

“Under the Mantle of Mary”



Parish Rosary Novena and Marian Consecration of Parish Life
(Beginning on a Saturday)



Introduction

Mary, the Mother of the Church, gathers her children into prayer so that every aspect of parish life may be united with her Son, Jesus Christ. Under her mantle, we come together as one family of faith, seeking renewal, healing, and grace through her maternal intercession.

This nine-day Rosary Novena is a journey of love, trust, and renewal, leading our parish to consecrate itself to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the spiritual guidance of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. Beginning on the Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent and concluding on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the novena invites us to rediscover the beauty of Mary's care and St. Thérèse's *Little Way* of confidence and love.

Each day of the novena corresponds to one dimension of parish life, a Marian title, and the mysteries of the Rosary traditionally prayed on that day. Through prayer and reflection, we unite ourselves with the Holy Spirit, Mary, and St. Thérèse, allowing the mysteries of Christ's life to shape our own.

Through Mary's intercession, we entrust our parish, its ministries, leaders, and families, to the loving will of God, that St. Thérèse of Carmel Parish may become ever more a reflection of the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

Fr. Chris

Day 1 – Saturday (Joyful Mysteries)

Patroness: *Mary, Seat of Wisdom*

Theme: Learning to trust the Word of God

Scripture: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38)



Intention: Formation and Discipleship

Prayer: O Mary, Seat of Wisdom, teach me to listen with love and to obey with joy. May I receive the Word as you did, silently, faithfully, and without fear.

Meditation: St. Thérèse teaches us that holiness begins with humility, the willingness to be small before God. Like Mary, she believed that God delights in the lowly and does great things through simple hearts. Wisdom is not knowledge, but surrender: the quiet consent that allows grace to work freely. When we say “yes,” as Mary did, and as Thérèse did in her cloistered cell, we let Christ be born in us.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: Mary teaches us to receive, ponder, and proclaim the Word of God. Through her, Christ is formed in every believer. We pray for our catechists, teachers, and all who form hearts and minds in faith.

Prayer of Invocation:

*Mary, Seat of Wisdom, form us in faith, hope, and charity.
Enlighten our minds and inflame our hearts,
guide our teachers, catechists, and seekers of truth,
that we may become true disciples and teachers of your Son. Amen.*

Day 2 – Sunday (Glorious Mysteries)

Patroness: *Our Lady of Fátima*

Theme: Prayer as participation in God's saving love

Scripture: *"Pray without ceasing."* (1 Thess 5:17)



Intention: Devotional Life

Prayer: Our Lady of Fatima, draw me into your prayer for the world. May my smallest prayer become a channel of grace for others.

Meditation: Thérèse prayed not with many words but with love. Her prayer was a gaze toward Heaven, confident and childlike. At Fatima, Mary called, through Lucia, Francesco, and Jacinta, three simple shepherds and children, for prayer that would change hearts and bring peace. When we pray as Thérèse did, with simplicity, without demanding, we become instruments of Mary's mission. Prayer becomes union, a silent act of love that helps save souls.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries remind us that the fruit of prayer is hope. Through Our Lady of Fátima, we are called to prayer, penance, and conversion. We pray that our parish's devotions lead all to the Heart of Jesus.

Prayer of Invocation:

*Our Lady of Fátima, teach us to pray with faith and perseverance.
Strengthen our faith, draw us closer to your Immaculate Heart,
and turn our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
that our parish may live each day in peace, penance, and devotion to your Son.
Amen.*

Day 3 – Monday (Joyful Mysteries)

Patroness: *Mary, Mother of the Holy Family*

Theme: Holiness in ordinary love

Scripture: “*Let love be genuine.*” (Rom 12:9)



Intention: Family Life and Marriage

Prayer: Mary, Mother of the Holy Family, bless our homes. Teach us to make of our ordinary tasks an offering of love to your Son.

Meditation: St. Thérèse sanctified the hidden moments of daily life, folding laundry, sweeping floors, bearing small irritations, all as acts of love. In the home of Nazareth, Mary lived the same holiness: quiet, tender, constant. The family is the first convent, the first mission field. Love given without measure in the home transforms the world.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: In the home of Nazareth, Mary and Joseph raised Jesus in holiness and love. We pray for families, that our homes may reflect the unity and joy of the Holy Family.

