



The Rosary

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Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is a good storyteller. When Jesus was a child in Nazareth, he must have listened to Mary and liked the stories she told. We can listen to her now, when we pray the Rosary. This is a prayer where we join Mary and with her remember stories about her Son.

When we pray the Rosary, we say certain prayers, like the [Our Father](#) and [Hail Mary](#). But we also remember stories that are called "mysteries."

Mysteries are stories about God, and so we never know enough about them. They never get old, because they keep telling us things we never knew before.

The Rosary tells the story of Jesus, in four parts. At this Web site, to begin each part I have written a little bit to help you understand what the stories are about; these pages are called "learn about". On the pages called "pray" you will find a map to each one of the stories for that mystery. There is also a page to help you learn [how to pray the Rosary](#).

On these pages, you will see pictures that were painted many years ago. We do not think that the pictures look just like the people and places the stories tell us about; it is just how different artists imagined people might have looked. You will imagine things in your own way and maybe you will make your own pictures.

The Rosary begins with the Joyful Mysteries, which are happy stories.

How to pray the Rosary

Look at a Rosary. It's made up of tiny beads that go around a circle. The beads in the circle are divided into five groups, for each of the five mysteries. Each group has ten beads that tell you to say the prayer [The Hail Mary](#) ten times. Each group begins with one bead that tells you to say the prayer [The Our Father](#) once.

The Rosary has a Cross on it to remind you of Jesus who loved you so much that he died on the Cross for you.

On any day, you can pick the five mysteries you want to think about. On Sunday, when we remember that Jesus rose from the dead, you may want to say the Glorious Mysteries. On Friday, which is the day we usually recall Jesus dying on the Cross, you may want to say the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Around Christmas time, when Jesus' birth is recalled, you may want to say the Joyful Mysteries. Or, you can go through the mysteries in order: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Glorious Mysteries.

At this Web site, we give you little sentences from the Bible to put before each Hail Mary, to help you remember the story told in that mystery.

The sentences are often from the Bible story the mystery recalls: for example, the story of the angel telling Mary she was going to be the mother of Jesus.

As you begin the Rosary, you can say the [Apostles' Creed](#), which is a prayer that sums up the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries all together.

Pray the Joyful Mysteries

The Joyful Mysteries remind us to be glad.

1. [The Annunciation](#): the angel Gabriel says to Mary that she is going to be the mother of Jesus.

2. [The Visitation](#): Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to tell her how happy she is that she is going to have a baby

3. [The Birth of Jesus](#)

4. [The Presentation](#) of the Child Jesus in the Temple

5. [The Finding](#) of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Pray the Luminous Mysteries

The Luminous Mysteries remind us to follow Jesus, the light of the world.

1. The Baptism of Jesus
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. Jesus Proclaims the Good News
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Eucharist

Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries

These stories of Jesus tell us not to give up -- even when things are very bad. God will help us through; God will make us strong enough to go on.

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

Pray the Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead
2. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Crowning of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth