

ROSARY RENEWAL

An October Parish Mission in commemoration of the Centennial Year of the Apparitions at Fatima

SUNDAY (October 1)

6:00 p.m. **Cause of Our Joy** - The renewal begins with a candlelight procession that honors Mary and invokes her intercession. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed according to the suggestions of St. John Paul II. After the service people may come forward for healing prayer for themselves or for another through the laying of hands.

MONDAY (October 2)

8:00 a.m. Missionary presides and preaches at Mass.
Refreshments and talk: The Greatest Commandment

6:00 p.m. **Seat of Wisdom** - The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed using the living rosary format. With lighted candles Christ is honored as the light of the world and people renew their baptismal promise to walk as sons and daughters of the light.

TUESDAY (October 3)

8:00 a.m. Missionary presides and preaches at the School Mass.
Refreshments and talk: The Second Great Commandment

6:00 p.m. **Mary Immaculate** - We recite the Sorrowful Mysteries as part of a penitential celebration and examine our consciences on the capital sins. Afterwards people may receive the Sacrament of Penance. They may also receive this sacrament on the following day

WEDNESDAY (October 4)

8:00 a.m. Missionary leads Morning Prayer
Refreshments and talk: Good Grief: Accepting Loss Gracefully

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The missionary will be hearing confessions each hour on the hour.

6:00 p.m. **Honor of Our People** - The Mass of St. Francis of Assisi is celebrated as the climax of the renewal. It is preceded by the praying of the first three Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. After Mass people are invited to proceed to Mary's shrine where her image is crowned while all pray the final two Mysteries. The announcement of the plenary indulgence and the dismissal follow immediately.

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In his 2002 apostolic letter, *On the Most Holy Rosary*, St. John Paul II wrote of the rosary's capacity to form Christians according to the heart of Christ. He added a set of mysteries and suggested a way to pray them. *Rosary Renewal* integrates his suggestions with preaching and ritual in order to dispose the people for the graces which each mystery offers.

WEEKEND LITURGY - At each Mass there is a homily drawn from the Sunday Scriptures that recognizes the place of Mary and the rosary in Catholic spirituality and invites people to participate in *Rosary Renewal*.

EVENING THEMES

Cause of Our Joy - After Mary gave birth to the Savior the angel of God proclaimed "good news of great joy" for all the people. After a simple candle-light procession to Mary's image we pray the Joyful Mysteries while pondering the saving grace of the Incarnation which is made present through healing prayer that brings comfort and joy to the human heart.

Seat of Wisdom - When Jesus began his ministry of preaching and healing Mary urged his listeners to do whatever he told them. By praying the Luminous Mysteries we open ourselves to the light of Christ by which we can practice the obedience of faith. We profess this obedience through the renewal of our baptismal vows.

Mary Immaculate - Grateful that she was preserved from all sin Mary prays that we may be purified of our sins. We recite the Sorrowful Mysteries as part of a penitential celebration, and we examine our consciences on the capital sins. Afterwards people may receive the Sacrament of Penance. On the following day the missionary is available for confessions each hour on the hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Honor of Our People - The celebration of Mass is preceded by the praying of the first three Glorious Mysteries. At the end of Mass an image of Mary inside or outside the church is honored with a crown or a bouquet of flowers while all pray the final two Mysteries as a conclusion to the renewal.

MORNING PROGRAM - The missionary celebrates and preaches at daily Mass. (Morning Prayer is said when Mass is part of the evening service.) After a short break for refreshments he gives a brief, informal talk that complements the evening service.