

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 5, 2020

Due to the current public health crisis, Hours of Operation and the Schedule for Masses, Confessions, and Devotions have been adjusted as follows:

MASSSES ON THE LORD'S DAY
All public Masses have been suspended
LiveStreaming of Sunday Mass offered at 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
LiveStreaming of Daily Mass offered at 8:00 am Monday - Saturday
OPEN DAILY

CONFESSIONS
12 noon - 1:00 pm (Monday through Friday)
3:30-5:00 pm (Sat)
9:00 am-12 noon (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
Livestream at 8:45 am (Monday through Friday)



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., April 5– Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. - Archbishop's Intention
- 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
- 12:00 p.m. - James Mukkadan
- 5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., April 6– Monday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
- 8:00 a.m. - Eric G. Stewart
- 12:05 p.m. - Joseph Gummersbach

Tues., April 7– Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. - Stephen Michael Murray
- 8:00 a.m. - Chrism Mass
- 12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

Wed., April 8– Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. - Gerard Pisano
- 8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III
- 12:05 p.m. - Linus Pottebaum

Thurs., April 9– Holy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri., April 10– Good Friday

- 3:00 p.m. - Service of the Lord's Passion

Sat., April 11– Holy Saturday

- 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Sun., April 12– Easter Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. - Archbishop's Intention
- 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
- 12:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mass Intentions

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

Lenten Regulations

"Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23). The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics:

- **Good Friday (April 10)** is a day of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On this day, *fast* as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18 to 59*. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

Lent and Confession

All Catholics associate Lent with the Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation, and Confession. In response to the current public health crisis, the Cathedral has updated our confession schedule for Holy Week as follows:

- ♦ **April 5, Palm Sunday, from 9:00 am until noon**
- ♦ **April 6-8, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from noon until 1:00 pm**
- ♦ **Holy Thursday, from noon until 1:00 pm**
- ♦ **Good Friday, from noon until 2:00 pm**

Everyone is urged to make their Lenten confession in these final days of Lent. In that way, the richness of God's mercy may develop the full root and stem in Lent to blossom into a hardy and brilliant Easter joy.

Stations of the Cross

A privileged devotion most frequently prayed in a public service during Lent is the **Stations of the Cross**. For centuries pilgrimage to the holy places in Jerusalem and a walking the path of Christ's carrying the cross to Calvary has been an esteemed devotion and penitential practice.

Though we are unable to pray Stations of the Cross publicly together, the Cathedral is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily for private prayer. You are also invited to join us online for a livestreamed version of Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm each Fridays of Lent.



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, we enter into our celebration of Holy Week and because of our current situation our experience of it will surely be different. Though you cannot be present, I invite you to join us via our Live-Stream to take part in them.

On Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying Him on His ascent. The procession, which would normally take place, is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God. This is the ascent that matters. This is the journey which Jesus invites us to make as we enter Holy Week. Through the various liturgies of this coming week, we are invited to enter more deeply into the paschal mystery of our savior's suffering, death, and resurrection.

On Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, we recall that moment when Jesus began the celebration of His final meal with His disciples and instituted the Holy Eucharist. The words Jesus spoke to his disciples: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you," remind us that Jesus desires to share Himself with us and to be one with us.

On Good Friday we are taken to the mount of Calvary. "Christus factus est pro nobis oboediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis." - "For us Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross." Through Christ's death on the cross He opens for us the way to salvation and eternal life. The Cross of Christ, which we will venerate on Good Friday, is the cause of hope and reminds us constantly of God's love for us.

Our celebration of Holy Week comes to a on Holy Saturday evening. The story of our salvation history is then recalled for us through the readings at the vigil and culminates in the proclamation of the account of the resurrection. In the resurrection of Jesus, love has been shown to be stronger than death, stronger than evil. Love made Christ descend, and love is also the power by which He ascends.

As a parish we will not be able to physically be together for the celebration of Easter, let us unite together this week in prayer. Let us not cease in storming the heavens with our prayers to an end to this pandemic and for the heroic men and women in our healthcare facilities taking care of the sick and dying.

Msgr. Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

**BEFORE THE CROSS | Seize each opportunity
God gives us**

The realities of faith are not general and abstract, they're concrete and particular

Here. Now. This.

These are three key words in the readings this week. They can also guide our approach to Holy Week and our spiritual lives.

"Here is my servant whom I uphold." These words of the prophet Isaiah originally pointed both to Israel and a mysterious suffering servant. Ultimately they point us to Jesus Christ, the suffering servant in the flesh. "Here." The realities of faith are not just ideas — they become concrete in the life of Jesus Christ and in our own lives.