Prayer of Invocation:

*Mary, Mother of the Holy Family, bless our homes with unity and grace.
Help us to love one another and teach us patience, forgiveness, and joy,
that Christ may dwell at the center of every family. Amen..*

Day 4 – Tuesday (Sorrowful Mysteries)

Patroness: *Mary, Our Mother of Mercy*

Theme: The tenderness of God's mercy

Scripture: “*Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*”
(Lk 6:36)



Intention: Social Outreach and Service

Prayer: O Mary, Mother of Mercy, open my heart to love as you love. Let every act of kindness and forgiveness mirror the mercy of your Son.

Meditation: Thérèse discovered that mercy was the beating heart of her vocation. “How sweet is the way of love,” she wrote, “when one sees that it is the mercy of God that saves us.” Mary’s mercy is the echo of the Father’s, she gathers sinners, comforts the sorrowful, and whispers hope to those who despair. To live mercy is to allow Christ’s compassion to flow through our littleness.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries reveal the face of mercy in suffering. We pray that our parish may embody God’s compassion through service to the poor, the lonely, and the marginalized.

Prayer of Invocation:

*Mary, Our Mother of Mercy,
open our eyes to see Christ in the poor and suffering.
Strengthen our hands and open our hearts to serve with tenderness and courage,
that your Son’s mercy may be made visible in our parish and our world. Amen*

Day 5 – Wednesday (Glorious Mysteries)

Patroness: *Mary, Mother of the Church*

Theme: Mission through love of God, Neighbor, Enemy...

Scripture: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Mt 28:19)



Intention: Evangelization and Community Life

Prayer: Mary, Mother of the Church, send me as a witness of love. Let my words, silence, and actions draw others to Jesus.

Meditation: Thérèse never left her convent, yet she became the patroness of missionaries. “Love alone makes the Church’s members act,” she wrote. Mary, at Pentecost, sent forth the apostles with the same fire of love. Evangelization begins not in travel but in the transformation of the heart, a readiness to love wherever we are, whoever we’re with.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: Gathered with the apostles at Pentecost, Mary became the living heart of the Church. We pray that our parish may be renewed in zeal for mission and in love for one another.

Prayer of Invocation:

Mary, Mother of the Church, gather us as one family in faith and love.

*Inspire our community to welcome the stranger,
encourage the seeker, and proclaim the Gospel with joy.*

*May your maternal care make our parish
a living image of the Church you nurture. Amen.*

Day 6 – Thursday (Luminous Mysteries)

Patroness: *Mary, Mystical Rose*

Theme: Offering everything to God

Scripture: “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.*” (Col 3:16)



Intention: Liturgical and Music Ministry

Prayer: Mary, Mystical Rose, help me to live my day as an offering. Let every action and word proclaim: “This is my body, given for You.”

Meditation: Thérèse lived the Mass in her heart, offering herself as a “little host” consumed by love. Mary, the first tabernacle, carried within her the Bread of Life. To be Eucharistic is to be available, to say daily: “*Take me, Lord, and use me for your glory.*” Every small sacrifice becomes sacred when joined to the altar of love.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: Through the Luminous Mysteries, we encounter the light of Christ revealed in His public ministry, and institution of the Eucharist. We pray for our liturgical and music ministers, that their service may draw all hearts to worship in beauty and reverence.

Prayer of Invocation:

*Mary, Mystical Rose, adorn our worship with the beauty of holiness.
Teach us to sing your Magnificat with our lives,
that our voices and hearts may proclaim the glory of God in perfect harmony.
Let our praise rise as a sweet fragrance before the throne of the Most High,
a song of love joined to the sacrifice of your Son. Amen.*

Day 7 – Friday (Sorrowful Mysteries)

Patroness: *Our Mother of Perpetual Help*

Theme: Persevering in love amid weakness

Scripture: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28)



Intention: Pastoral Care and Consolation

Prayer: O Mother of Perpetual Help, when I am weary, hold me close. Teach me that my weakness can glorify God when it is surrendered in trust.

Meditation: Thérèse understood that weakness was no obstacle to holiness. “It is weakness that gives me boldness,” she said, “for it is through it that God’s mercy shines most brightly.” Mary, standing beneath the Cross, shows us the courage of those who cannot see the end but trust the promise. She helps us to turn our frailty into offering, a little act of love that becomes redemptive when united with Jesus.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: Mary stands at the foot of the Cross as the compassionate mother of all who suffer. We pray for those who suffer and those who minister to the sick, the dying, and the bereaved, that they may bring Christ’s peace and presence.

