

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

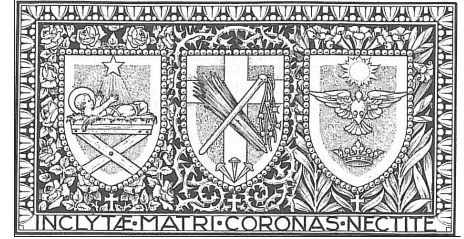
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 Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



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## October 5, 2014 Rosary Sunday

Pentecost XVII



THE MYSTERIES OF THE  
 MOST HOLY ROSARY:  
 JOYFUL, SORROWFUL, & GLORIOUS

### ¶ TODAY

Today is Rosary Sunday, first Sunday of the month. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all *Low* Masses. Rosaries will be blessed (*with all indulgences*) at all the Masses. The second collection is for the support of our seminary and missions.

The traditional Blessing of Roses immediately follows the High Mass. The Rosary Confraternity will then lead the outdoor procession; our annual Communion Breakfast follows. (*No Sunday classes today.*) Another Rosary is recited this afternoon at Vespers which will begin at the earlier time of 4:30 PM and conclude with Benediction.

### ¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

Don't forget the "little church" in the vestibule, which awaits your alms for the sanctification and support of priests, here and in the missions.



*"My most beautiful Lady, I rejoice in seeing you, by your purity and your beauty, so dear to God. I thank God for having preserved you from every stain."*

– St. Alphonsus Liguori

### ¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Prayer to St. Joseph are recited **every school day at 3:10 PM.**

Every **Wednesday** the Devotions take place before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at **3:00 PM**, followed by Benediction and Holy Communion at approximately **3:20 PM**. Come join our children in prayer!

**Lumen Christi**

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the next fortnight for the following intention:*

**My inner intention for my sons**  
*(Hai Yuan)*

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday catechism classes return at 10:40 AM. No Vespers. The Rosary will be prayed at **5:00 PM**, followed by Benediction.

**Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XVIII, collects of Our Lady and All Saints, and celebrant's choice; Trinity Preface.

### ¶ UPCOMING! Mark your calendars:

★ **Fatima candlelight Rosary procession:**  
Monday, October 13th 7:15 PM

★ **Forty Hours:**  
 Friday–Sunday, October 24th–26th

★ **Feast of St. Gertrude the Great:**  
 Sunday, November 16th

### ¶ CONFESSIONS

Fridays during the school year at 10:55 AM; Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (*please consult THE CALENDAR inside for exact times*); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

### ¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Connie Kamphaus and family, Viola Ripperger, and John Segrist. .

### ¶ FAMILY NEEDS A WASHER/DRYER

One of our families is in need! Do you have a used washer/dryer to donate or sell at a reasonable price? Please call the office.

### Our Beloved Dead – October

| Name                    | Date of Death |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Marie B. Bludau         | 10-01-1983    |
| Laverne Elmlinger       | 10-02-1992    |
| James Lehman            | 10-03-1984    |
| Belvie M. Mills         | 10-03-1995    |
| Matilda E. Hamer        | 10-04-1981    |
| Elizabeth M. Richter    | 10-05-2006    |
| Susan Schmidt           | 10-06-1999    |
| Joan Weigand            | 10-06-2012    |
| Victor William Feighery | 10-09-1988    |
| Nadine E. Henry         | 10-10-2009    |
| C. Baumgartner          | 10-14-1987    |
| Mark Moser              | 10-15-1987    |
| Edwin Lavern Newman     | 10-22-1984    |
| Rev. Gunther Richter    | 10-19-2008    |
| Agnes Bandy             | 10-20-1985    |
| Marie F. Borger         | 10-20-1988    |
| Nicholas J. Bischak     | 10-21-2005    |
| Vera L. DuBroca         | 10-21-1988    |
| Ken Brown               | 10-24-2004    |
| Laurence Brueggemann    | 10-24-1995    |
| Frank J. Koerner        | 10-25-2005    |

