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October 1, 2023 • The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Is the Rosary in the Bible?



By Philip Kosloski

Most prayers said during the Rosary are direct quotations from the Bible, making the Rosary a very biblical prayer.

While the Rosary is best known as a popular Catholic devotional, many forget that the prayers of the Rosary are taken directly from the Bible.

#### **Hail Mary**

The principal prayer of the Rosary is the "Hail Mary," a quotation from the Gospel of Luke.

- "Hail [Mary], full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28)
- "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1:42)

The last part of the prayer, "Holy Mary ...," is not in the Bible, but is a basic intercessory prayer to the Virgin Mary.

#### **Our Father**

In between the decades of the Rosary is the "Our Father," a prayer from Jesus himself.

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:9-13)

#### Glory Be

The "Glory Be" is another prayer recited between the decades of the Rosary, and is from various parts of the Bible. It is based on passages from St. Paul's letters, where he gave glory to God.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:20

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October 1, 2023

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28 | Phil 2:1-11 | Mt 21:28-32

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I used to be something of a sugar fiend. So much so that one birthday, my then boyfriend (now husband) decided to forego flowers and bought me a jumbo-sized bag of Smarties candies instead. While I loved sugar, I eventually decided I didn't love how it made me feel. Now older and wiser, I reach for vegetables more often. It's not that I crave carrots, but I feel better eating healthy foods. It's what God intends for my body. Similarly, God intends for our souls to follow the laws he has ordained. But sometimes life gets tough and we suffer terrible wrongs or are grieving, and we feel like the Israelites in today's first reading, calling out, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Well, thank God for that! How lost would we be, if God treated us "fairly." Instead, he treats us with love and mercy; with justice. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," for us. If there is any encouragement in Christ, as Paul says, and we know there is, then being of the same mind and heart - attitude - of Christ, gets us through those moments of "unfair!" And we can follow Christ's commands, knowing he loves us more than anyone else could love us, and more than we can ever love him.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to talk a good game as Christians. We can all agree that it is right to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead, as the Corporal Works of Mercy instruct us. But when it comes to actually doing those things – "humbly regard[ing] others as more important than [ourselves], each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others" – we can find all sorts of reasons not to. Maybe our days are too busy or maybe we feel just the tiniest bit resentful at the idea of sharing something we've worked hard to earn. However, our words don't mean much without action. Jesus says as much in today's Gospel. If we are like the son who says yes but then does not go to work in the vineyard, we are not doing our Father's will. We are like the chief priests who are being bypassed on the way to heaven by "tax collectors and prostitutes" who heard the word of God and believed.

PRAY This week, let us look for ways to live out our faith. Rather than pray only with our words, let us pray with our actions. If you aren't sure where to start, pay special consideration to the verses from the second reading, highlighted above: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."



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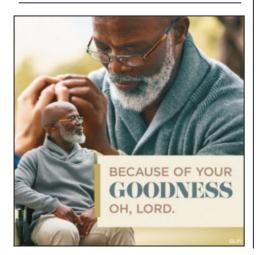
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**Baptism** 

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

#### **Office Hours**

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#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 30, Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and

**Doctor of the Church** 

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

Saturday, September 30, Vigil for The Twenty-sixth Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

4:00 p.m. Lawrence Wohlenhaus (Dec)

Sunday, October 1, The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jeff Newcomb (Liv) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Tony Romani (Dec)

Monday, October 2, Memorial of the Guardian Angels

8:00 a.m. Ronald Bento (Dec)

Tuesday, October 3, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

Wednesday, October 4, Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, October 5, Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Dolores Ciminera (Dec)

Friday, October 6, Saint Bruno, Priest and Blessed Marie-Rose

**Durocher**, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Dolores Ciminera (Dec)

Saturday, October 7, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Ronald Bento (Dec)

Saturday, October 7, Vigil for The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

4:00 p.m. James Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, October 8, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Dolores M. McCann (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Larry Paquet (Dec)



#### Journeying Through Grief

"Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache."

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support "group" or you would prefer "one on one" support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

#### **Prayer for Priests & Future Priests**

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

10/01 • Rev. Kyle Bell

10/02 • Rev. James Johnson

10/03 • Rev. Thomas Morgan

10/04 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

10/05 • Isaac Cruz, Seminarian

10/06 • Msgr. Robert F. Morris

10/07 • Bishop Gregory L. Parkes

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

#### **Vocations**

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Call Father Chuck Dornquast 727-345-3452 or write: scd@dosp.org

#### **Scripture Class**

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes have resumed from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will begin with a new study from Q Place "celebrate", yes to life in Christ.

Class will be held in the Courtyard Hall and the books will be \$12.00 for 12 sessions. For further information and to confirm attendance, please call Barbara Townsend (727) 867-3605



#### **Music Program**

The Music Program has started up once again.

Rehearsals for the Adult Choir will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Handbell Choir at 7:30 p.m.

The Contemporary Ensemble will have rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in joining the choir for the first time or returning, all are welcome. I look forward to seeing everyone.

~ Wayne Dieterich, Director of Music

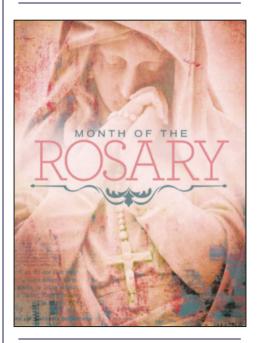


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Call the office to sign up to peacefully pray for an hour either or both days.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

- Tracy Earl Welliver

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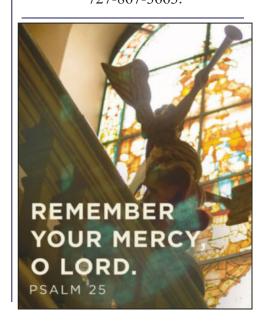
Thank you for your prayerful giving!

#### "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in Courtyard Hall.

All are welcome!

For more information please call 727-867-3663.



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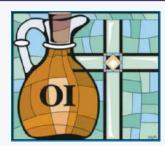
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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.

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