

*Association of Rosary Guilds
And Rosary Makers Newsletter
Companion to "Our Lady's Communicator"*



Rosary Association Christmas Gathering

*All members of all groups are invited on
Saturday December 14, 2013, 10 am — 3 pm
to the John Bead **Outlet** 20 Bertrand Ave. Toronto*

We will begin with prayer, share the activities of our groups,
Lunch - 12 noon, everyone is invited to contribute to the lunch.

At 1 o'clock we will listen to our guest speaker
Connie Price from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of
Formation for Discipleship. She will speak on
"Walking with the Blessed Virgin Mary through The Liturgical Year"

We will conclude our day with prayer between 2 and 3 pm.

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The Blessed Virgin Mary
has promised;
"Whoever shall faithfully serve me
by the recitation of the Rosary,
shall receive signal graces."



The Rosary is making a come back!

CARRY YOUR ROSARY EVERY DAY

When you carry a Rosary, Satan has a headache.

When you use it, he collapses.

When he sees you praying it, he faints.

Let us pray the rosary often, so that he'll keep fainting.

Maybe one day, he'll have a stroke & never be able to work again.

Did you also know that when you are about to share this
message, Satan will try to discourage you?

Share it anyway and help hasten the triumph of Blessed Mary!

Share this to your prayerful friends

and see how the Holy Spirit works!

There is a great deal to gain and absolutely nothing to lose.

Imagine what might happen if every Catholic in the world

would pray the Rosary on the same day!

We do have an example, in October of 1573,
when Europe was saved from the invasion of the mighty Turkish
fleet, by the praying of the Rosary by all Christians!

This piece was received in an email many years ago, the Author is unknown.

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God Bless Canada



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITANY

What is the spirit of Christmas?

Over the years the world of culture has tried to express it in a thousand ways and has managed to take us closer to the meaning of the Christmas spirit.

La Nacion, 23 December 2011

Jorge Mario Bergoglio -
Pope Francis 1

It's not how much we give but
how much love we put into giving.

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*Christmas Season Litany*

Blessed are you, Lord God.

Blessed are you for ever.

Holy is your name.

Blessed are you forever.

You have sent your Son to be one of us, our brother.

Blessed are you for ever.

You chose Mary the Virgin to be his mother.

Blessed are you for ever.

You love your people with deepest love.

Blessed are you for ever.

You have sent your Son to save us from sin.

Blessed are you for ever.

Great is your mercy for your people.

Blessed are you for ever.

You fill your children with joy and peace.

Blessed are you for ever.

You call us to praise your name.

Blessed are you for ever.

Look with love upon your holy Church.

Blessed are you for ever.

Send the Spirit of your Son into our hearts.

Blessed are you for ever.

Let us bring glory and praise to your name.

Blessed are you for ever.

Through Jesus Christ your Son.

Blessed are you for ever.

And in the love of your Holy Spirit.

Blessed are you for ever.

Taken from www.catholicdoors.com

Advent; the season that opens the liturgical year opens the Church. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends before the first evening prayer of Christmas on Christmas Eve. The liturgical readings and prayers place emphasis on the coming (advent, arrival) of Jesus Christ. The first part of Advent highlight the second coming at the end of time, and the second part, December 17-24, his coming into human history at the time of his birth in Bethlehem. This Liturgical season features joy, hope, repentance, expectation, and preparation for the coming of Christ.

Advent Wreath; a wreath of laurel, spruce, holly or similar foliage with four candles that are lit successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. The lighting of the candles is usually accompanied by an appropriate hymn, a reading from Scripture and or prayers. Of German origin, the Advent wreath is now popular in U. S. and Canadian Churches, schools and homes.

GROUP ACTIVITIES - THE TRIUMPH - ST. BERNADETTE'S FRC

Greetings- A Scarborough foreign mission priest took 100 rosaries to Nigeria.

Date ; Mon. 7 Oct 2013, From Akeoleh

To info@mostlovingheartofjesus.com - I write to express

my hearty appreciation for the rosaries I received from you through the help of Anthonia. It will go a long way to encourage the people of my Parish Block Rosary Crusade. This is a group that dedicate time everyday for the Rosary. I also use this medium to encourage you for the good work you are doing. God through the intercession of Our Mother Mary will bring to fruitfulness the work you are doing. Remain Blessed. Faithfully

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr Anthony Oleh, MSPLive and love like Jesus Christ

The Triumph

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Makers Guild

has been leading the students of St. Mary's Cath. Sec. School in making both Military and Mission Rosaries for three school years. The School Chaplain posted these words at the bottom of her page on the school website, September 2013;

Thank you for entrusting me with your children. It is a blessing to hit the ground running with them while living our mission statement:

ROOTED IN FAITH, LEARNING IN LOVE, DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE.