### Servers: OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2014

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| FRI 10/10 | 5:45 PM Low: Friday Night Servers  |
| SAT 10/11 | 7:30 AM HIGH: Simpsons<br>8:45 AM Low: M. Briggs   |
| SUN 10/12 | 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.<br>9:00 AM HIGH: MC: T. Simpson<br>ACs: J. Lacy, P. Omlor<br>TH: L. Arlinghaus. TORCH: T. Lawrence,<br>C. Richesson, A. Soli, C. Arlinghaus<br>11:30 AM Low: N. & N. McClorey<br>5:00 PM BENEDICTION: G. Miller<br>5:45 PM Low: G. Miller |

### Collection Report

Sunday, September 28th ..... \$3,022.00

During these October days we are bidden to have frequent recourse to Mary, Our Mother; for it is the month which the Church has especially set aside to honor her under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is not a devotion of yesterday, and though we do not know definitely when the devotion originated, it is said that the Rosary, as now used, was instituted by St. Dominic. The devotion is as simple as it is sublime, and is, says Father Thurston, "preeminently the prayer of the people, adapted alike for the use of the simple and the learned." Hence it is adapted to every class of persons and to every order of intellect. It is the favorite devotion of all ranks of the clergy and religious, and is the daily practice of Pope, bishops, priests, and people. Its value is set forth in a long series of papal utterances by which it has been commended to the people, and its efficacy is proved by the daily experience of all who are familiar with it. The missionary on the prairie, and the nun in the hospital or on the tented field, carry their beads and recite the Rosary daily.

That it is a most powerful means of obtaining favors from heaven is proved by the experience of 700 years. The history of the conversion of the Albigenses by St. Dominic, who employed this powerful means of prayer, is not the only historical proof of the efficacy of the Rosary. The victories obtained by the Christians over the Turks in the Middle Ages were attributed by the Popes and by the Christian soldiers themselves to the power of the Rosary. Pius V established the Feast of the Rosary to commemorate the naval victory of Lepanto, gained by Don John of Austria over the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571.

At the request of the Dominican Order, Pope Gregory XIII allowed the Feast to be kept in all churches with an altar dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and in 1671 Pope Clement XI, after another important Christian victory over the Turks on August 5th (Feast of Our Lady of Snows), commanded the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII raised the Feast to a double of the second class, and added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.**"

— *The Ave Maria, 1935*

**I**N the Great War (World War I) a French soldier sent to reconnoiter a wood, seeing no enemy, laid aside his gun and rested, all unawares he was covered by a German scout who had gained the wood before him. He was an easy victim; the trigger was just about to snap when the Frenchman drew out his beads and knelt.

Slowly the German lowered his musket; *he will be better prepared*, he mused, *when he has said his prayers*; and as he waited, new thoughts came up: perhaps he has a mother praying as mine does for her boy's return; perhaps even now he is asking God to bring him home safe, for her sake. His prayers over, the Frenchman rose; the German grasping his gun slung it over his shoulder, and both slipped off in different directions. That Rosary gave his vocation to the German, now a Jesuit lay-brother, his life to the French soldier, and to the French mother her son."

— *The Madonna (1935)*



The Fourth Joyful Mystery

Jesu! whom Thy meek Mother vowed  
To God, whose law would have allowed  
Her first-born to go free,  
O give me such a humble mind,  
That in obedience I may find  
The choicest liberty.

— *from Fr. Faber's poem, "The Rosary"*

THE ROSARY

To Jesus and His Mother undefiled,  
My chains unite the world in close  
accord.

I count the happy heart-beats of the  
child  
When first he doth receive our hidden  
Lord.

I share the nuptial blessing, next the  
ring  
Holden in slim bride-fingers; and I  
hang  
At the nun's girdle, like a precious  
thing;  
I take from wounded souls full many a  
pang.

