
Our Lady of the Rosary – Feast Day October 7



Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks.

The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity was meeting at the Dominican headquarters in Rome. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the *Glory Be* prayers. At Fatima, Mary insisted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace.

The Rosary is a deep prayer because as we recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary.



No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, October 5 (no evening Mass)

9:00 am – Intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges

Wednesday, October 6 (no evening Mass)

9:00 am + SOULS IN PURGATORY

+ JOAO MONIZ TAVARES – Jose and Eduarda Tavares

+ AURORA CALCAO – Mario

+ RITA MARQUES - Mark

Thursday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 pm + INES & JOSE DeSOUSA – Noella and Elsa

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Friday, October 8

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory at 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 9

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + MARIA PEREIRA – Manuel & Ana daSilveira

+ DORIS JOHNSTON – Barb Hiller

+ CATHERINE DECKER – Sonia, Gerry & family

+ DECEASED CHAVES FAMILY – Maria and Silvino

Sunday, October 10

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + JORGIANA MELO, SPOUSE, SONS AND FAMILY



Praying the Rosary with the Legion of Mary.

Show your faith by praying the Rosary in front of Cambridge City Hall on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. All are welcome. Rain or shine!

Safety protocols must be followed: Masks and physical Distancing.

First Holy Communion Masses for students whose Sacrament was postponed in the Spring. (These children are now in Grade 3.)

Parents will be emailed a seating plan. Masses are held at St. Ambrose Church

- 1) Holy Spirit School students (**group 1**)
Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 for
- 2) Holy Spirit School students (**group 2**)
Wednesday October 13 at 6:30
- 3) St Vincent de Paul students (**group 1**)
Thursday October 14 at 6:30pm
- 4) St Vincent de Paul students (**group 2**)
Friday October 15 at 6:30pm
- 5) St. Anne students - Saturday October 16 at 11am



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Donations of non-perishable food would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Church this weekend or on Thanksgiving weekend. Place in the large wooden box at the narthex main entrance area.

INTERESTED IN SCIENCE? So are the Jesuits! Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, is the Director of the **Vatican Observatory**. On Thursday, October 14th, at 7:30 p.m. EST, he will conduct an interactive webinar on the work of a number of Jesuit scientists through history, and how their work was influenced by the Spirituality of St. Ignatius. It promises to be very informative. No charge. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tVWc1RBqTkOljXT3rstEzw

THE THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK runs from Sunday, October 3rd to Saturday, October 9th. Established by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, this year's celebration seeks to build understanding, connection and trust about the organization's mission and contribution to the pandemic response in Canada. Through stories, reflection and prayer, the week also seeks to foster healing, and to advance Catholic health care's commitment to social justice and the values of inclusiveness and compassion in the spirit of reconciliation.

Sponsorship for the Walk for Life –Deacon Nick would appreciate having your pledge brought to the Church at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Meeting for students whose Sacrament was postponed last school year

1. Parent Meeting Tuesday October 5 at 7pm for parents of students from **Holy Spirit IN THE CHURCH**
 2. Parent Meeting Wednesday October 6 at 7pm for parents of students from **St. Vincent de Paul School and St. Anne's IN THE CHURCH**
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COVID Vaccines

Statement from the Diocese of Hamilton

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

* Parishioners are NOT required to be vaccinated or show proof of vaccination to attend Mass or the Adoration Chapel.

**\$30 Million Dollar Financial Support for
Healing and Reconciliation**

The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. The commitment will be achieved at the local level, with parishes across Canada being encouraged to participate and amplify the effort.

To read the full transcript of the letter, go to the Canadian Catholic Bishops of Canada website <https://www.cccb.ca/>