"Now is the Son of Man glorified." These are the first words Jesus speaks when Judas leaves to betray Him. "Now." This is the moment we've been waiting for. Maybe, like the cross, it doesn't look the way we expected it to look. Maybe we thought that great events only happened in the past, or only in some future time. But God meets us here and now — in the cross of Jesus Christ and in our own lives.

"This month shall stand at the head of your calendar ... This day shall be a memorial feast for you." So the Israelites were told about Passover. "This is my body that is for you ... This cup is the new covenant in my blood ... Do this in memory of me." So Jesus tells us about the Eucharist. "This." The realities of faith are not general and abstract, they're concrete and particular: this bread, this body, this person in front of me, this daily duty.

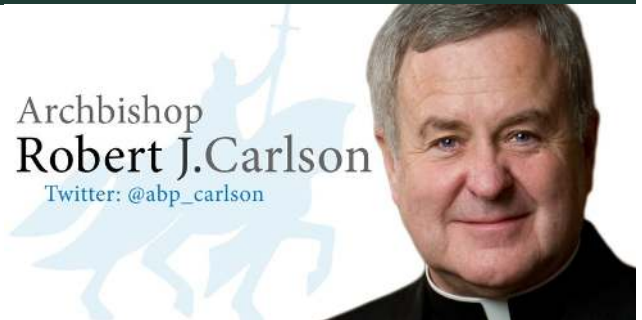
Part of the reason these words stand out in the readings is because they're also key words for our spiritual lives. They point us to what the Catholic spiritual tradition calls "the sacrament of the present moment." In his book by that name, Jean-Pierre De Caussade helps us to realize that God offers Himself to us not only in general, not only in great moments, and not only in some future fulfillment, but first and foremost in the concrete details of everyday life: in the here, now, and this.

During Holy Week we hear how Mary recognized and seized the moment, anointing Jesus' feet in a great symbolic anticipation of his burial. We hear how Jesus "knew that his hour had come" and seized the moment, instituting the Eucharist as the great sacrament of his love.

Jesus didn't miss the moments of Holy Week, skipping over them to get to the Resurrection. He allowed each moment to be what it was, and seized the opportunity in it. Will we do the same with each moment of Holy Week, or will we miss the opportunity in each moment because, in our hearts, we're skipping ahead to Easter?

The same question applies to each day of our lives: Will we take each moment for what it is, and seize the opportunity God gives us in the moment, or will we miss the precious gift because we're rushing ahead to something else?

Here. Now. This. These words can guide us into Holy Week, and train us for the everyday life of faith.



Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 6-April 12 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://bit.ly/35ejOXr>.



2020 Holy Week and Easter

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 5
Mass with Archbishop Robert Carlson
LiveStreamed at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 7
Chrism Mass with the Archbishop
LiveStreamed at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 9
Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Archbishop
LiveStreamed at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10
Confessions: 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Service of the Lord's Passion with the Archbishop
LiveStreamed at 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross LiveStreamed 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 11
Easter Vigil Mass with the Archbishop
LiveStreamed at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12
Mass with Archbishop Robert Carlson
LiveStreamed at 10:00 a.m.

For LiveStreams, go to www.cathedralstl.org



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

All Public Gatherings Cancelled

As a precautionary measure during the current public health crisis, **the rectory offices will be closed to the public until further notice.**

Likewise, all meetings, classes, and public gathering of the various parish groups - such as Lectio Divina, the Men's and Women's groups, the Legion of Mary, the Anima Christi group, St. Vincent De Paul, RCIA, baptismal preparation classes, et al - will either be cancelled or rescheduled in the near future as virtual meetings.

Now More Than Ever: Consider Online Giving!

On Line Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralstl.org) and click on the bright red DONATE button on the home page. Watch the 5 minute "Watch Help Video" and follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and authorize your contributions to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you specify. All of information is encrypted and stored securely.

St. Patrick Casserole Program

Casseroles and other offerings collected by volunteers of the St. Patrick Casserole Program provides one week of dinners for the Women's Shelter, and one night of dinners for the Men's Alumni Club. **Though the hot lunch program at St. Patrick Center has stopped due to current conditions and mandates brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are told that the need for volunteer casseroles and other food and pantry items remains greater than ever.** The next collection (a limited contact, drive through collection) will be **Thursday, April 9, at Boland Hall, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

For more information, please call program coordinators, Skip or Nicky Batchelor, at 916-834-4843.

AHC Lecture Series Suspended

In accord with Archdiocesan guidance, the Sunday lectures being presented by the Association of Hebrew Catholics have been halted until further notice.

