

The 15 Mysteries  
of the  
Most Holy Rosary



## **The Rosary**

The Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary comes to us from Our Lady through the hands of her Apostle St. Dominic. It is the sword of the spirit (Eph. 6:17) for the defense of the Catholic faith, and the catechism set to prayer.

The Rosary is a union of vocal and mental prayer. The words of the "Hail Mary" are its body, and meditation on its 15 mysteries its soul.

Our Lady of Fatima insisted that the Rosary be said every day (at least five decades). No one who prays it with devotion and perseverance will be lost or long enslaved by mortal sin. After the holy sacrifice of the Mass with its accompanying Divine Office, the Rosary is the greatest Catholic prayer.

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the companion of the Rosary and the shield of faith (Eph. 6:16) that goes with the sword. Our Lady of Fatima

wishes it to be worn as the sign of our consecration to her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart.

### **The Stations**

These Stations of the Rosary are presented as an aid to those who have difficulty meditating on its mysteries. They are designed to cover the principal points in each one. St. Dominic himself is said to have used such a method. One may prefer to choose but one of the Stations for each mystery. If frequently used, they should prove easy to memorize.

3. Mary is laid to rest.
4. Mary is assumed into Heaven.
5. The "Ark rises to its resting place" (Ps. 131:8).
6. Mary is received joyously in Heaven.
7. The Apostles find the tomb empty.
8. The faithful rejoice at the word.
9. The Assumption shows forth the dignity of the body.
10. The Assumption foreshows the resurrection of the body.

### ***V. The Coronation***

1. Jesus crowns Mary Queen of Heaven.
2. Mary is enthroned at the right hand of Jesus.
3. Mary is seen crowned with twelve stars.
4. The Angels praise Mary.
5. The Saints praise Mary.
6. The Faithful praise Mary.
7. Mary intercedes for us with her Son.
8. St. Joseph reigns with Jesus and Mary.
9. The day of Judgment approaches.
10. The Church longs for heaven.

9. Jesus intercedes for us to the Father.
10. The disciples praise God daily in the Temple.

**III. *The Descent of the Holy Ghost***

1. The disciples persevere in prayer with Mary.
2. Matthias is chosen to take the place of Judas.
3. The sound of a mighty wind fills the Cenacle.
4. Tongues of fire rest on the disciples.
5. The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit.
6. The Apostles receive the gift of tongues.
7. The people are filled with wonder.
8. Peter preaches Christ.
9. The people are baptized.
10. Through the Apostles we receive the Holy Ghost.

**IV. *The Assumption***

1. Mary longs to see her Son.
2. Mary dies in peace.

**JOYFULL MYSTERIES**

(Luke 1:26-3:1)

**I. *The Annunciation***

1. The Angel Gabriel is sent to Nazareth.
2. The Angel greets Mary.
3. Mary is troubled at the word.
4. Mary is to be the Mother of God.
5. Mary speaks of her virginity.
6. The Angel foretells of the Virgin Birth.
7. The Angel tells of Elizabeth's child.
8. Mary consents in humility.
9. The Word is made flesh.
10. The prophecy of Isaias is fulfilled (7:14).

**II. *The Visitation***

1. Mary hastens to visit Elizabeth.
2. Mary greets Elizabeth.
3. John leaps for joy.
4. Elizabeth praises Mary.
5. Mary returns praise to God.
6. Mary waits on Elizabeth.
7. The people celebrate the birth of John.
8. Zachary praises God.

9. Joseph fears to take Mary for his spouse.
10. An Angel re-assures Joseph.

### **III. *The Nativity***

1. Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem.
2. There is no room in the inn.
3. Joseph finds shelter in a stable.
4. Jesus is laid in a manger.
5. The Angel announces the birth of Christ.
6. The heavenly host praises God.
7. The shepherds worship at the crib.
8. The people marvel at the word.
9. Mary ponders in her heart.
10. The Magi come to adore the Christ Child (Matt. 2:1-12).

### **IV. *The Presentation***

1. Simeon is assured of seeing Christ.
2. Mary and Joseph bring the Infant to the Temple.
3. Mary and Joseph offer doves for the Child.

2. The women go to the tomb.
3. An Angel descends to roll back the stone.
4. The tomb is found empty.
5. The Angels announce the Resurrection.
6. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalen.
7. The Apostles doubt the women's word.
8. Peter and John find the cloths in the tomb.
9. Jesus joins the disciples going to Emmaus.
10. Jesus appears to the Apostles.

### **II. *The Ascension***

1. Jesus sends the Apostles to preach the Gospel.
2. Jesus promises the Holy Ghost.
3. Jesus conceals the time of Israel's restoration.
4. Jesus ascends into Heaven.
5. Mary is filled with joy.
6. The Angels promise Christ's return.
7. Jesus leads the Saints into Heaven.
8. Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father.

6. Jesus meets his afflicted Mother.
7. Simon is made to help Jesus.
8. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
9. Jesus speaks to the weeping women.
10. Jesus climbs Calvary.

#### ***V. The Crucifixion***

1. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
2. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
3. The soldiers cast lots for Christ's robe.
4. The people mock Jesus.
5. Jesus prays for his enemies.
6. Jesus promises paradise to the thief.
7. Jesus leaves us his mother.
8. Jesus gives up his spirit.
9. Jesus is laid in his Mother's arms.
10. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

### **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

(Four Gospels: The Resurrection;  
Acts of the Apostles 1:1-2:42)

#### ***I. The Resurrection***

1. Christ rises from the dead.

4. Simeon receives the Christ Child into his arms.
5. Simeon blesses Mary and Joseph.
6. Simeon foretells the destiny of the Child and his Mother.
7. Anna leads a life of prayer and penance.
8. Anna speaks of the child to the people.
9. The Holy Family flees into Egypt.
10. The Holy Family returns to Nazareth.

