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External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Oct. 5thExt. Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary, II Class8:00 a.m.Holy Souls in Purgatory - Anon.10:15 a.m.Pro Populo

Mon. Oct. 6thSt. Bruno, Confessor, III Class7:45 a.m.Fr. Gregory Bartholomew, FSSP - Mary Ann Czarnecki

Tues. Oct. 7thOur Lady of the Rosary, II Class7:45 a.m.Evelyn Tereshko - Joyce & Chris Keifer

Wed. Oct. 8thSt. Bridget of Sweden, Widow, III Class7:45 p.m.Mr. & Mrs. Albert Ignatovich - Jean Ignatovich

Thu. Oct. 9thSt. John Leonardi, Confessor, III Class7:45 a.m.† Steven LaFalce - Carol Long

Fri. Oct. 10th
6:00 p.m.St. Francis Borgia, Confessor, III Class
† Gabriel Testo - Henry & Maureen Testo

Sat. Oct. 11thMaternity of the Blessed Dirgin Mary, II Class9:00 a.m.† Joseph E. Quinn - Robert S. McHale

Sun. Oct. 12thEighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class8:00 a.m.† Andrew Toth - Mr. & Mrs. Gene DeAngelis10:15 a.m.Pro Populo

MASS SCHEDULE Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am Friday: 6:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday One half hour before Mass Sunday: 7:15-7:50 & 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS Exposition-Benediction Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY Monday-Thursday — After Mass Friday-Sunday — Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm **THURSDAY - CLOSED** Saturday - 10 am-Noon

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INTROIT

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, keeping a feast day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for whose celebration the angels rejoice and unite in praising the Son of God. *Ps.* 44, 2. My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the King. *V*. Glory.

COLLECT

O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection hath purchased for us the rewards of eternal life: grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating on the mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same.

EPISTLE

Prov. 8, 22, 24, 32, 35

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His ways, before He made anything, from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived. Now, therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates; and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me, shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

GRADUAL

Ps. 44, 5, 11, 12

Because of truth, and meekness, and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully. *V*. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear; for the King hath desired thy beauty.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. The solemnity of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the seed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Juda, of the noble line of David. *Alleluia*.

GOSPEL

Luke 1, 26-38

At that time: the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most high, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David His father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of His kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the angel, How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the angel answering said to her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most high shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren; because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word.

OFFERTORY

Ecclus. 24, 25, 39, 17

In me is all grace of the way and of the truth; in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Like a rose planted on the rivers I have borne fruit.

SECRET

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to be fittingly prepared for the offering of these gifts, and, through the mysteries of the most holy Rosary, so to meditate upon the life, passion, and glory of Thine only-begotten Son, that we may become worthy of His promises. Who with Thee.

COMMUNION

Ecclus. 39, 19

Send forth flowers, as the lily, and yield a smell, and bring forth leaves in grace, and praise with canticles, and bless the Lord in His works.

POSTCOMMUNION

May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers of Thy most holy Mother, whose Rosary we celebrate, that the virtue of the mysteries we adore may be shared and effect of the sacraments we have received may be obtained. Who livest.

fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, Divine Intimacy

0 most holy Virgin, may the Rosary be my spiritual armor and my school of virtue.

Today's Feast is a manifestation of gratitude for the great victories won by the Christian people through the power of Mary's Rosary; it is also the most beautiful and authoritative testimony of the value of this prayer. The liturgy of the day is not only a commentary on the Rosary, but an amplification of it: the three hymns of the Office as well as the antiphons of Matins and Lauds, review its different mysteries; the lessons chant its glories, and the continual references to the Virgin, who "blossomed as it were, among the flowers, surrounded by roses and lilies of the valley," are a clear allusion to the mystical crowns of roses which Mary's devoted children weave at her feet when they recite the Rosary. This Feast tells its that to honor the Rosary is to honor Mary, for the Rosary is simply a meditation on Our Lady's life, accompanied by the devout recitation of the Hail Mary. It is for this reason that the Church praises this practice and recommends it so insistently to the faithful. "0 God," she prays in today's Collect, "grant that meditating on the mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise." The Rosary, if recited well, is both prayer and instruction; its mysteries tell us that in Mary's life everything is judged in relation to God: her joy and consolation found in all that gives pleasure to God; her sorrows are, so to speak, the very sorrows of God, who being made man, willed to suffer for the sins of mankind. Mary's only joy is Jesus: to be His Mother, to clasp Him in her arms, to offer Him for the adoration of the world, to contemplate Him in the glory of His Resurrection, be united to Him in Heaven. Mary's unique sorrow is the Passion of Jesus: to see Him betrayed, scourged, crowned with thorns, and crucified by our sins. This, then, is the first fruit which we must gather from the recitation of the Rosary: to judge all the events of our life according to their relation to God, to rejoice in what gives Him pleasure, in what unites us to Him, to suffer for sin which separates us from Him and is the cause of the Passion and death of Jesus.