My beads are hallowed by each loving  
prayer  
Said for a straying or an absent one;  
I guard white Innocence from evil  
snare;  
Cold hands still clasp me when their  
toil is done.

I am the epic poem of the poor,  
A Jacob's ladder of angelic thought;  
Drama divine that ever shall endure —  
The life of God in lasting sculpture  
wrought.

— *Robert Cox Stump*



✠ CATECHISM CORNER

I BELIEVE that after death my body will return to the dust from which God made it.

I believe that at the end of the world my body shall rise to life for the General Judgment.

I believe that my soul will never die.

I believe that at death my soul will separate from my body and appear before the judgment seat of God.

I believe that I shall be sent to Heaven, to Hell, or to Purgatory according to my conduct in this life.



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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Have you noticed our beautiful outdoor Way of the Cross, all garnished with vivid petunias and growing perennials? Well, I was telling my beads there at dusk, after dinner, earlier this Fall, accompanied by a hummingbird buzzing about in the dark, feasting on the nectar of each petunia. (I smile at this reference. **Fr. Martin**, the dear and crusty old Franciscan, used to invariably address his female correspondents, whom he felt needed a dressing down, as “Petunia.”) The little hummingbird sets a great example for us this month of the Rosary. Don’t miss any of the nutrition and sweetness of your daily beads. Buzz about methodically, Ave by Ave, and decade by decade. Put your nose in it, smell its perfume, taste its honey, this crown of delicious roses.

I’m writing this on October 1st, having just started my research for the Rosary Sunday sermon. So much to say, such an embarrassment of riches! The Rosaries of the orders? The Rosary and modern malaise? The Rosary, perhaps, and China, inspired by the “umbrella revolution”? (Good luck with that!) Well, I think I’ll take a break and say...a Rosary, to ask what to say come Sunday. What better way?

By the way, thanks to all of the Memorial Day, Rogation Monday crew of this past May who planted the stations so cheerfully, and thanks to you who adopted them. I wish we could adopt out more of the grounds and even the church (remember the corner project?) maintenance. Seems to work. Sr. Isidore Maria, God love her, was on her knees one Saturday morning, gardening away at the Sisters of Reparation Stations II and V. Stations I, III, VII, IX, X and XI are still available for adoption. Act now!

Thanks, too, for the increase in meal deliveries, as more of you are signing up for the Cucina Clerical. Last night we enjoyed a Chinese meal prepared by Beverly Bailey, who read in the Bishop’s Corner about the bishop’s “seasoning malfunction” and took pity upon us, up to our knees in cayenne pepper! It was a delicious meal, and we all followed the instructions carefully. The clergy got a kick out of the chopsticks, which do make for slower, more mindful eating. I didn’t quite master them. Doubtless I’d lose weight in China.

Someone wrote in yesterday to remark on how busy October is. But this is not remarkable. It always is a very full month at St. Gertrude the Great, with Rosary

Sunday, daily Rosary devotions, two Rosary processions and then our Forty Hours devotion the weekend of Christ the King, its old traditional date. October leads right into All Saints Day on First Saturday of November and All Saints Sunday, with its little saints the next day. We will need November as a quiet month, and so it is except for All Souls and St. Gertrude’s Day. Oh, and then there’s the cemetery processions, too, but I promise, that’s all!

Be with us as much as you can these beautiful Autumn days of October, Rosary in hand, joy in your eyes, a smile on your face, and quiet prayer in your heart. Thank you for doing what you can. God asks no more, but He does ask this. Thank you for all who made today’s Rosary Sunday a success, and who watched and prayed with us for First Friday’s nocturnal Adoration. Our month has well begun.

Last Sunday we started all of this with the month of the Angels, beautiful shrines in place, and beautiful children to be blessed. The church was truly magnificent as was the High Mass. The singing at the 11:30 was less so, as I was keeping the Guardian Angel hymn going and blessing children at the same time. But they are dear hymns. **Fr. Cekada** had to run off to Tampa, where in addition to his regular seminary courses, he was teaching chant to the new seminarians, and accounting to **Fr. Desposito**. Busy man. **Fr. McKenna** is in Milwaukee for Rosary Sunday, and reports a good visit to Louisiana. Last Sunday the Sisters drove **Fr. Nkamuke** up to St. Clare in Chillicothe, a beautiful Autumn drive. Most of the Fathers are with us today, thus making possible yet another Solemn High Mass for Rosary Sunday.

Solemn High or simply low, strictly Sunday or all week long, pray with us as you go, passing these days of grace, pausing to gather the nectar. **Caravaggio** is more interested in cat food than in petunias. If anything, his appetite has only increased as he senses the onset of Winter. I wonder if cat chopsticks would help? Poor cat, he does not know the Rosary, but he does enjoy the delights of contemplation in my lap. Who knows what cats are thinking of. **Fr. Cekada** calls **Puccini** “the Zen cat,” as he sits so alert yet still, his wants easily satisfied, his eyes closed in meditation.

Yikes! I forgot to schedule an animal blessing. But maybe we’ll wait ’til next year now...

May the Rosary be a blessing to you

– Bishop Dolan

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## ✠ ST. BRUNO, VOCATION AND GLORY ✠

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### THIS WEEK IN CATHOLIC HISTORY

**October 6th.** Little did the great **St. Bruno** dream, when he chose for his monastery the uninviting Alpine ravine of Chartreuse, that to-day it would be known to the world for its exquisite liqueur rather than as a place of prayer. Yet a place of prayer it surely was till, on April 19, 1903, its monks were expelled by French soldiers.

These monks lived in silence, prayer and study, offering up lives of fasting and austerity as a sacrifice to God. St. Bruno himself was a holy man. Gifted with many talents, he yet loved retirement, and twice declined the offer of a mitre. His great passion was for solitude and communion with God; and, to gratify that passion, he retired to the rocky heights of Chartreuse. Tradition indeed has given another reason, – a strange happening which Bruno witnessed, and which so terrified him that he resolved to abandon the world the more surely to save his soul.

According to this tradition there was then in Paris a certain Raymond, a great theologian and scholar. He was held in high esteem for his seemingly saintly life; but at heart he was a man of evil ways. Still he carried his reputation for sanctity to the end, and received the rites of the Church on his deathbed. Now, Raymond, being venerated for his apparent sanctity, was carried to the grave attended by a large concourse of people. As they were chanting the services for the dead, just as they came to the words, *Responde mihi quantas habes iniquitates* ("Tell me what sins thou hast committed"), the dead man half raised himself from his bier, and cried, with a lamentable voice: "By the justice of God I am accused." Thereupon the priests laid down the bier, and deferred the interment till the following day. Next day they again formed in procession, and as they chanted the same words, *Responde mihi*, the dead man again rose up and cried out with a more dreadful voice, "By the justice of God I am judged!" and then sank down on his bier as before.

Great was the consternation of the people, and they put off the conclusion of the obsequies till the third day, when, just as they had begun to chant the same verse, trembling for the result, the dead man again rose up, crying with a terrible voice and look, "By the justice of God I am condemned!" Upon this, priests and attendants, half dead with fear and horror, flung the body out into a field, as unworthy of Christian burial. The effect on Bruno was so great, that he renounced the world and passed into retirement. His feast is kept on October 6th.

– *The Ave Maria*, 1918

### HEARING JESUS

Saint Bruno's gift was his uninterrupted conversation with God.

How did this wonder come to him? Without Carthusian insights I can only guess: there must have been at first some seeds of grace which Bruno planted in his wilderness. He must have watered them with tears, and kept his little garden friendly to the sun till the shoots came and, marvelously, flowers. (Words were his flowers, to woo the Holy One.) Bruno had peace, I know, but all the same I doubt that he perceived if answers came.

And surely there were winters in his heart when leaf and blossom died, and the land froze, and a white silence covered everything. He offered to God this silence, I suppose, and his cold poverty (which few believe that God in his warm silence will receive).

