

# OCTOBER



**Topic:** The Family Rosary as praying with Mary, looking to Jesus with her; Preparing for All Saints Day & All Souls Day

## REFERENCES:

CCC: 971, 2674, 2683

Lk 1:28, 42

Jn 19:26-27

Acts 2:42

## GOALS:

- To introduce the Family Rosary
- To learn about the assistance the saints in Heaven give to us
- To encourage families to pray for one another and for their loved ones who have died

## OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of Life, bless us and grant us the grace of loving our families, as Jesus calls us to do. Help us to build peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world.

October is the month of the Rosary. When we say one of the prayers on the rosary, we are giving Mary a spiritual rose and asking her to pray for whatever is on our hearts. At the end of the Rosary, we have given her an entire bouquet.

When we say each prayer, we are also thinking about the life that Jesus and Mary lived together on earth. Those moments are called mysteries, and in our hearts we put ourselves there with Jesus and Mary in that mystery moment with them. We will talk more about this during this year.



On November 1st, All Saints Day, we celebrate and show God that we are grateful for the saints who are in Heaven and for all the help they give us.

On November 2nd, All Souls Day, we pray for our loved ones who have died as well as for all those who are in Purgatory waiting for us to pray for them, so they too can go to Heaven and finally be with God forever!

### ICE BREAKER

Who do you think is the best superhero and why?



Saints are people in Heaven who are praying for us so we can get to Heaven too. Mother Mary is the Queen of all the Saints, and her prayers for us are extremely powerful.





Name two things that you know about saints.

What is a Saint Video

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## Content

What is a Saint? Simply put, a saint is someone who is in Heaven with God our Father. He/she can be a famous person to whom the Catholic Church gives special recognition and celebrates (canonizes), but most saints are not famous. Rather, they are ordinary people who loved the Lord and who fully accepted His love as beloved daughters and sons. They gave their whole lives to Jesus. They got to know Him really well and they relied on the Holy Spirit.

## Family Sharing

Who is your favorite saint? Why?

When the saints lived on earth were they always perfect?

Can you name any saints whom you know at one time were sinners?

- Almost every single one of the saints made mistakes and sinned. Some even made huge mistakes, but what made the difference was that, because they knew God and loved Him, they were sorry for their sins and asked God's forgiveness. God our Father can never resist a heart that is truly sorry.
- However, there is one saint that we know for certain was perfect and never sinned, because God gave her a special grace. He needed someone who was immaculate, meaning without any sin, so she could carry Jesus within her.

## **SUPPORTING QUOTES FROM CHURCH DOCUMENTS**

### **Pope Francis, Letter to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020:**

I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home .... This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

### **Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), no. 285:**

At the foot of the cross, at the supreme hour of the new creation, Christ led us to Mary. He brought us to her because he did not want us to journey without a mother, and our people read in this maternal image all the mysteries of the Gospel.

### **Pope St. John Paul II, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (2002), no. 1:**

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness.... / The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium.

### **Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church), nos. 65 and 66:**

Piously meditating on [Mary] and contemplating her in the light of the Word made man, the Church with reverence enters more intimately into the great mystery of the Incarnation and becomes more and more like her Spouse. For Mary, who since her entry into salvation history unites in herself and re-echoes the greatest teachings of the faith as she is proclaimed and venerated, calls the faithful to her Son and His sacrifice and to the love of the Father.



Watch Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U79qmJxOC-o>



The Pope's Monthly Intention:

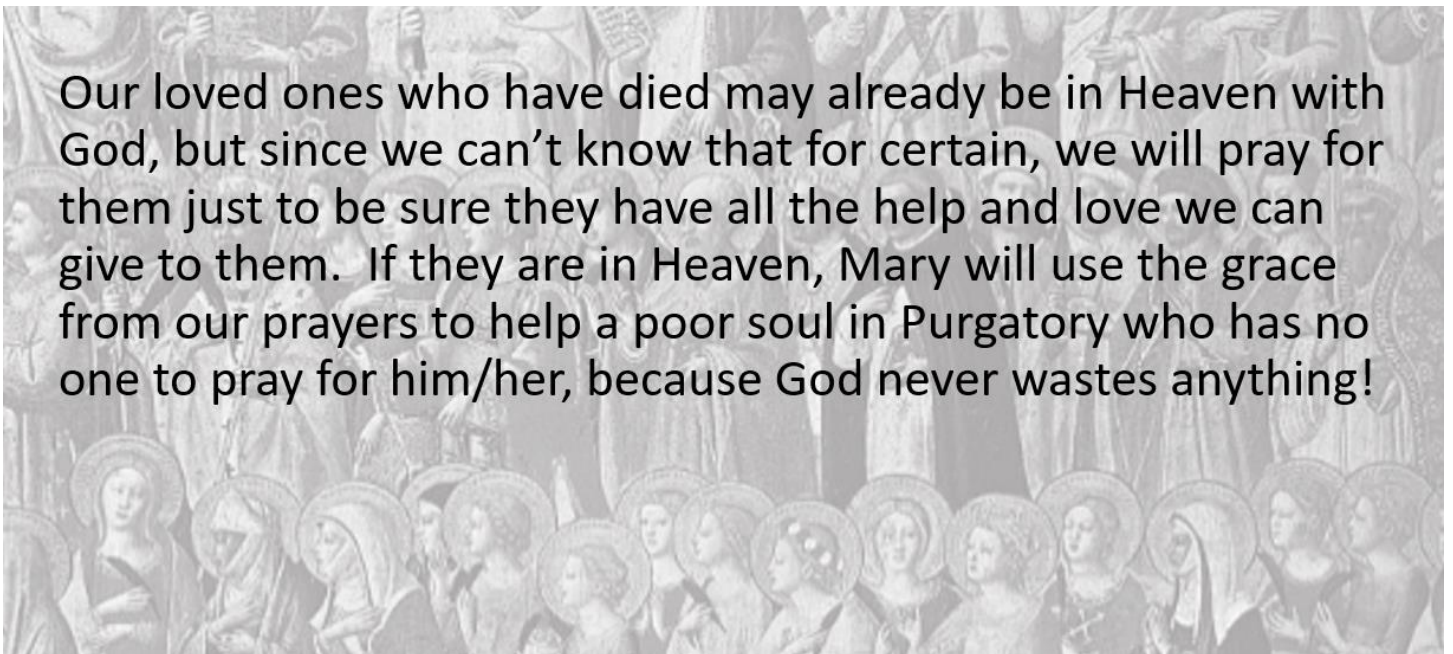
## For The Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Watch Video

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Our loved ones who have died may already be in Heaven with God, but since we can't know that for certain, we will pray for them just to be sure they have all the help and love we can give to them. If they are in Heaven, Mary will use the grace from our prayers to help a poor soul in Purgatory who has no one to pray for him/her, because God never wastes anything!



# October

2023



Dedicated To The Holy Rosary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  St. Thérèse	2 Guardian Angels	3 St. Mother Théodore Guérin	4 St. Francis of Assisi	5 St. Faustina	6 Blessed Marie Rose	7 Our Lady of the Rosary
8 	9 St. Denis Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	10	11	12 Our Lady of Aparecida	13	14
15 	16 St. Margaret Mary Alacouque	17	18 St. Luke	19	20 St. Paul of the Cross	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28 Sts. Simon & Jude
29 	30	31 All Hallows' Eve				



# OCTOBER LITANY OF SAINTS

- 10/01 St. Therese, pray for us.
- 10/02 All you Guardian Angels, pray for us.
- 10/03 St. Francis Borgia, pray for us.
- 10/04 St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.
- 10/05 St. Faustina, pray for us.
- 10/06 Blessed Marie Rose, pray for us.
- 10/07 Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.
- 10/08 St. Pelagia, pray for us.
- 10/09 St. Dennis, pray for us.
- 10/10 St. Paulinus of York, pray for us.
- 10/11 Our Lady of La Leche, pray for us.
- 10/12 Our Lady of Aparecida, pray for us.
- 10/13 St. Edward the Confessor, pray for us.
- 10/14 Pope Saint Callistus I, pray for us.
- 10/15 St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us.
- 10/16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us.
- 10/17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, pray for us.
- 10/18 St. Luke the Evangelist, pray for us.
- 10/19 St. Joan de Brokoff, pray for us.
- 10/20 St. Paul of the Cross, pray for us.
- 10/21 St. Ursula, pray for us.
- 10/22 Pope St. John Paul II, pray for us.
- 10/23 St. John of Capistrano, pray for us.
- 10/24 St. Anthony Claret, pray for us.
- 10/25 Martyrs of England & Wales, pray for us.
- 10/26 St. Alfred the Great, pray for us.
- 10/27 St. Abraham of the Poor, pray for us.
- 10/28 St. Jude, pray for us.
- 10/29 St. Narcissus, pray for us.
- 10/30 Blessed Bonaventura, pray for us.
- 10/31 St. Wolfgang, pray for us.

