

A  
*Scriptural*  
**ROSARY**



*“The word is near to you,  
on your lips and in your heart.”*



## INTRODUCTION

In his Apostolic Letter, *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope John Paul II invites us to “rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture.” The Rosary is a way of contemplation, which simply means to look on the face of Christ. With Mary, we remember the mysteries of Jesus’ life, and with her we “learn Christ.” This “remembering” is “a making present of the works brought about by God in the history of salvation” (n. 13).

What a powerful statement! In this sense, to remember does not mean only to recall a past event. To prayerfully ponder God’s saving works actually brings us under their saving influence. Praying the Scriptural Rosary is a way to do this because it brings us into contact with the word of God; it has power to change our lives. As the Pope put it: “We are certain that this is the word of God, spoken for today and spoken ‘for me.’ If received in this way, the word of God can become part of the Rosary’s methodology of repetition without giving rise to the ennui derived from the simple recollection of something already well-known. It is not a matter of recalling information but of *allowing God to speak*” (*Rosarium*, n. 30).

God will say to us whatever we need to hear. Listening to that word in prayer—being attentive to the inspirations the Holy Spirit speaks in our hearts—can help us grow in holiness. Sometimes these inspirations come in the form of words from Scripture that we recall in various situations. Sometimes they are new ideas we suddenly grasp, like a flare lighting up the night sky. Praying the Rosary gives us the listening space we need in the midst of our busy lives. As the beads slip through our fingers, the repeated Hail Marys form a sort of “background music” that allows our hearts to absorb God’s word. When this word takes root in our hearts and grows, our hearts expand and become open to receive grace more and more. “The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart” (Heb 4:12).

### ***Some Practical Points***

This Scriptural Rosary book provides a verse from the Bible for each Hail Mary of the Rosary. The Scripture verses are meant to help you pray, so use them freely in whatever way you wish. You may choose to read each

verse before each Hail Mary, or you may prefer to contemplate one thought for the entire decade or even the entire Rosary. Sometimes God speaks in a powerful way through one thought or even a single word. Stay with it for as long as you need to.

Although we can pray the various series of mysteries on any day, each sequence is generally prayed on certain days of the week as follows:

Joyful	Monday and Saturday
Luminous	Thursday
Sorrowful	Tuesday and Friday
Glorious	Wednesday and Sunday

## ***The Prayers of the Rosary***

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he arose again. He ascended into heaven, and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

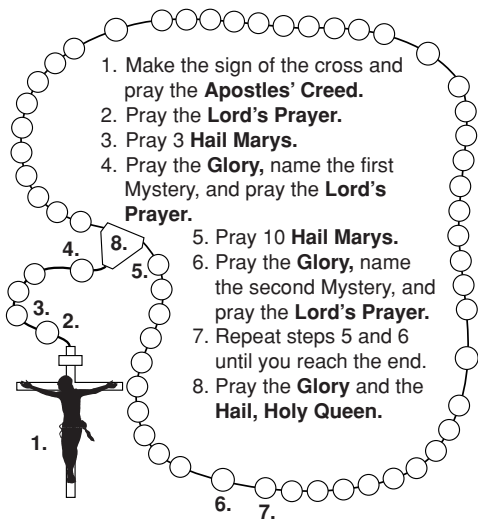
### **Glory**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

For those unfamiliar with praying the Rosary, the following diagram may be of help.

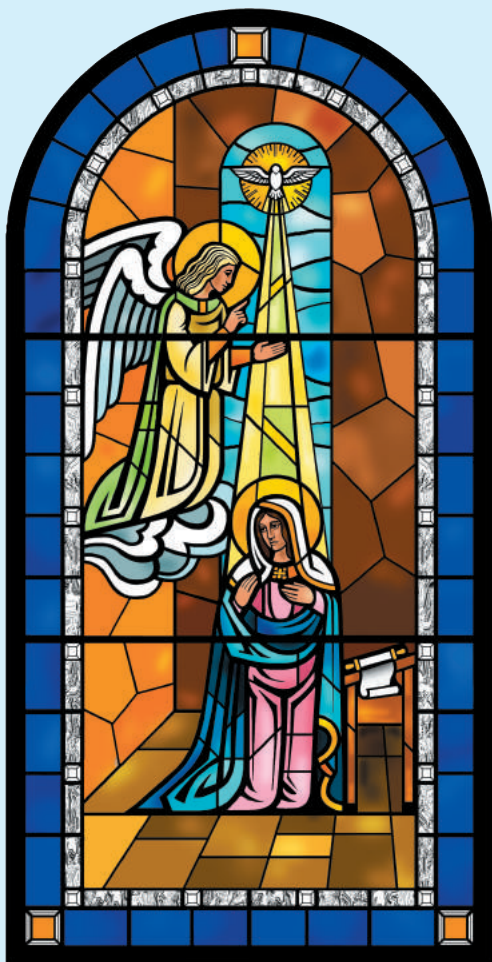




# THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES







## The First Joyful Mystery

### *The Annunciation*



Mary's faith can also be compared to that of Abraham.... Abraham's faith constitutes the beginning of the Old Covenant; Mary's faith at the Annunciation inaugurates the New Covenant (*Mother of the Redeemer*, n. 14).

#### *Our Father*

✚ God said to Abraham, "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

*Genesis 1:7*

#### *Hail Mary*

✚ Those who believe are the descendants of Abraham.

*Galatians 3:7*

#### *Hail Mary*

✚ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

*Luke 1:26–27*

*Hail Mary*

✚ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

*Luke 1:28*

*Hail Mary*

✚ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

*Luke 1:29*

*Hail Mary*

✚ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.”

*Luke 1:30–31*

*Hail Mary*

✚ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

*Luke 1:34*

*Hail Mary*

✚ The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.”

*Luke 1:35*

*Hail Mary*

✚ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

*Luke 1:38*

*Hail Mary*

✚ But he [Jesus] said to them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

*Luke 8:21*

*Hail Mary*

*Glory be to the Father*