God Bless, Annabel MacDonald, Chaplain

NB. Thought you'd like to hear this interesting statistic. St. Mary's invites the Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Guild to the chapel every year to teach our students how to make military and mission rosaries. Mission rosaries (made in many colours) are given to individuals and groups who requested Rosaries for personal devotion. The black or brown military rosaries are sent to several of our Canadian Military Bases. Since the group began in October 2009, guild members with the help of students in our local Catholic Schools have made over **4,677 Military Rosaries** and over **12,385 Mission Rosaries**. That's a lot of Hail Marys!

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ICONS BY VARIOUS ARTIST THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST



For child has been born for us; a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



EXPLANATION ACCORDING TO THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF
NORTH AMERICA **WEBSITE**

The star which is shown in the upper left corner represents the heavens and the Trinity rejoicing the glorious birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Shining brighter than any other star, it is what guided the magi (wise men) to the new-born king. Some icons are written with three lines coming from the heavens which represent the Trinity.

The angels brought the “good news of great joy” to shepherds tending their flocks. “And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy...” Luke 2:10-14

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is seen wrapped in swaddling clothes. This not only represents His total submission to the human flesh but also foreshadows His death and resurrection. He is lying on an altar which symbolizes He is the bread of life. The manger represents His crib, His church, and His tomb, all in one.

The Jewish shepherds were among the first to worship the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, this symbolizes that Christ is the Good Shepherd.

The main focus of this icon is the Christ-child and His mother, the Theotokos and Mother of Light. Archangel Gabriel told her that she will bear the Son of God. He then led her to Bethlehem. The Virgin Mary is seen resting on a red blanket that symbolizes the color of life. The Virgin Mary is also seen not only looking at her Son, but at her beloved husband St. Joseph. She is praying to the Lord so his struggles of disbelief and temptation will pass. She relies on the Lord, her Son through prayer that her husband will overcome his doubt and the temptations of Satan.

The Three Magi (wise man), bringing gold, frankincense, and myrrh, were led by the heavenly star to the manger in which our Lord resides.

The widower St. Joseph, before he had wed Mary, the betrothed is seen as an elderly man. With gray hair and hunched over, he is in doubt of his miraculous birth. Struggling within himself, he wonders if this was by another man or if it was indeed true. To the right of St. Joseph is Satan. Satan appears in the form of an elderly man as well, yet he is shown in rags and with a cane. St. Joseph is being tempted by Satan with doubt. St. Joseph loves his wife, and through her prayers he overcomes this struggle. He is the protector of the Virgin Mary and guardian of Jesus Christ the Saviour.



Merriam-Webster definition of “Icon”: usually a pictorial representation, a conventional religious image typically painted on a small wooden panel and used in the devotions of Eastern Christians, an object of uncritical devotion.

What is a Religious Icon? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church; Holy images 1159 --“The sacred image, the liturgical icon, principally represents Christ. It cannot represent the invisible and incomprehensible God, but the incarnation of the Son of God has ushered in a new “economy” of images” 1160 - - Christian iconography expresses in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words. Image and word illuminate each other. 1161 - - through their icons, it is man “in the image of God,” finally transfigured “into his likeness” who revealed to our faith.

WAIT - POPE FRANCIS - ISLAM

WAIT by Russell Kelfer

Desperately, helplessly, longingly, I cried; quietly patiently, lovingly, God replied. I pled and I wept for a clue to my fate... And the Master so gently said, "Wait." "Wait? You say wait?" my indignant reply. "Lord, I need answers, I need to know why!" Is your hand shortened? Or have you not heard? By faith I have asked and I'm claiming your Word. My future and all to which I relate hangs in the balance, and you tell me to Wait? I'm needing a "yes" a "go-ahead sign". Or even a "no" to which I'll resign. You Promised, dear Lord, that if we believe, we need but to ask, and we shall receive. Lord, I've been asking, and this is my cry: I'm weary of asking! I need a reply. Then quietly, softly, I learned of my fate, as my Master replied again, "Wait." So I slumped in my chair, defeated and taut, and grumbled to God, "So, I'm waiting... for what?" He seemed then to kneel, and His eyes met with mine... and He tenderly said "I could give you a sign. I could shake the heavens and darken the sun. I could raise the dead and cause mountains to run. I could give you all you seek and pleased you would be. You'd have what you want but you wouldn't know Me. You'd not know the depth of My love for each saint. You'd not know the power that I give to the faint. You'd not learn to see through clouds of despair; you'd not learn to trust just knowing I'm there. You'd not know the joy of resting in Me when darkness and silence are all you can see. You'd never experience the fullness of love when the peace of My spirit descends like a dove. The glow of My comfort late into the night, the faith that I give when you walk without sight. The depth that's beyond getting just what you ask from an infinite God who makes what you have last. You'd never know should your pain quickly flee, what it means that My grace is sufficient for thee. Yes your dearest dreams overnight would come true, but, oh, the loss, if you missed what I'm doing in you. So, be silent, my child and in time you will see that the greatest of gifts is to truly know me. And through often My answers seem terribly late, My most precious answer of all is still.. "Wait."