All you Saints and Angels,  
Pray for us. Amen.



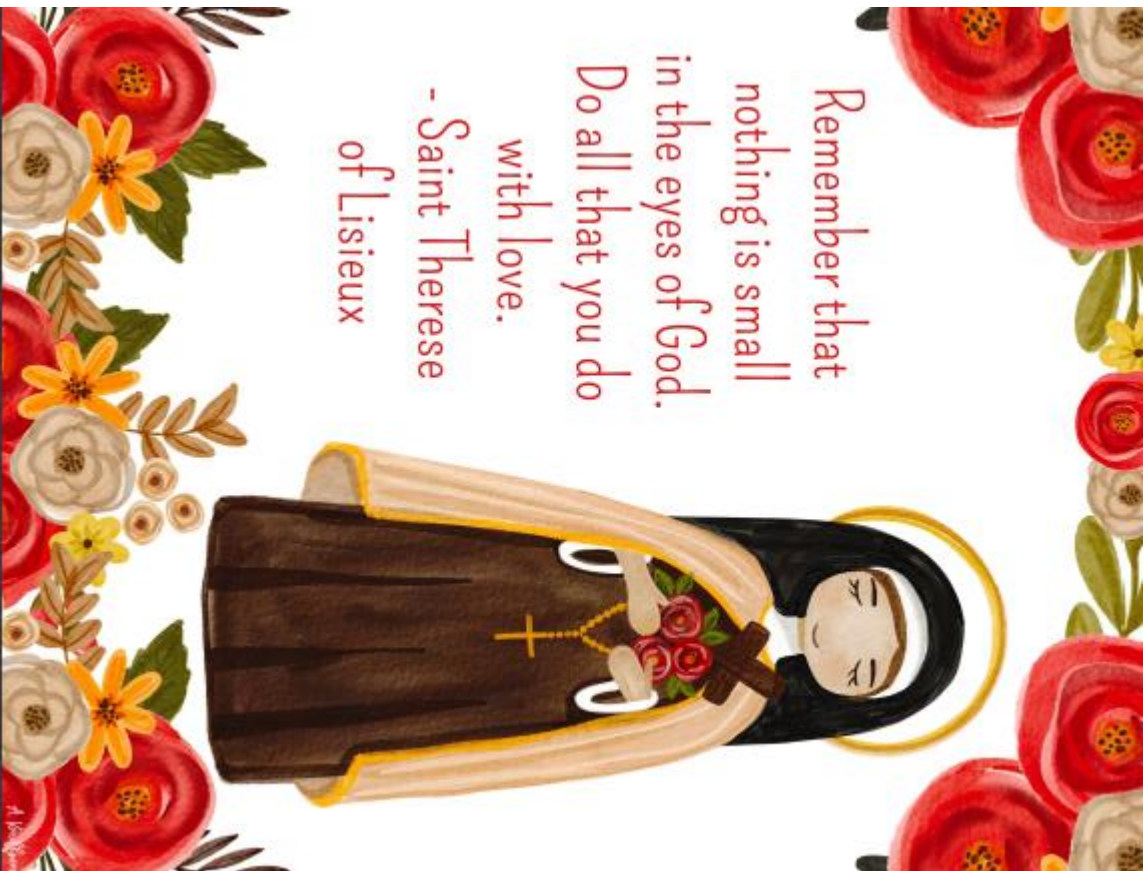
# Feast Days in October

dedicated to the holy rosary

- St. Therese 1 October
- Guardian Angels 2 October
- St. Francis of Assisi 4 October
- St. Faustina 5 October
- Our Lady of the Rosary 7 October
- Our Lady of Aparecida 12 October
- St. Teresa of Jesus 15 October
- St. Luke 18 October
- St. John Paul II, Pope 22 October
- All Hallows' Eve 31 October







Remember that  
nothing is small  
in the eyes of God.  
Do all that you do  
with love.

- Saint Therese  
of Lisieux



### St. Francis

St. Francis is the patron Saint of animals and the environment. He is well known for loving animals, and even preaching to the birds! Some parishes even offer a blessing of the animals for your pet on St. Francis' feast day. These animal cookies are a fun a perfect way to celebrate St. Francis for the day.