How did this wonder come at last to him? I would surmise: when Bruno understood How love that crushed him had no gift for God – Though through all seasons he had sought the good – He entered his own hut, pulled down the shades, And sat and grappled with his pain till he Himself became the word, the total need, The gift, the outcry, the last agony. And one day God, most ready to discover the moment that a heart fills to the brim, burst into Bruno's time, sat down beside him, and eager with delight gave to this lover the joy of endless dialogue with Him.

– *Jessica Powers*

*Dedicated with affection to St. Bruno's  
Birthday Boy*



Happy is he who lives and  
dies under the protection of  
the Blessed Virgin!

– St. John Vianney, Sermon on the  
Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at [SGGResources.org](http://SGGResources.org)

- MON 10/6/14 ST BRUNO, C**  
7:00 AM **Low Mass** Susan Barnett family (*Dan, Mary & family*)  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Bruce Maki (*Kent Maki*)  
11:20 AM **High Mass** †Patrick H. Harpen, Sr. - Six month anniversary of death (*Edna I. Harpen*)  
3:10 PM **October Devotions**
- TUE 10/7/14 THE MOST HOLY ROSARY**  
ST MARK, PC AND COMPANIONS, MM  
7:00 AM **Low Mass** Honor of the BVM, Mother of P.H., BVM, O.L. Lourdes, relief of all faithful departed & conv. of sinners (*P. Omlor*)  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Anne Marie Omlor (*Patrick & Paddy*)  
11:20 AM **High Mass** Victor Ritze-Birthday (*Kueblers*)  
3:10 PM **October Devotions**  
5:00 PM **Low Mass** †A. Saavedra (*C. & B. Bellavia*)
- WED 10/8/14 ST BRIDGET, W**  
7:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Nick & Judy Manno*)  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Nick & Judy Manno*)  
11:20 AM **High Mass** Doris Ritze-Birthday (*Kueblers*)  
3:00 PM **Exposition, Rosary, October Devotions**  
3:20 PM **Benediction, Holy Communion**  
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Bishop Dolan's intentions  
6:30 PM **Choir Practice**
- THU 10/9/14 ST JOHN LEONARD, C**  
ST DENIS, BP AND COMPANIONS, MM  
☛ 6:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Nick & Judy Manno*)  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Nick & Judy Manno*)  
11:20 AM **High Mass** Poor Souls (*Nick & Judy Manno*)  
3:10 PM **October Devotions**  
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Bishop Dolan's intentions
- FRI 10/10/14 ST FRANCIS BORGIA, C**  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Honor of the BVM, Mother of P.H., BVM, O.L. Lourdes, relief of all faithful departed & conv. of sinners (*P. Omlor*)  
10:55 AM **Confessions**  
11:20 AM **High Mass** Dear Mother-in-law †Clara Vande Ryt, birthday remembrance (*Doloris Ritze*) (from 9/9)  
3:10 PM **October Devotions**  
5:15 PM **Confessions & Rosary**  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** Lynch family (*C. Simpson family*)  
6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction**
- SAT 10/11/14 MATERNITY OF OUR LADY**  
7:10 AM **Confessions**  
7:30 AM **High Mass** Titus & Issiah Current (*Samantha*)  
8:20 AM **Rosary, Simple Benediction**  
8:45 AM **Sermon, Low Mass** †Romilda Uhlenbrock (*Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock*)

The following Parish Mass was offered on 9/30/14:  
Elizabeth Gunsher-birthday (*F. R. Mattingly*)

## Prayer after the Rosary

O Mary! Virgin and Mother! grant that while reciting thy Rosary, even in the midst of my daily duties, and meditating on the mysteries, I may be encouraged to walk cheerfully along the path of duty. May my tribute of filial piety obtain for myself and those for whom I pray, many blessings and thine own loving protection! Amen.