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Words from Pope Francis on waiting;
The capacity to wait is probably one of the most important things we have to learn.

Homily, Easter 2005

Islam; The word means "submission to the will of God." Islam is a religious tradition founded in AD 622 that proclaims that Muhammad was the last and greatest of the prophets sent by God. It is a monotheistic faith that recognizes the importance of the Hebrew patriarchs and prophets as well as having respect for Jesus and Mary. Islam has no central authority, but the faithful are united in observing what they call the "Five Pillars" that require them to testify to the faith with a statement, "*there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his Prophet*"; *to pray five times a day at a set time; to give alms; to fast throughout the day during the holy month of Ramadan; to make a pilgrimage to Mecca (the hajj) at least once in a lifetime.* The Jihad, a word meaning "struggle," is the commitment to strive against one's evil tendencies. One of the Muslim religious practices is to use prayer beads, to meditate on the ninety-nine most beautiful names of God. Of the Muslims, Lumen Gentium says, "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the creator first among whom are the Moslems (sic); they profess to hold the faith of Abraham and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, who ill judge humanity on the last day" (LG 16). In some Arab countries, "Allah" is used in the Christian Bible to refer to God.

This definition has been taken from A to Z A Basic Catholic Dictionary Daniel L. Lowery, CSSR Revised and Edited by Mary M. McGlone, CSJ ISBN 987-0-7648-2055-7

THE RANGER ROSARY PROJECT— PUTTING ROSARIES IN OUR FORCES' HANDS



The Ranger Rosary ministry celebrates 10 years of rosary making at St. Mary’s Church. The anniversary was marked by a Marian retreat led by Fr. Kevin Milton., C.Ss.R., followed by a luncheon to thank all the parish volunteers whose work has made this ministry flourish over the years. In addition to the 60+ St. Mary’s, Annapolis, Maryland, parishioners who attended volunteers from Church of the Resurrection (Ellicott City) and other parishes came to share in reflection and friendship. Every autumn brings a sharp increase in chaplains’ rosary orders as servicemen and women face reassignments and, for many, overseas deployments. The chaplains struggle to meet the spiritual needs of the troops they serve, so they especially appreciate receiving Ranger Rosary’s free rosaries, prayer cards, religious medals, and reading material. Many shipments include drawings and notes from school children around the country.

The rosary design, created by parishioner Frank (Bo) Ristaino in the 1990s, was an immediate hit with his fellow soldiers. When his family could no longer make enough rosaries to meet the burgeoning demand, he turned to St. Mary’s to take over the ministry. Since 2003, Ranger Rosary has grown to include over 30 church groups and hundreds of volunteers in 49 states. Rosaries are now made in unique color schemes for each branch of the Armed Services along with specific color schemes for the military’s Desert, Urban, and Jungle camouflage uniforms.

Hundreds of thousands of rosaries have been shipped over the years to military bases and hospitals in 43 states and 18 countries. Rosaries have even been shipped to Foreign Service members and NATO forces allied with U.S. military operations overseas. From 2009 to 2011 alone, Ranger Rosary members made and shipped 298,205 rosaries. In those three years, volunteers threaded almost 17.6 million beads on over 235 miles of parachute cord! Surely, our Blessed Mother’s loving embrace goes with each rosary.

Pray the rosary daily for peace!

Submitted by Mari Horak Brady

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The Rosary Makers Prayer

Dearest Mother, to you we pray, bless the Rosaries we make today, with loving hands we add each bead, then with trust in you we further plead, bless the ones who in foreign lands, reach for them with outstretched hands and pray like we, that God hears our call, for a World United and Peace for All!

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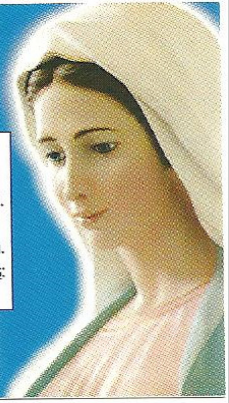
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