

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

3rd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist** and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese) and the Rosary coloring page.
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box.
- 4:10pm Add something to the students Prayer Notebooks - artwork, prayers or intentions *(use what is provided or use anything from the bin in the RE cabinet that are sacramentals/prayer cards or artwork for the prayer books)* The Prayer Notebooks should remain in your class bin in the RE cabinet until the end of the year when the students will take them home.
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith *(chapter test in student book)*
- 4:20pm **Chapters #25 “We are God’s Holy People”**

One of the great gifts of the Catholic tradition is that we share a relationship with all the faithful People of God that extends across time and space – the Communion of Saints. All those who are baptized are part of the communion. Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint. As Catholics, we believe that Mary, the Mother of God, is the greatest of all saints. She was the first disciple of Jesus, chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. She was born without the stain of Original Sin - the Immaculate Conception. We believe that God did not permit death to decay Mary’s body; instead at her death, God took her body and soul to Heaven – the Assumption. Mary is our model of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

- *We Believe –*

Saints = followers of Christ who lived lives of Holiness on earth and now share in eternal life with God in Heaven.

Communion of Saints = the union of the baptized members of the Church on earth with those who are in Heaven and Purgatory.

Immaculate Conception = the belief that Mary was free from Original Sin from the very first moment of her life.

Assumption = the belief that, when Mary’s work on earth was done, God brought her body and soul to live forever with the risen Christ.

- *We Respond –* watch one of the DVDs

“Close Encounters with Mary and the Rosary” 12 min.

OR

“Brother Francis – The Rosary” 25 min.

- 4:50pm Closing Prayer – say the Hail Mary *(use a set of Rosary beads to hold when saying the prayer – if possible say 1 decade)* and say one of the Mysteries of the Rosary

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“How can I follow the examples of the saints in my life?”

The Five Joyful Mysteries (recited Monday and Saturday)

1. **The Annunciation**
Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.
2. **The Visitation**
Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.
3. **The Nativity**
Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
4. **The Presentation**
Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.
5. **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**
Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries (recited Tuesday and Friday)

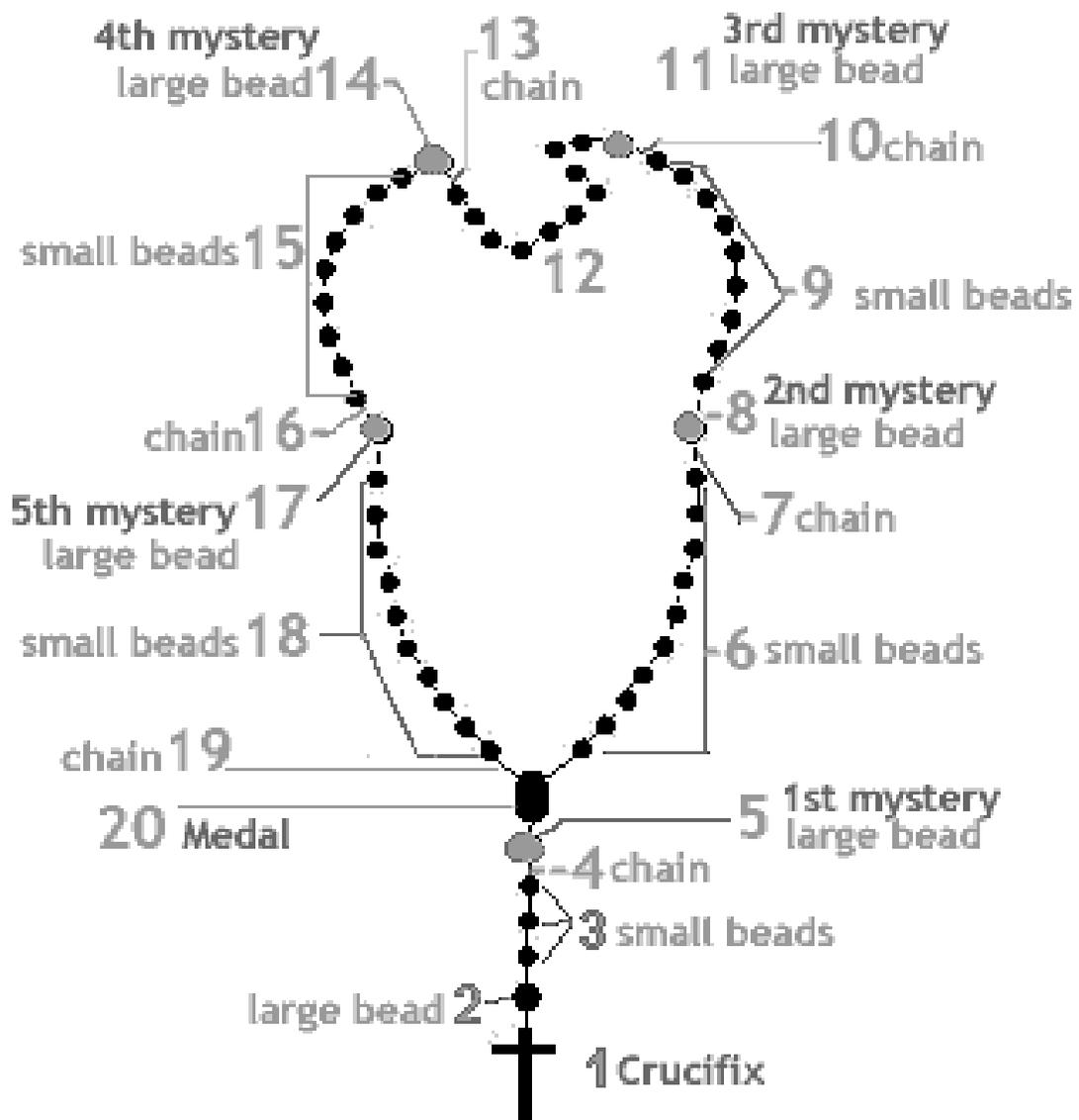
1. **The Agony in the Garden**
Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.
2. **The Scourging at the Pillar**
Jesus is lashed with whips.
3. **The Crowning With Thorns**
Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns.
4. **The Carrying of the Cross**
Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify him.
5. **The Crucifixion**
Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.

The Five Glorious Mysteries (recited Sunday and Wednesday)

1. **The Resurrection**
God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.
2. **The Ascension**
Jesus returns to his Father in heaven.
3. **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**
The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.
4. **The Assumption of Mary**
At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.
5. **The Coronation of Mary**
Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The Five Luminous Mysteries (recited Thursday)

1. **The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan**
God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son.
2. **The Wedding Feast at Cana**
At Mary's request, Jesus performs his first miracle.
3. **The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**
Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.
4. **The Transfiguration of Jesus**
Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.
5. **The Institution of the Eucharist**
Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.



How to Pray the Rosary Using the Rosary Beads