The fourth Glorious Mystery:  
the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary into Heaven, body and soul.

- SUN 10/12/14 PENTECOST XVIII**  
OUR LADY OF EL PILAR  
7:05 AM **Rosary**  
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Thank you St. Thérèse, Little Flower (*Kitchen family*)  
9:00 AM **High Mass** †H.O. Hinton (*Katie Bischak*)  
10:40 AM **Sunday Catechism Classes**  
11:05 AM **Rosary**  
11:30 AM **Low Mass** O'Donnell family (*Emma*)  
5:00 PM **Rosary and Benediction**  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



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## ✠ FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY ✠

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October 7th is one of the great anniversaries of the year. It recalls to mind the decisive battle of Lepanto. There the Mohammedan power was met and vanquished, never again to win a victory that menaced the Christian world. Up to that day Mohammedanism had been growing and expanding, crushing out Christian life, and enslaving wherever it took root. "It looked as if the Cross was to give place to the Crescent; as if the civilization of Europe was to be replaced by the despotism of the Turk."

Anyone who doubts the extreme danger which threatened Western Europe has but to glance at a map of Europe, Asia, and Northern Africa, in the year 1566, at the time a new Pope was elected. The Turks were securely established not only in Asia but in Europe. The black Sea was already a Turkish lake; the Mediterranean could be protected from the same fate only by a masterstroke. But there was little in the preceding three centuries of European diplomacy to encourage the hope of such a masterstroke; still less was there in the existing relations of the European states. For all the while the Turk was stealthily strengthening and widening a foothold in Europe, secure in the consciousness that the sovereigns who could thwart him only when united, were incapable of anything like union.

Then Pius V was elected to the Throne of Peter. He was a man of prayer, but he realized also that in this case it was God's will that prayer was to be supplemented by the sword. He was an organizer, too; and in a short time he had built up a league of Spain, Venice, and Austria, to which he committed the task of going out to fight the battle of the

Cross against the hosts of Mohammed. The decisive encounter came off in the Bay of Lepanto, October 7, 1571. Fifteen Turkish ships were sunk, and 177 taken; nearly 30,000 of their forces were wounded; and 15,000 Christian galley were liberated.

On the day of the battle Pius was working with his Cardinals, when, suddenly interrupting his work, opening the window and looking at the sky, he cried out: "A truce to business! Our great task is at present to thank God for the victory which He has just given the Christian army." In memory of the event he instituted for the first Sunday of October the feast of the Holy Rosary, and added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Help of Christians, pray for us."

— *The Ave Maria, 1918*



**ROSARY CONFRATERNITY PRAYER**  
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and Mother of us all, we come to thee for help in our sorrows, trials and necessities. Sin leaves us weak and helpless but Divine Grace heals and strengthens.

We ask for the grace to love Jesus as thou didst love Him, to believe as thou didst believe, to hope as thou didst hope; we ask to share thy purity of mind and heart. Give us true sorrow for sin and make us love people as thou and Jesus didst love them. Obtain for us the gifts of the Holy Ghost that we may be wise with thy wisdom, understand with thy understanding, know with thy knowledge, be prudent with thy

prudence, patient with thy patience, courageous with thy fortitude, and desire justice ardently for everyone with the all consuming desire of the Sacred Heart of Jesus thy Son.

Open our minds that as we pray the Rosary we will understand the teaching of the Gospel contained in its mysteries.

We pray especially for the members of the Rosary Confraternity whom we love. Help them wherever they may be; guide them, watch over them and make them strong in their trials and suffering. We are drawn together by a common bond of great charity for thee and for each other; keep us faithful to thy Son and to thy Rosary till death.

Intercede for the souls in Purgatory, especially for the members of the Rosary Confraternity who have died. May they rest in peace. Finally we ask for the grace of final perseverance for ourselves and for our loved ones that we may all be reunited in heaven forever. Amen.

Saint Dominic, who received so much Grace and Strength from the Rosary, pray for us.