However, Dr. Feingold will still present the lectures from his home, as scheduled, using Zoom video communications. Those who wish to view the lectures from their computer can register for Zoom at <https://www.hebrewcatholic.net/lectures-sacramental-economy/>. Lectures will also be recorded for viewing at a later time. For questions, call 314-535-4242 or email dmoss@hebrewcatholic.net.

OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	03/29/2020
Offertory	\$4,227.00
Loose	0
Landscaping & Maintenance	0
Catholic Relief Services	28.00
Home Mission Appeal	50.00
Easter Memorial Flowers	45.00
Retired Priests	200.00

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Mt 27:32)

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.



Daily Readings for the Week...

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week March 29, 2020 through April 5, 2020

Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (<i>procession</i>) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday:	Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4, 5-6, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9 Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3, 6, 8-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21 Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13--53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22 Ex 14:15--15:1 Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 Ez 36:16-17, 18-28 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Mt 28:1-10
Sunday:	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8 Jn 20:1-9 (or Mt 28:1-10)

Catholic Radio

For your best Lent and Holy Week, try setting your radio on our local Catholic station. Listen to the Holy Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary daily, or participate in live call-in shows. Tune to AM 1460 or listen on our free Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website: ourcatholicradio.org.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Margaret Aubermann
William H. Bachmann
Alex Burns
Sydney Cole
Sandy Dubuque
Sidney Edwards-Cole
Alvin Griffin
Paula Littleton
Lenore Molloy
Marie Mosher
Janice Noack

Dorothy Quinn
Terri Reason
Teresita Sanchez
Sr. Patricia Sevik
Rita Sheftall
Rose Teran
Willa Washington
Richelle Weisbrod
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina





The House for Life

Due the coronavirus, the Respect Life Apostolate made the decision to close Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent to visitors for the next 6 weeks. There will be no Mass or Adoration in the chapel until April 24.

Sister Sue Ann and Sister Delores will remember you in their prayers.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*Spe salvi* 31).”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
2019-2020 Respect Life Reflection
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Humility

While Jesus was experiencing crucifixion, suffering the death of one who was a criminal, people reviled Him saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, [and] come down from the cross!” St. Thomas Aquinas once wrote that the cross exemplifies every virtue. Humility was certainly among those virtues. Just as Jesus experienced a most humble birth in a manger surrounded by animals, He also suffered a most humble death. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is judged by a governor and suffers the death of a criminal. He could have come down from the cross and freed Himself of the pain. Instead, He humbled Himself and died for you, for me, for all people. One of the best responses we can have as we gaze upon the Crucified One is silence and contemplation. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

Remember Your Rice Bowls

The Lenten effort known as **Operation Rice Bowl** comes to an end upon the completion of the Lenten season. Normally collected during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, we ask that you place collected funds into an envelope clearly marked **“RICE BOWL”**, and **drop into the mail slot in the front door of the rectory**. You may also drop collected funds into the regular mail, though checks are recommended for mailing. All collected Rice Bowl funds will be forwarded to the poor through **Catholic Relief Services**.

