

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Introduction: This is Labor Day Weekend. We can ponder the sacred nature of work. In creating the world, God worked for six days and rested on the seventh day.

Also this year on Labor Day weekend, we think about the millions of fellow Americans who have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus.

First Mystery: The Agony in the Garden

As we ponder Jesus' agony in the Garden, we also ponder the sacred nature of human work. Even though many of you joining us for this Rosary may be retired, I assume you have family members who still work or may have lost their job. Also, you work around the house and maybe the yard and you may also volunteer. We pray that God, our Creator, may help us to remember that when we work, we are continuing to co-create the world he has given us.

Second Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar

As we pray for all victims of violence, we especially remember the victims of the violence occurring in the various cities of our nation. We pray that agitators and looters may be arrested. We pray for the safety of peaceful protesters and for the safety of our police officers.

Third Mystery. The Crowning with Thorns

During this mystery we pray for all who suffer from migraine headaches and depression. We also pray for the millions who have lost their jobs and businesses during this Covid-19 time. We pray for a rebound to our economy.

Fourth Mystery: Jesus carries his Cross

During this decade, we remember all carrying the cross of lockdown days, the cross of financial instability the cross of all forms of sickness.

Fifth Mystery: Jesus dies on the Cross

During this decade we pray for all dying at this time. We also pray for people working in lousy work situations, especially for people who are underpaid and overworked.