Prayer of Invocation:

*Mother of Perpetual Help, comfort the afflicted and strengthen the weary.
Intercede for all who carry heavy burdens,
and guide all who seek healing of body and soul,
that they may find refuge in the love of Christ your Son. Amen.*

Day 8 – Saturday (Joyful Mysteries)

Patroness: *Our Lady of Good Counsel*

Theme: Listening to God's gentle direction

Scripture: *"Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household?" (Lk 12:42)*



Intention: Administration and Governance

Prayer: Our Lady of Good Counsel, help me to listen with peace. May I hear the gentle voice of your Son guiding me each day.

Meditation: Thérèse followed the smallest inspirations of grace. "Jesus does not demand great deeds," she said, "but only surrender and gratitude." Mary, as Our Lady of Good Counsel, teaches discernment, the art of listening for the quiet whisper of the Holy Spirit. True wisdom is not cleverness but docility. When we walk with Mary, we will never lose the way.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: Mary, who pondered God's will and acted with wisdom, guides all who lead and serve. We pray for our parish councils, staff, and all entrusted with stewardship.

Prayer of Invocation:

*Our Lady of Good Counsel, guide our decisions with prudence and peace.
Help us to seek God's will in all things,
that every plan may build up the Body of Christ. Amen.*

Day 9 – Sunday (Glorious Mysteries)

Patroness: *Mary, Queen of Peace*

Theme: Consecration — the fullness of love

Scripture: “*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*” (Mt 5:9)



Intention: Ecumenical, Multicultural, Intergenerational, Unity & Peace Ministry

Prayer: Mary, Queen of Peace, receive this parish, this family, this heart. Through your intercession and St. Thérèse’s Little Way, make us instruments of Christ’s peace in the world. Amen.

Meditation: Peace is not the absence of struggle but the presence of love. For St. Thérèse, perfect love cast out fear. To be consecrated to Mary is to live in her peace, the peace of one who trusts completely in God’s will. When we give ourselves to our Blessed Mother, as St. Thérèse did, she gives us to Jesus. This is the secret of holiness: not doing more, but loving better.

Rosary: *Prayer Before to Prayer After*

Closing After Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries culminate in the Coronation of Mary, uniting heaven and earth. We pray for peace, unity, and understanding among peoples, cultures, and generations.

Prayer of Invocation:

Mary, Queen of Peace, unite our hearts in love and understanding.

Bless our parish with harmony among cultures and generations.

Teach us to be peacemakers, bridge-builders, and bearers of your Son’s mercy, so that Christ’s peace may reign in our Church, our city, and our world. Amen.

Conclusion

May this Rosary Novena draw our parish into deeper communion with Christ through the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, directed by our Patroness and Doctor of the Church, St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Prayer of Invocation

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, and St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
teach us to love as you loved, to serve as you served,
and to trust as you trusted.*

*May our parish be a light of faith, hope, and charity,
so that all who enter may encounter the Heart of Christ.*

Amen.

St. Louis de Montfort... Pray for us!

St. Maximilian Kolbe... Pray for us!

St. Thérèse of Lisieux... Pray for us!

All you Holy Souls in Purgatory... Pray for us!

All you Angels and Saints... Pray for us!

Holy Mary, Mother of God! Pray for us!

“Through Mary, we return to Christ.” – St. Louis de Montfort

Rite of Consecration

Presider: *Dear friends, the Lord has inspired you to entrust yourselves wholly to Mary in order to become instruments of his grace, for the conversion and sanctification of all mankind. Do you wish, therefore, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live your lives in perfect union with the Immaculata and to be for all you brothers and sisters a light and example of Christian life?*

All:

Yes, I do.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Profession of Faith

Do you reject Satan,

I do.

and all his works,

I do.

and empty promises?

I do.

*Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?*

I do.

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died,
and was buried, rose from the dead,
and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?*

I do.

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?*

I do.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Consecration Prayer to Mary (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

Presider: *“The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God’s kingdom.”*

(St. Maximilian Kolbe)



All: *O IMMACULATA, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to thee. I, N_____, a repentant sinner, cast myself at thy feet humbly imploring thee to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to thyself as thy possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases thee.*

If it pleases thee, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of thee: “She shall crush your head,” and, “Thou alone hast destroyed all heresies in the whole world.” Let me be a fit instrument in thine Immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing thy glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed Kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, one obtains the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through thy hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V/. Allow me to praise thee O Sacred Virgin.

R/. Give me strength against thy enemies.