

## On Motives to Pray daily the Five Decade Rosary

Many Catholics need encouragements to pray daily the 5-decade Rosary. Here are some:

1. **It teaches the faith:** Prayed well, the daily Rosary is an excellent means of daily catechesis. Recounting daily its mysteries, our knowledge grows in the life & death of Jesus Christ.

2. **It reminds us:** We all desire a glorious heaven; the daily Rosary reminds us that before we enter eternal Life, we must pass through a valley of tears, bearing a cross. Again, if we are members of Christ's mystical body, then we should expect not only to be reborn in Him, but to suffer with Him, before entering His heavenly kingdom. Prayed well, the Rosary reminds us to expect suffering in this life; thus, when it comes, we may bear it with a patient resignation.

3. **It gives grace:** The daily Rosary disposes us to receive graces of salvation. Suppose a man labors under a particular vice. If he offers up a decade of his daily Rosary for rescue, he will have victory. For it is impossible to pray **with perseverance** and not obtain things of salvation, "Ask me anything in my Name, and I will give it to thee." (Jn 14:13)

4. **It proves us a child of Mary:** The habitual Rosary affirms Mary's motherhood over us. Catholics know that Christ gave us His mother at the foot of the cross, "Woman, behold thy son." (Jn 19:26) By the daily Rosary, we claim her motherhood in a very convincing way. Again and again, we beg of this good Mother, "pray for us **now...**" Shall a mother ignore the pleas of her children? Heaven forbid! Rather, she will take a keener interest in our salvation. And, as children need their mothers every day, so it is fitting that every day we go to this Mother for our needs. But more, we should want her assistance at that most dire hour of our life i.e., our last hour on earth. And so, we repeat in her Rosary, "pray for us **now and at the hour of our death.**" The moment of death is the devil's last chance to snatch souls for hell; will I be ready? In that hour, all my well-prayed Rosaries will come to my aid & save me from the pit. And what joy to hear from this Mother, "My child, as you remembered me in your life by committing yourself to my Rosary, so now I remember you, enter into the joy of my Son."

5. **It advances our spiritual awareness:** Prayed well, the daily Rosary trains us in the presence of God. Recounting the mysteries and repeating the prayers of the Rosary, we accustom ourselves to the spiritual realm. More & more, I know God is ever watching; Mary interceding.

6. **It follows saintly advice:** At Fatima, Mary urged us to pray her Rosary daily; many popes & saints have strongly recommended the same. Why should I doubt them?

7. **It predestines us:** Finally, to convict us to pray a daily 5-decade Rosary, see today's reading. In her wisdom, the Church selects this passage and applies it to our Lady, "Now, therefore, children hear me." (This is Mary addressing us!) "...blessed are they who keep my ways, hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not." (What does Mary ask of us?) "Blessed is the man who hears me..." (Did Mary not say at Fatima to pray her Rosary, daily?) "...and who watches daily at my gates & waits at the posts of my doors." (Do we not watch daily by reciting a daily Rosary? There, at her gates, waiting at her threshold, we present our needs.) "He who shall find me shall find life." (Mary wishes to bring us to her Son, "the way, the truth, and the life." No wonder the passage ends): "...and shall have salvation from the Lord."

**To end,** a strong reason for praying the daily Rosary is it being a mark of predestination; it marks a soul as being firmly on her way to heaven; who is there that does not want that kind of tattoo?

Now what reasons do you have for **not praying** the 5-decade Rosary from today until you die?



## CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
preaching the Gospel & sanctifying souls  
according to the liturgical books of 1962.

### External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

(18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

October 1, 2023, A.D.

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#### The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.

Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)

Saturday at 9:00 am.

**Sacramental Emergency:** 941-400-5415

#### The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; & 10:30 am sung & a seasonal 12:30 pm low Mass.

Items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall are blessed after the last Sunday Mass.

**Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.**

Sarasota "Lost & Found" now located in the office

#### In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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## Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 10-01	Ext. Sol. O.L. of the Rosary	2/W	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Mon 10-02	Holy Guardian Angels	3/W	
Tues 10-03	St Teresa of the Child Jesus	3/W	
Wed 10-04	St Francis of Assisi	3/W	
Thu 10-05	Feria (18 <sup>th</sup> S. after Pentecost)	4/G	Ss Placid & Companions
Fri 10-06	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W	St Bruno
Sat 10-07	O. L. of the Rosary	2/W	St Mark
Sun 10-08	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 10-01	(7 am) Ryan Husmann (8:30 am) Stacy Steindorf (10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm)	(not at CtK)	rb Conetta family rb T&C Flamminio
Mon 10-02	(12 pm) Fr Christopher Hathaway, FssP		rb M/M T VanGeldereren
Tues 10-03	(7 am) Sarah Pruitt (9 am) Bill Wis	(not at CtK)	rb M Pruitt rb B Wis
Wed 10-04	(7 am) Joseph Karbarz+ (9 am) Susan Hemeryck	(not at CtK)	rb S Karbarz family rb A Baugh
Thu 10-05	(7 am) Conversion of loved one (9 am) In thanksgiving for St Faustina	(not at CtK)	rb anonymous rb MA Witek
Fri 10-06	(9 am) Joseph Scarano (6:30 pm) Deo Gratias		rb G Scarano rb K Dinh
Sat 10-07	(9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary		rb a friend
Sun 10-08	(7 am) Bradley & Brianna Pickwood (8:30 am) Children at CtK (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm)	(not at CtK)	rb K Pickwood rb anonymous
		No Mass	

Unless otherwise announced, the 12:30 pm Mass will resume November 5.

**Today's 10:30 am Music:** Entr: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, 915; Exit: Panis Angelicus, 895.

**This Week:** (Fr Hathaway is away until 10/12; no 7 am Mass at CtK until he returns; he takes those Masses with him); Monday, St Theresa guild (1 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Thursday, adoration (5-8 pm); 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, usual Mass & devotions (9 am) and QAA meets, Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, Mass & devotions 9 am, Young Adults (10 am) [no Mass at Ocala].

**Last Sunday's Collection:** cash \$3,721.11; on-line \$1,858.00; CFA \$45.00.

**Total souls: 428:** 7 am-55; 8:30 am-141; 10:30 am-232

**Please pray for:** Jacob, James and Avery Ford (10/1); Pamela Manuelian, Maureen & Bobby McNamara (9/17); Christian P., Eileen McClain, & Elaine Zappala (9/10).

**2023 CFA status at CtK as of September 23, 2023 :** \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$82,470.48 pledged (67.05% of goal); from 41.01% of 217 households; \$69,730.58 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

**Please, for the safety of our children,** if your child needs to leave the church, please go with him or send an older child (13 years old or older) with him.

In recognition of Respect Life Month, Ave Maria Catholic Church is hosting *Educating the Heart: The 7 Point Strategy to End Abortion* on October 12 beginning at 6:15 PM with a FREE wine and cheese reception followed by guest speakers Scott Baier, CPCI CEO and Kathryn Marriott, CPCI Outreach Coordinator. For more information contact Missy Funderburk at [mlfunderburk@gmail.com](mailto:mlfunderburk@gmail.com) or Sharon Levesque at [amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com](mailto:amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com).

### My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month in October and observes the first Sunday of that month as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to teach, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable and promote a greater respect for life.

The Catholic Church remains at the forefront in speaking out on the issue of the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, and at every point in between. The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value. Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of this radical solidarity; solidarity by making the well-being of others our own.

(**Today**), Parishes across the Diocese of Venice will conduct a special collection to enhance this life-affirming work. The funds remain in the Diocese of Venice and facilitate a Culture of Life as a faith community in Southwest Florida and support Respect Life Programs, among them, *Walking with Moms in Need*.

Please continue to pray for a greater appreciation of the sacredness of all human life and be as generous as you can in this annual collection. Let us remain united in prayer and action. May God bless you for your dedication and generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida