

THE BEGINNINGS

ST. DOMINIC

The Catholic Church adopted the rosary in its current form in the 13th century. It is said that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Dominic in the year 1214 and revealed the Rosary beads to him.



HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE

DID YOU KNOW?

The first half of the Hail Mary comes from two passages found in Luke's Gospel: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you", and, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb". The second half of the Hail Mary asks Mary to pray for us.

A LITTLE HISTORY

A PRAYER FOR EVERYONE

Priests pray the Divine office daily. This is a recitation of the 150 Psalms with readings, and prayers. Lay people, who in the Middle Ages were often illiterate, wanted to join priests and religious in this prayer. Eventually, the Rosary, a simplified version that could be easily memorized was created.

THE ROSARY

COOL FACTS

Cool fact #1: No Rosary beads, no problem! Use your fingers to keep track of the ten Hail Mary prayers.
Cool fact #2: Some Catholics say if you fall asleep while praying the Rosary, the Angels finish it for you.



THE ROSARY

The Greatest Method of Praying

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Mysteries of the Rosary focuses on the life of Jesus. The beads of the Rosary are divided into five decades (sections). Each decade represents an event from the life of Christ. These five events are grouped into a set of Mysteries. There are four sets of Mysteries; Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous. Each time we pray the Rosary, we should think about the events in Jesus' life as though we were really there. Focus on what you might have seen and heard, but more importantly how you may have felt.



October is the Holy Month of the Rosary. October 7th is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, sometimes referred to as the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

Before Rosary beads, repeated prayers may have been counted by pebbles, knots, or other small items.

"The Rosary is a school of Prayer. The Rosary is a school of Faith."
-Pope Francis



PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

The rosary is a devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary. It consists of a set number of specific prayers. First are the introductory prayers: one Apostles' Creed, one Our Father, three Hail Mary's, and one Glory Be. The **Apostles' Creed** is not something the Apostle's said, but rather expresses their teachings. Jesus taught the next prayer in the rosary to his disciples. It is called the **Our Father** or the Pater Noster, also known as the Lord's Prayer. Following the Our Father is the prayer that is at the center of the devotion, is the **Hail Mary**. A prayer The **Glory Be**, or Gloria is a brief hymn of praise. It has been used since the fourth century and traditionally has been recited at the end of each Psalm in the Divine office. The closing prayer is usually the **Hail Queen**, sometimes called the Hail Holy Queen. It's the most commonly recited prayer in praise of Mary, after the Hail Mary itself, and was composed at the end of the eleventh century.