The second fruit that we should derive from the daily recitation of the Rosary is a penetration into Christ's mysteries; by Mary and with Mary, who opens the door to them for us, the Rosary helps us to penetrate the ineffable grandeurs of the Incarnation, Passion, and glory of Jesus. Who is there who has understood and lived these mysteries as Our Lady did? And who better than she can make us understand them? If, during the recitation of the Rosary, we really know how to put ourselves in spiritual contact with Mary and to accompany her in the various stages of her life, we shall be able to perceive something of the sentiments of her heart concerning these great mysteries which she witnessed, and in which she played such an important part; this, in turn, will serve wonderfully to nourish our souls. Thus, our Rosary will be transformed into a quarter of an hour's meditation-we might almost say contemplation—under Mary's guidance. This is what Mary desires, rather than many Rosaries recited with the lips, while the mind wanders in a thousand directions! The Hail Mary, continuously repeated, should express the attitude of a soul who is striving to approach the Blessed Virgin, hastening toward her in order to be captivated by her and given insight into the divine mysteries. "Ave Maria!" the lips say, and the heart murmurs: "Teach me, O Mary, to know and love Jesus as you knew and loved Him."

Saying the Rosary in this way requires recollection. St. Teresa of Jesus says that "before beginning to recite the Rosary, let the soul think of whom it is going to address, and who it is that is speaking, that it may speak to Him with due respect." The Saint, with her keen wit, laughs at those people "who are so fond of repeating a large number of vocal prayers in a great hurry, as though they were anxious to finish their task of repeating them daily." Rosaries recited in this way cannot really nourish our interior life; they will bring little fruit to the soul and little glory to Mary. On the other hand, if recited with a real spirit of devotion, the Rosary becomes an effective means of cultivating devotion to Mary and of bringing us into intimacy with Our Lady and her divine Son.

October Prayer to St. Joseph

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we fly in our affliction, and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Precious Blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving Father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness; and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of Heaven. Amen.

(This Prayer to the Patron of the Universal Church is prescribed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII to be recited after the daily Rosary during October, the month of the Holy Rosary) **SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH** extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

WE ARE NOW TAKING MASS ITENTIONS for the 2015 year. Please submit your stipend at the time of your Mass request.

ROSARY PROCESSION TODAY after the 10:15 Mass. Please join this special effort to venerate the Holy Mother of God and give public witness to our faith.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady forced the devils to reveal: "...nobody who perseveres in saying the Rosary will be damned, because She obtains for her servants the grace of true contrition of their sins and by means of this they obtain God's forgiveness and mercy."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Christ the King. Please mark this date on your calendars and make a special effort to be at the 10:15 Mass and procession afterwards.

VACATION LEAVE: Fr. Zepeda will return October 7th.

COLLECTION: September 28 - \$4,296.00 **SPECIAL COLLECTION:** \$729.00

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| | October 5th | | | <u>(</u> |
| <u>8:00 a.m. Mass</u> | | | | 8 |
| | | Monday | Joseph Schneider | |
| ACI | Joshua Sica | 7:45 a.m. | Patrick Schneider | ACI |
| AC2 | Timothy Sica | | | AC2 |
| | | Tuesday | Collin Chidester | |
| | TEAM A | 7:45 a.m. | Andrew Chidester | |
| MC | John Gillenkirk | | | MC |
| TH | Joseph McWhirter | Wednesday | Andrew Pheasant | TH |
| AC1 | - | 7:45 a.m. | | AC1 |
| AC2 | Patrick Seeley | | | AC2 |
| С | Robert Seeley | Thursday | John Skuba | С |
| S1 | John Pheasant | 7:45 a.m. | Joseph Skuba | S1 |
| S2 | Andrew Pheasant | | - 1 | S2 |
| S 3 | Matthew Gillenkirk | | | S 3 |
| S4 | Timothy Emig | | | S4 |
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12th 8:00 a.m. Mass

| ACI AC2 | Dominic Gardner Jack Gardner | |
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| | TEAM B | |
| МС | Anthony Mitchell | |
| ΤН | Joshua Sica | |
| AC1 | Francis LaFata | |
| AC2 | Stephen LaFata | |
| С | Timothy Sica | |
| S1 | John Mitchell | |
| S2 | Brian LaFata | |
| S 3 | Ian McGuirk | |
| S4 | | |