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Our Lady of the Rosary

October 6, 2013

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Oct. 6th	Our Lady of the Rosary, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Gregory Bartholomew, FSSP - <i>Maryann Czarnecki</i>
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Oct. 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Michael Harold Angley, III - <i>James J. Angley</i>
Tues. Oct. 8th	St. Bridget of Sweden, <i>Widow, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Augustine, Elizabeth, Thomas Mitchell - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Wed. Oct. 9th	St. John Leonard, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Virgil Argenta - <i>Stephen Pendrak</i>
Thur. Oct. 10th	St. Francis Borgia, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Ken and Susan Skuba - <i>Their Children</i>
Fri. Oct. 11th	Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>II Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Gabriel Testo - <i>Antoinetta La Vòrgna</i>
Sat. Oct. 12th	Votive Mass of the Imm. Heart of Mary, <i>IV Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	† Mary Malachowski
Sun. Oct. 13th	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Daniel Donovan - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
10:15 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-5 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Our Lady of the Rosary

INTROIT

Ps. 44:2

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on whose solemnity the Angels rejoice and give praise to the Son of God. My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the King. Glory be to the Father. Let us all ...

COLLECT

O God, Whose only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, purchased for us the rewards of eternal life: grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these 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 our Lord.

LESSON

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. Hearken, O daughter and see, and incline thine ear, for the King hath greatly desired thy beauty.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* The solemn festival of the glorious Virgin Mary of the seed of Abraham, sprung from the tribe of Juda, of David's royal race. 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 for ever, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the An-

gel: 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

Ecclesiasticus 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

Enable us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to be fittingly prepared for offering 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 be made worthy of His promises: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

COMMUNION

Ecclesiasticus 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 helped, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers of Thy most Holy Mother, whose Rosary we celebrate: that we may draw strength from the mysteries which we commemorate, and likewise obtain the fruit of the Sacraments which we have received: Who livest and reignest.



The Holy Rosary Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII

No Successor of Saint Peter has promoted the devotion to the Holy Rosary as much as Pope Leo XIII. During his twenty-five year reign this saintly Pope wrote no fewer than 11 Encyclicals, explaining the devotion and strongly encouraging the Faithful to practice it.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that from all eternity God has determined to give us favors provided that we ask Him for them. That is why Our Blessed Lord told us: "Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and you shall find: knock, and it shall be opened to you." [Matthew 7:7]. In his Encyclical *Fidemque Piumque Animum*, Pope Leo XIII had written: "There is no duty which Christ and His Apostles more emphatically urged by both precept and example than that of prayer and supplication to Almighty God. The Fathers and Doctors in subsequent times have taught that this is a matter of such grave necessity, that if men neglect it they hope in vain for eternal salvation. Every one who prays finds the door open to impetration both from the very nature of prayer and from the promises of Christ."

The Holy Catholic Church teaches us that we can not only pray to God Himself, but also to the saints in Heaven. Although it is God, the Source of all good, Who grants the favors we desire, we fittingly employ the help of angels and saints "by whose prayers and merits our prayers may be efficacious". "Now of all the Blessed in Heaven," Pope Leo XIII proclaims, "who can compare with the august Mother of God in obtaining graces? Who seeth more clearly in the Eternal Word what troubles oppress us, what are our needs? Who is allowed more power in moving God? Who can compare with her in maternal affection?" [*Augustissimae Virginis Mariae*]. In *Jucunda Semper Expectatione*, he asserts: "The recourse we have to Mary in prayer follows upon the office she continuously fills by the side of the Throne of God as 'Mediatrice of Divine Grace' being by worthiness and by merit most acceptable to Him, and therefore surpassing in power all the angels and saints in Heaven". In *Octobri Mense*, Pope Leo XIII announces: "As no man goeth to the Father but by the Son, so no man goeth to Christ but by His Mother."

