiful month of October let us take up our rosary. It is so important to pray for our country at this time.

Arizona Rosary Celebration

On Saturday, October 17th, 2020 we will have the tenth annual Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson. The event will be virtual this year. It will be live-streamed so that it will be available throughout the Diocese. The Celebration will honor our Blessed Mother this year under her title of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. Our speaker, Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Denver and an expert in Marian theology, will offer his presentation virtually. You can learn more about Bishop Rodriguez at the Arizona Rosary Celebration website

https://www.azrosary.net/

Santa Cruz Catholic Church Weekend Schedule

Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español) Confession in Church and Courtyard. You must wear a mask. Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

> *New Indoor Masses: 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 a.m. Sunday 6:00 p.m. Sunday

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. (English) Rosary followed by Mass in the school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 98.5 FM on your radio.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (English) Mass live streamed on parish Facebook. No attendance is permitted at this Mass. It can be viewed on Facebook, Santa Cruz Parish Tucson website and channel on YouTube.

Domingo, 5:00 p.m. (Español) Rosario seguido de Misa en el campo escolar. Park N' Pray transmitido por el canal 98.5 FM en su radio.

Tuesday through Friday, 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual) Masses at the school ramada.

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Service to Our Parish

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office. ~ Masses ~

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

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Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

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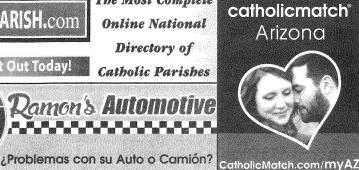
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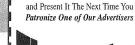


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