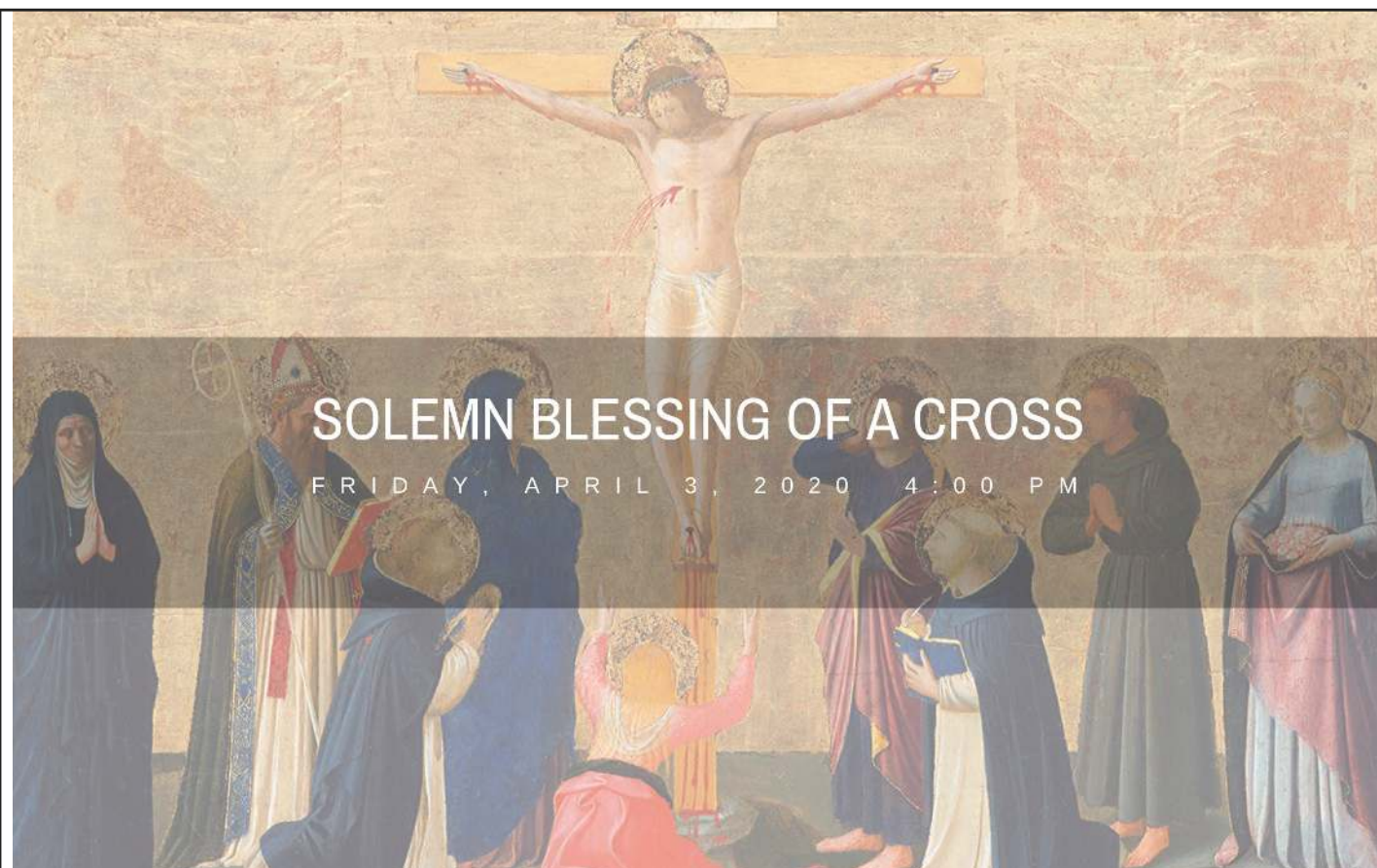
Prayer for Catechumens

Even under current limitations brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, parishes everywhere continue to prepare to receive men and women into the Catholic Church. By baptism or by profession of faith (if already baptized), hundreds of faithful throughout the Archdiocese are in the final stage of preparation for becoming Catholics. **Though their reception may be delayed, our catechumen, candidates, and confirmands continue their preparation, and they need our prayer and encouragement, now more than ever!** Please kindly pray for them daily.

FORMED

Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica have access to an exciting and educational online platform: **FORMED.org**. With FORMED, parishioners have 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere - on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Find books, movies, and audio from inspiring teaching from renowned speakers, info on Marriage Prep and Enrichment, RCIA, Scripture Study, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more! And it’s so easy:

- Go to **www.Formed.org** and enter our parish code **4P2W8Q** on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your own unique user name/email and password, then simply enjoy the best Catholic content... all in one place!



SOLEMN BLESSING OF A CROSS

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020 4:00 PM

SOLEMN BLESSING OF A CROSS & APOSTOLIC BLESSING DURING THE NOVEL COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

Livestreamed from
THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS
APRIL 3, 2020

As the novel COVID-19 Coronavirus epidemic touches every part of our lives, many people are suffering. Fear, isolation, and uncertainty follow us throughout the day as we grapple with the effects of this epidemic on our society, economy, and relationships. When Jesus said to his disciples, “take up your cross and follow me,” he invites us to accept the sufferings, for sufferings help us grow in holiness by teaching us charity, compassion, and patience.

In a ceremony livestreamed from the Cathedral Basilica on Friday, April 3, Archbishop Robert Carlson blessed a crucifix to remind us that our sufferings are united to the sufferings of Christ and that through the Cross, we will be healed in body and soul and find hope in the resurrection. As we lift up this cross in prayer, we pray all people will be drawn to it in hope and consolation. At the conclusion of this time of prayer, the Archbishop imparted an Apostolic Blessing with a plenary indulgence, in the name of the Roman Pontiff, upon all who are truly penitent and who participate in this ceremony via the Livestream; he also conferred it on all who suffer physically, emotionally, financially, or spiritually from this epidemic and to all who are engaged in the care for the sick at this time.

*The blessed crucifix will remain in the Cathedral for all to venerate
during hours designated for private prayer and devotion.*



HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

1. Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

2. Our Father

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, Amen.

3. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death, Amen.

4. Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator
of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His
only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and
was buried; He descended into hell; on the
third day He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty; from
there He will come to judge the living and the
dead. I 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. Amen.

5. On each of the Large Beads

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and
Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in
atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

6. On each of the Small Beads

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the
whole world.

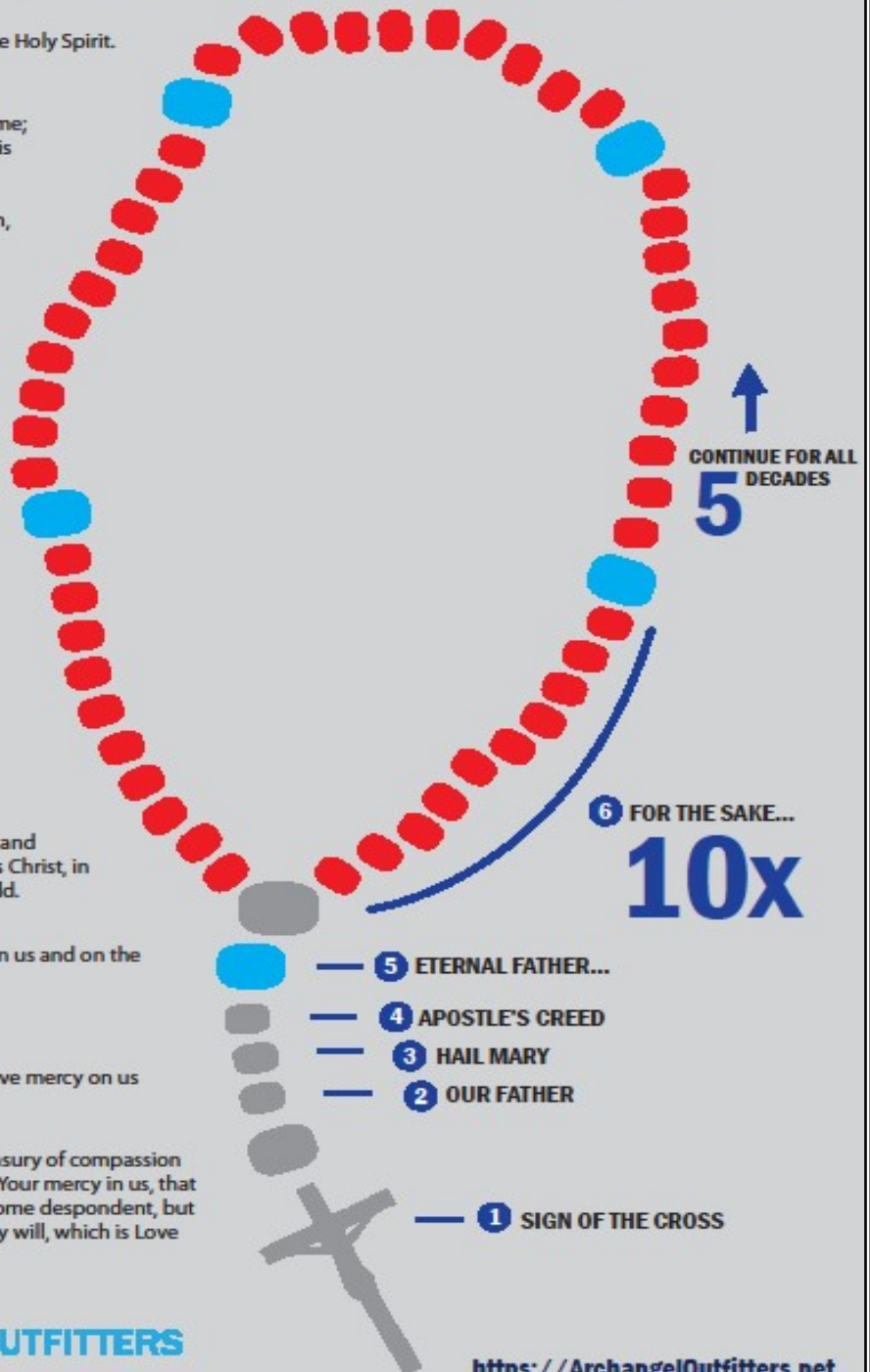
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7. Concluding Doxology (Repeat 3x)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us
and on the whole world.

8. Closing Prayer (optional)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion
— inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that
in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but
with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love
and Mercy itself.



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