

# THE ROSARY

Due to the overwhelming response last week after the praying of the Rosary was moved to BEFORE Mass due to a Baptism, it has been decided beginning the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> we will keep it there.

Sister Lucia of Fatima writes: *"the Rosary is the prayer of the poor and the rich, of the wise and the ignorant. To uproot this devotion from souls is to deprive them of their daily spiritual bread. The Rosary helps to preserve that flickering flame of faith that has not yet been completely extinguished from many consciences. Even for those souls who pray without meditating, the simple act of taking the beads in hand to pray is already a remembrance of God - of the supernatural."*

*"Like a good mother, Mary wants her children to grow and to grow well; for that reason she teaches us not to give in to laziness but to take responsibility for our actions, to commit ourselves to projects and tasks, and to hold on to our ideals."*

– Pope Francis

We understand last time it stressed some of our parishioners out because they couldn't make it in time for the 4:40PM beginning. Please do not worry!!! It is understood that not everyone can be here from the beginning. Join in when you get here or sit quietly with your own prayer – the choice is yours!!

The greeters will still be able to greet and we will still continue our same wonderful hospitality!

*"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world" – Pope St. Pius X!*

Why do we do this?

The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. If you were to ask what object is most emblematic of Catholics, people would probably say, "The rosary, of course." We're familiar with the images: the silently moving lips of the old woman fingering her beads; the oversized rosary hanging from the waist of a nun; more recently, the merely decorative rosary hanging from the rearview mirror.

The Rosary is a meditation not just a repetition of the same prayers. Meditation for Catholics is different than other religions. Most people think of meditation of a clear mind or conscious but Catholic meditation is active and reflective. While praying the rosary Catholics reflect on the mysteries of Jesus Christ. This reflection brings us closer to Christ's suffering and sorrow, joys, teachings and glory. The Rosary is an extremely powerful prayer and should be prayed daily.

After Vatican II the rosary fell into relative disuse. The same is true for Marian devotions as a whole. But in recent years the rosary has made a comeback, and not just among Catholics. Many Protestants now say the rosary, recognizing it as a truly biblical form of prayer—after all, the prayers that comprise it come mainly from the Bible.

*"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." -Pope Leo XII*



*"Give me one million families praying the Rosary and the world is saved" – Pope Pius IX!*