

What is the Rosary

The Holy Rosary (/ˈrouzəri/; Latin: *rosarium*, in the sense of "crown of roses" or "garland of roses"), also known as the Dominican Rosary, refers to a form of prayer used in the Catholic Church and to the string of knots or beads used to count the component prayers.

The prayers that comprise the Rosary are arranged in sets of ten Hail Marys, called decades. Each decade is preceded by one Lord's Prayer and followed by one Glory Be. During recitation of each set, thought is given to one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, which recall events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Five decades are recited per rosary. Other prayers are sometimes added before or after each decade. Rosary beads are an aid towards saying these prayers in the proper sequence.

According to pious tradition, the concept of the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in an apparition of the Virgin Mary during the year 1214 in the church of Prouille, though in fact it was known from the ninth century in various forms. This Marian apparition received the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. In the 15th century it was promoted by Alanus de Rupe (aka Alain de la Roche or Blessed Alan of the Rock), a Dominican priest and theologian, who established the "fifteen rosary promises" and started many rosary confraternities. (www.wikipedia.com)

The Rosary is a primarily a prayer where we reflect on the life of Jesus Christ, in the presence of His mother.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful (*Monday & Saturday*)

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Birth of Jesus
4. Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Sorrowful (*Tuesday & Friday*)

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning with Thorns
4. Carrying of the Cross
5. Crucifixion

Glorious (*Wednesday & Sunday*)

1. Resurrection of Jesus from the Tomb
2. Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
3. Descent of Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. Assumption of Mary, Body and Soul, into Heaven
5. Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Luminous (*Thursday*)

1. Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
2. Wedding at Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. Transfiguration
5. Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary - 7 October