

St. Aloysius Religious Education
Living Rosary

- 8:45am/4:00pm Welcome (class attendance) in classroom
- 8:50am/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

The Living Rosary is not a new devotion, but a continuation of the Rosary preached by Saint Dominic and announced by Our Blessed Mother for centuries. Pope Gregory XVI stated “*The union of many souls raised in prayer together creates a great force and inclines God to clemency towards us.*”

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people through out time that whenever they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. When we pray the Rosary we remember certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and thank and praise God for them. The Rosary is not only a repetitive mental prayer, but also a vocal prayer in which we meditate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary.

With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore, it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks she always receives. Jesus listens to His Holy Mother. Mary in turn replies to us - “Do whatever He tells you.”

In every appearance (*Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Guadalupe, etc*), our heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. Mary has promised that praying the rosary will bring about change of hearts and conversion to Her Son. Praying the Rosary bring us the protection of our heavenly mother for our family, others and ourselves.

Please distribute rosary beads to the students and have them unwrap them in the classroom. They may wear them around their necks to the church and while we are praying the rosary. These rosaries are keepsake sacramental that the children can take home with them at the conclusion of our prayer.

- 8:55am Please meet the Religious Education staff in the school gymnasium to receive instructions for our Living Rosary prayer.**
- 4:10pm Please meet the Religious Education staff in the Narthex of the church to receive instructions for our Living Rosary prayer.**
- 9:40am/4:55pm Return to classroom for dismissal and distribute Mary prayer cards.