

## **MAY – MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

The Church encourages us, individually and collectively, to turn to our Mother Mary through praying of the Rosary especially in the months of May and October every year. This does not mean that we should not be praying the Rosary on daily basis. It rather means that during these two months of the year, special attention and renewal should be made to deepen our relationship with our ever loving and caring Mother Mary. The power and efficacy of intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary is unparalleled. The biblical story of the wedding at Cana in Galilee is a testament of what our Mother Mary can do when we invite her to our hearts, homes and our world (John 2: 1 – 11).

As the world goes through this extraordinary, challenging, and almost debilitating effects of Covid-19, we are encouraged not to fall into the state of hopelessness and/or helplessness. We should remain positive and proactive. As we struggle to come to terms with how quickly our world has changed, including our worship patterns (especially celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other liturgical/devotional activities), we should remind ourselves that our Mother Mary still cares for us. More than ever, during this near total global lockdown, let us turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary and solicit for her powerful intercession through praying of the Rosary.

Now that families are spending more time together than ever before, we should make out time to pray the family rosary (if we have not been doing it previously) for the benefit of the entire humankind and our world. In the absence of a structured family rosary session, praying the rosary individually will still achieve the same desired objective.

We ask our Mother Mary to please intercede for all the sick especially those infected with Covid-19, that they will be completely healed. Also, we request the Blessed Virgin Mary to remember all those in the frontline for providing care and support to the sick, the elderly and the vulnerable so that their strength and motivation will constantly be renewed. In addition, we plead with our Mother Mary to hold all of us in her loving embrace more than ever, so that we will be protected from this dangerous and contagious Covid-19.

Please do not be afraid! We have God as our loving Father; the Risen Christ as our beloved Brother and Healer; the Holy Spirit as our Sanctifier, and the Blessed Virgin Mary as our nurturing Mother, whose power of intercession is sublime.

We wish you and your loved ones the very best especially during this period of lockdown.

**HAPPY MONTH OF THE ROSARY!**

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