Having designated Our Blessed Mother as our greatest intercessor with her Son Jesus, he expresses preference for the Rosary as most powerful and pleasing to her. This prayer, which is vocal as well as mental, "is composed of words proceeding from God Himself, from the Archangel Gabriel and from the Church" [*Octobri Mense*]. As a mental

prayer it induces man "to return to Christ Who 'is the Way, the Truth, and the Life,' by frequent meditation on the salvation obtained for us by Him and seek the intercession with God of that Virgin, to whom it is given to destroy all heresies" [*Supremi Apostolatus Officio*]. *Octobri Mense* further says: "The contemplation of these august mysteries, contemplated in their order (i.e. Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries) affords to faithful souls a wonderful confirmation of faith, protection against the disease of error, and increase in strength of soul."

In *Magnae Dei Matris*, Pope Leo explains further on this mental aspect to show how the Rosary nourishes divine faith by frequent reminders of the truths which are of first importance and necessity.

Not only does meditation on these mysteries of the Holy Rosary nourish faith; it also helps us to practice virtue. Since there are three basic influences which effect the decline of society, Pope Leo points to the Rosary as their remedy. These evil influences, he declares in *Laetitiae Sanctae* are: "First, the distaste for a simple and laborious life; secondly, repugnance to suffering of any kind; and thirdly the forgetfulness of a future life."

In explaining the distaste for a simple, laborious life, Pope Leo applies the cure of the Joyful Mysteries. The examples "of humility, hard working endurance and of other virtues – once they have made their influence felt – gradually take root in the soul, and in the course of time fail not to bring about a happy change of mind and conduct."

For those who are repugnant to suffering, Pope Leo urges meditation on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Beholding Christ "overwhelmed with sadness, so that drops of Blood ooze like sweat from His veins ... bound like a malefactor ... torn with scourges ... nailed to the Cross ... who is there who will not feel his heart grow warm with the desire of imitating Him."

The evil which is primarily characteristic of the men of our time, he contends, is to pursue the false goods of this world in such a way that they banish from their memory the everlasting happiness of Heaven. "It is from this danger," he exhorts, "that they will be happily rescued who in the pious practice of the Rosary, are wont, by frequent and fervent prayer, to keep before their minds the Glorious Mysteries. Here alone we discover the true relationship between time and eternity, between our life on earth and our life in Heaven." (*Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII*)

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday on October 20th.

APPRECIATION: St. Michael's Parish wishes to express heart felt thanks for all those who made our Patron Saint Feast-day celebration a huge success! May God reward you!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18th, on the Feast of Saint Luke, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter as a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right. A High Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for the many graces that we have received in this first quarter-century.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Christ the King. Please mark this date in your calendar and make a special effort to be at the 10:15 Mass (procession afterwards) and become a public witness to our Faith.

CONFRATERNITY MEMBERS: Members who wish to receive the blessing, please bring your certificate and your prayer with you on Sunday, October 20th. Fr. Zepeda will give you instruction at 10:00 a.m. before the 10:15 Mass. The blessing will take place after the Mass.

ALL SAINTS PARTY: The All Saints party will be held on Thursday, October 31st at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Kate Gardner 570-689-4958.

HOLY SOULS NOVENA: Please make sure that you have the Mass intentions for the Holy Souls in by **October 27th**. Your intentions will be included in a novena of Masses beginning on November 2nd, All Souls Day.

FR. ZEPEDA will be on vacation from October 6th until October 19th. During that time, there will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass until his return.

COLLECTION: September 29th - \$2,795.00

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

October 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Andrew Mitchell
TH Anthony Mitchell
AC1 Matthew Davidson
AC2 Joshua Sica
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Francis LaFata
S4 Stephen LaFata

WEEK ONE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday
7:45 a.m.

Thursday William Skuba
7:45 a.m. John Skuba

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

October 13th

8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Justin LaFata
TH Robert Seeley
AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Francis LaFata
C Timothy Emig
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata