

October is the month of the Holy Rosary!

The presence and protection of our Mother Mary has immense power — requested, channeled, and honored through the rosary. Her immaculate intercession has won wars and conquered hearts. The feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary was established in 1571 to celebrate the Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto. Later, the entire month of October was dedicated to the rosary in 1884 by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical Superiore Anno:

“Last year, as each of you is aware, We decreed by an Encyclical Letter that, to win the help of Heaven for the Church in her trials, the great Mother of God should be honored by the means of the most holy Rosary during the whole of the month of October. In this We followed both Our own impulse and the example of Our predecessors, who in times of difficulty were wont to have recourse with increased fervor to the Blessed Virgin, and to seek her aid with special prayers.”

Although the commitment to the rosary was formalized in 1571, it was an established prayer long before then. The rosary was first given to Saint Dominic by the Virgin Mary during an apparition in 1214 in Prouilhe of southern France. She presented it as a source of strength and grace to persevere in his efforts to convert Albigensian heretics.

We know it to be one of the most recited and celebrated Catholic prayers — used to implore our Mother Mary for her intercession and blessings. Saint John Paul II expanded on the rosary’s power in his 2002 apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, when he announced the Year of the Rosary and the addition of the Luminous Mysteries:

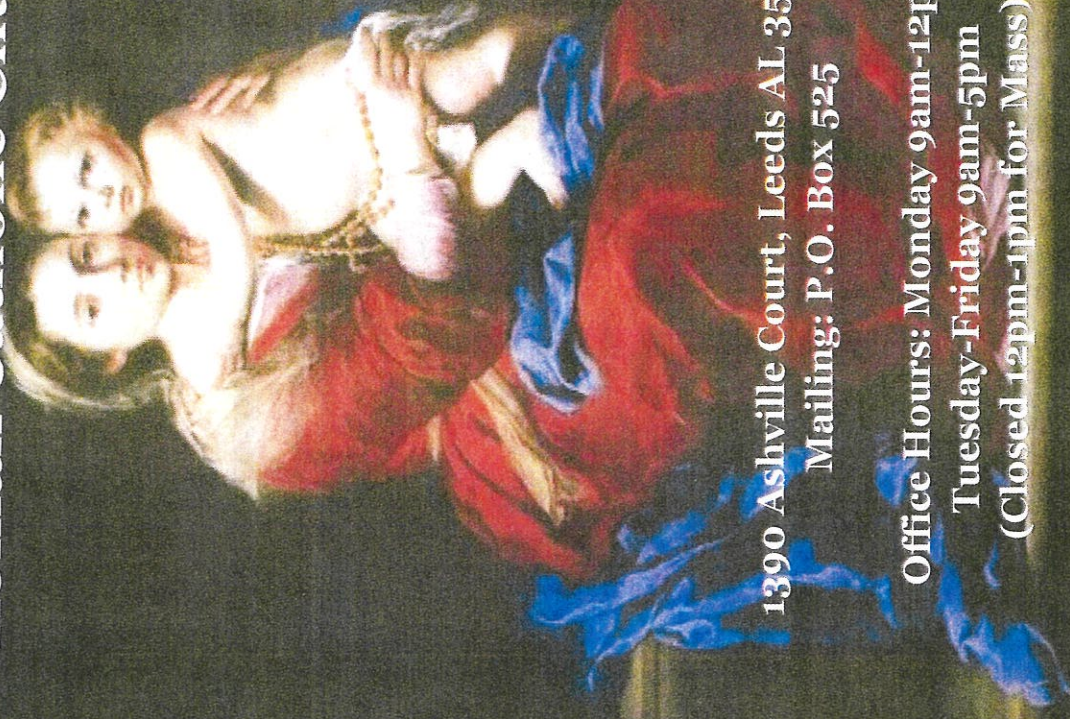
“With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”

As we enter the days of October, let us renew our devotion to the daily Rosary — reflecting on its origins saving nations and individuals in times of conflict and despair.

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- Miss Gabriella Paffumi | Parish Secretary
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Coming Up

Father Bean's Birthday Party

Come help us celebrate Father Bean! On October 16th, after the 4:00 Mass, we will be meeting in the Parish Life Center for Father's birthday. If you would like to contribute, please contact Gina Smith at 205-981-7841. In addition, we will be having a Spiritual Bouquet. Cards will be provided in the vestibule for you to fill out and let Father know how you are lifting him up in prayer! You can return Spiritual Bouquet cards to the office so they can be collected and given to Father.

PLEASE SIGN UP OR CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING!! We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone!

"Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits"

A spiritual retreat with Dan Burke, Author, President, and Founder of the Avila Institute. The retreat will be held in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, November 6th 2021, from 8:00am-2:00pm. Dan Burke will bring you on a journey through the...

- Battleground and the Mind: Testimony and Understanding the Forces of Darkness and Light and How They Drive us to Despair or Liberation
 - Discernment and Freedom – Rules of Discernment: Practical Progress in Spiritual Warfare and Hearing the Voice of God
 - Discernment and Freedom – Final Rules and the Examen Prayer: Concrete Steps to Peace of Mind and Discerning God's Will – Moving from Encounter to Commitment
 - The retreat will end with a Q&A session.
- The cost is \$29 per person which includes a gift bag worth \$50 and light lunch/snacks provided. Please register at www.Spiritualdirection.com/events. Tickets will be available at the door. You are only guaranteed a bag if you register by October 15th so please reserve your seat today!

Dead Theologians Society Upcoming Schedule

These meetings are for the youth of the Parish. They will be held in the Parish Life Center from 6pm-8pm every other Sunday. This will include a social gathering, a Saint focus, and opportunities for Adoration, prayer and confession. We hope to see you all there! Please contact Colin Fach at 205-706-3908 for more information or inquiries.

- October 10th | St. Bartolo Longo: Satanic priest to Catholic Saint
- October 24th | St. Teresa of Avila: Virgin and Mystic
- November 7th | St. Augustine of Hippo, from Secularist to Saint
- Sunday, November 21st | TBA
- Sunday, December 5th | The Mighty Scapular with Sister Rita Marie, SSEW

Altar Boy Training

St. John Paul II once said to Altar servers: "You are far more mere 'helpers of the parish priest.' Above all, you are servants of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest...When you take part in the Liturgy by carrying out your altar service, you offer a witness to all. Your absorption, the devotion that wells up from your heart and is expressed in gestures, songs, and responses: if you do it correctly and not absent-mindedly, then in a certain way, your witness is one that moves people...You are very close to Jesus in the Eucharist, and this is the most important sign of his love for each one of us."

On Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm we are inviting all young men, 2nd grade and up, to take part in the ministry of Altar serving. This is an important and special role, to assist the Priest in leading the congregation in the Mass. The training will take place in the church, and will be led by Colin Fach and a few of the current altar servers. We hope to see you all there!

Recurring Events

- Faith Formation for Children and Adults | Sundays at 9:00am in the Parish Life Center
- Legion of Mary | Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Parish Life Center
- Fr. Bean's Book Club | Thursdays at 10:00am in Martin Hall
- Alzheimer's Support Group | every 2nd Thursdays at 6:30pm in Martin Hall
- Dead Theologians Society | every other Sunday. See Bulletin or Website for Current Schedule
- Mid-Week Vespers | Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8am, 10:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish) | Tuesday-Friday 12:00pm

Saturday: 12:00pm, 4:00pm

Reconciliation Schedule | Tuesday-Saturday 11:30am | Sunday: 9:00am
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday following

Mass

Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 30 minutes prior to Mass
20 Decade Rosary every Wednesday at 10:30am

Mass Intentions for The Upcoming Week

- October 12th (12:00pm) Arleen Wong (RIP)
- October 13th (12:00pm) Nicholas Del Pino (RIP)
- October 14th (12:00pm) John Paul Archer
- October 15th (12:00pm) Richard Paffumi (RIP)
- October 16th (12:00pm) Special Intention | (4:00pm) Deceased members of the D'Souza Family
- October 17th (8:00am) Roy Roth (RIP) | (10:30am) Margaret Barrett