#### ***V. The Finding in the Temple***

1. The Holy Family journeys to Jerusalem.
2. The Holy Family worships at the feast.
3. Jesus is found missing from the caravan.
4. Mary and Joseph search for three days.
5. Jesus is found in the Temple.
6. Mary receives her Child in Joy and anguish.
7. Jesus speaks of his Father's work.
8. Jesus returns with Mary and Joseph.
9. Mary ponders in her heart.
10. Jesus grows in wisdom, age and grace.

## **SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

(Four Gospels: The Passion)

### ***I. The Agony in the Garden***

1. Jesus asks the Apostles to watch with him.
2. Jesus withdraws and prays.
3. Jesus is bathed in a sweat of blood.
4. Jesus awakens the Apostles.
5. Jesus prays for the chalice to pass away.
6. An Angel comes to comfort Christ.
7. Jesus finds the Apostles sleeping.
8. Mary keeps an agonizing vigil.
9. Jesus prays a third time.
10. Jesus goes to meet his betrayer.

### ***II. The Scourging***

1. The people cry for Christ's crucifixion
2. Pilate orders Jesus to be scourged.
3. Jesus is bound to the pillar.
4. Jesus is scourged by the soldiers.
5. Jesus suffers without complaint.
6. Jesus atones for our sins of the flesh.
7. Mary suffers in compassion.

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8. Jesus is scourged above measure.
9. The prophecy of Isaias is fulfilled (53:5).
10. The Holy Shroud bears witness to the lashes.

### ***III. The Crowning with Thorns***

1. The soldiers surround Christ.
2. Jesus is clothed in royal purple.
3. Jesus is crowned with thorns.
4. Jesus is given a reed.
5. The soldiers mock Jesus.
6. Jesus is spit upon.
7. Jesus is beaten with the reed.
8. Jesus suffers meekly.
9. Mary suffers in compassion.
10. Pilate shows Jesus to the people.

### ***IV. The Carrying of the Cross***

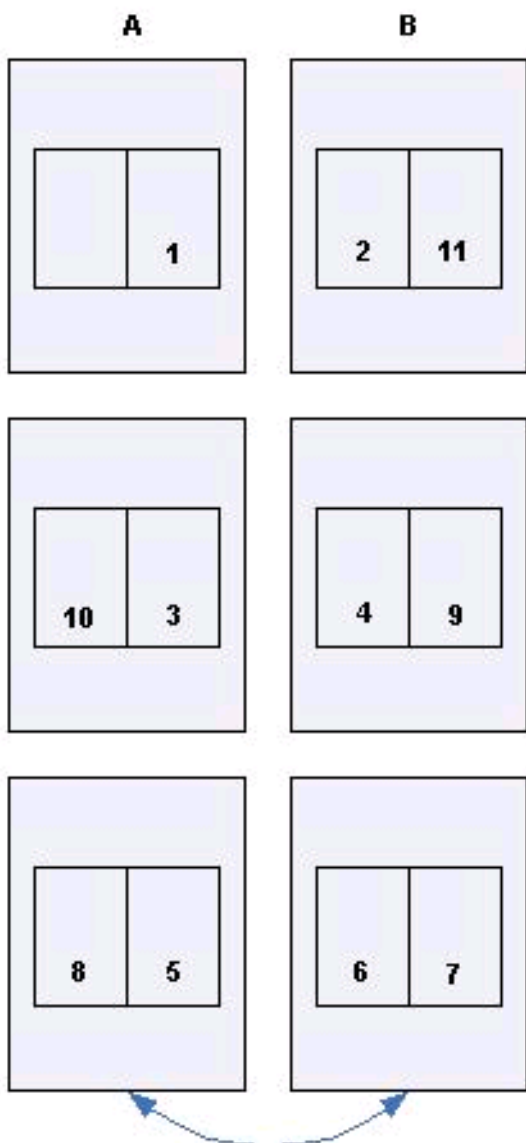
1. Jesus is condemned to death.
2. The Apostles flee in fear.
3. Jesus takes up his cross.
4. Jesus falls beneath the cross.
5. The people jeer at Christ.

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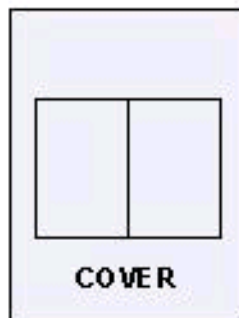
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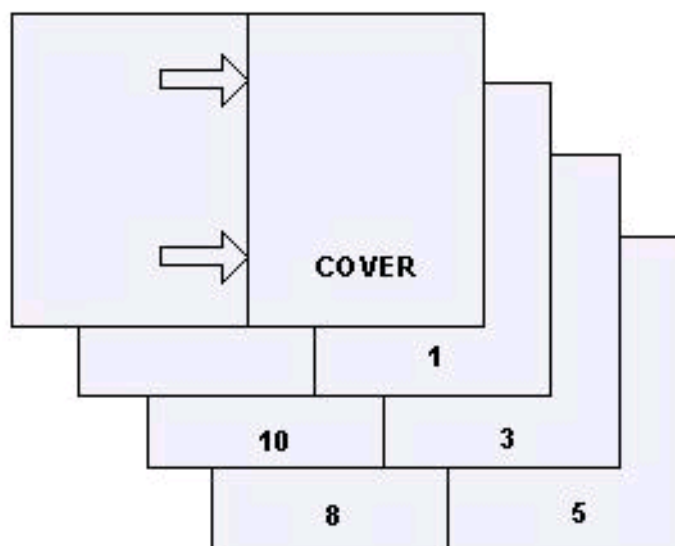
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