

Reflection Tuesday Week 30 – Votive mass of Our Lady 2020

Our Lady of the Rosary was established in 1573 in order to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto— and extended to the universal Church in 1716 by Clement XI. The rosary developed from a practice of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. A parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys followed. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached. The development of this prayer-form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as “the apostle of the rosary.” He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary developed into its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light. The rosary helps us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation with the main focus on Jesus — his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys invite us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Bes remind us that the purpose of all life is to give glory to the Trinity. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. Let us join with Mary and say with her *“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.”* Let us thank Jesus for giving such a wonderful person to be a mother to us, watch over us, plead for us, and seek reconciliation for us.

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| — Mary Queen of heaven: | Pray for us. |
| — Our Lady of the Rosary: | Pray for us. |
| — Our Lady Immaculate: | Pray for us. |
| — Our Lady of the Assumption: | Pray for us. |

- A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?' He said, 'Call for backup.'
- **Mother to daughter advice:** Cook a man a fish and you feed him for a day. But teach a man to fish and you get rid of him for the whole weekend.