

Mary's Rosary Feast Today.

If you want to know how she regards and loves the Rosary, recall these proofs. Tradition (though challenged somewhat) tells us that, when the great Albigensian heresy was ravaging Europe in the 13th century, St. Dominic asked Our Lady how it could be conquered. She told him to use the Rosary as an antidote to heresy and sin. In October, 1571, when the Turks were threatening all of Christendom, and the future of Christendom hinged seemingly on one great battle, Pope Pius V asked all the Catholics all over the world to take out their Rosaries and pray to Mary on a certain day at a certain time. At the appointed hour on the appointed day, a surprising and overwhelming naval victory came to the Christians in the great Battle of Lepanto and Pope Pius V thereupon designated that day, October 7th as the Feast of the Holy Rosary, which is today. If you want later and closer evidence of her love of the Rosary, go down to the Grotto. There in that Grotto which is a replica of the Grotto at Lourdes, you will see entwined about Mary's hands her Rosary which she said with Bernadette in those historic apparitions at Lourdes in 1858.

Our Lady loves the Rosary. There's no doubt about that.

Like Mother, Like Son.

Most students love it too and every priest has heard students tell of Mary's help when they resort to these practices for example:

1. Grabbing the Rosary in their pocket whenever temptation assails them. That naturally helps because it is in effect reaching for the hand of Our Lady.
2. Taking the Rosary to bed with them to say a few Hail Marys on it after retiring. They say the Rosary during the day, sure, but they lug it to bed, too. They say it is better than counting sheep, especially black sheep, and that it helps to banish worries, restlessness, distress over the day passed or the morrow to come and above all to avoid temptations.

They don't feel that they have to finish the Rosary. They merely say a few Hail Marys for the Poor Souls. From what we know there must be a lot of Poor Souls in Heaven today, hurried out of Purgatory by the indulgences attached to those rosaries and the few Hail Marys whispered after taps these many years in Mary's Land. No doubt those Poor Souls in Heaven today are particular friends of those who freed them by their few Hail Marys at night.

Yes, the Rosary at night seems to kill two birds with one bead.

Some students believe that delightful legend, that if you fall asleep saying the Rosary, the Angels will finish it for you. We couldn't advise you on that, but you might speak to your Guardian Angel about it and trust him to carry on. Maybe Mary herself will say it. She certainly said the Rosary at Lourdes, according to Bernadette.

Her Sons - Christ and You.

The Rosary is said every day during October at 5:00 Benediction which concludes Adoration for the day. A perfect set-up: The Lady Chapel with Mary, the mother from her statue above looking down on Christ and her other sons gathered there to say her Rosary. Pray for peace especially (as requested by the Pope) against heresy and sin, for your parents, for the girl, especially if she is a non-Catholic.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Al Kaufman, friend of Phil Russo (Car). Ill, mother of Bob Baker (Dil). Four special intentions.