

### May is a month for the Rosary, Part Two

The *how* of the Rosary is not too difficult to pick up – the fingering of the beads, the repetition of the words. Its simplicity has made it popular among an immense variety of people.

Where most people get hung up is in the meditation. The mysteries are what make the rosary. When we repeat the formal prayers, we try to focus our mind and heart upon the given event from the life of Jesus. We try to place ourselves within the scene, imagining what it was like to be there.

This is the stuff of the Rosary. Yet this is where we will be most prone to distraction. Once we open the corral of our imagination, there's no telling which horses will run loose – or how far afield they'll go.

That's why I always recommend **Scripture** as the foundation of all Rosary meditation. There are many fine collections of scriptural meditations on the mysteries of the Rosary. Such books [and phone apps] are wonderful, and the Holy Spirit can use them to open our minds to deeper wisdom and to turn our hearts to repentance. Some booklets give a single, well-chosen line for us to digest with each Hail Mary. Others give fully developed chapters for us to read as we begin a mystery or as we go along.

Still, when I speak of a scriptural Rosary, I mean much more than a booklet, more than a book, and even more than a library full of books. I mean that Catholics should immerse themselves in Scripture so that each mystery of the Rosary evokes countless biblical associations, from both the Old and the New Testaments. For the mysteries – the events of Jesus' life – did not arise out of nothing. God has been preparing each of them from all eternity. I have tried to make that point clear throughout this book [*Hail Holy Queen*, by Scott Hahn] showing, for example, that the mystery of the coronation of Mary was implicit in the garden of Eden at the beginning of time; and that the mystery of the annunciation was foreshadowed there, too. In Chapter 3 we saw that Mary's visitation to Elizabeth was the fulfillment of the Old Testament odyssey of the ark of the covenant.

If we steep ourselves in Scripture, we will draw from rich reservoirs, again, when we meditate upon the third glorious mystery, the first Pentecost. We will think first, of course, of the action-packed scene in the Acts of the Apostles. But we will also think of the Pentecost of ancient Israel, marking the giving of the Law. We will recall the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon the elders in the desert (see Num 11:24-29). When we imagine the tongues of fire, we will recall how Elijah called fire from heaven to consume his sacrifice (1Kgs 18:24-38). What, then, is the new covenant sacrifice consumed by the fire of the Holy Spirit? Could it be you and me? Then, when the apostles speak in tongues, we will naturally remember the story of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11) and the passage in Isaiah (28:11) when God again confused the speech of the people. What does it mean that, on Pentecost, He reversed the process?

“Seek in reading,” says the *Catechism*, “and you will find in meditating.” (#2654). Put simply: we have to read the Scriptures every day; we have to receive the Scriptures often, in the context of the liturgy; we have to read the meditations and commentaries of the Fathers [of the Church] and the saints; and we have to pray the scriptures in the Spirit.

In the midst of such a life, our every rosary will be a scriptural rosary, flowing from our heart to Mary's, to Christ's -- and back again.

--from Scott Hahn, *Hail Holy Queen*, 2021 book. This book is available for checkout from our Church library.

### Altar Server Training

Knights of Columbus are offering an Altar Server training THIS Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> after Mass

### St. Charles Parish 2022 Memorial Scholarship Applications

are at the Office or at

[www.catholicsalmon.com](http://www.catholicsalmon.com).

The application must be postmarked OR delivered to the Office by THIS Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our new Pastoral Council Chair is Dan Mudd and Vice-Chair is Reba Ulshafer. If you have questions or comments on anything that would involve the Pastoral Council, please contact either one of them.

### 2022 Idaho Catholic Appeal

St Charles Borromeo's goal is **\$12,316**. As of 5/16/2022 our report remains unchanged: thirty of our 80 registered Parishioners have pledged \$9,085 (73.77% of goal).

May our parish respond to the opportunity to reach beyond the boundaries of our parish in love and service.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*“...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (JOHN 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 22:** Blessing of Prayer Shawls; Altar Server Training; Parent RE Meeting

**May 24:** Finance Council – Budget Meeting 5:30 p.m.

**May 26:** Memorial Scholarship Applications due.

**May 29:** Anointing after Mass.

**June 6-10:** No Mass as Fr. John is attending the Priests Retreat in Boise.

**June 11 & 12:** Nelson Cintra will be assisting at our Masses after having just been ordained as a transitional deacon. There will be a reception for him after Mass on Saturday evening.

If you wish to purchase raffle tickets for the Idaho Special Olympics, please go to the website: [raffle@idso.org](mailto:raffle@idso.org) The drawing will be held November 18. The grand prize is a 2022 Toyota Tacoma SR5 pickup.

### Special Days This Week:

May 21: Jeff DiLuccia (B)

Jeff & Paula Kerner (A)

May 23: Sue O'Malley (B)

*Happy Anniversary and Birthday!  
May you be richly blessed as you celebrate your special day!*