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PRAY THE ROSARY

By prayerfully meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, we are able to follow the example of Mary who "heard the Word of God and cherished it in her heart."

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT - GIFTS WE CAN GIVE

Generally speaking, about generosity one thing comes to our mind is giving others. We have to have something in our hand to give others. St. Paul tells us below what are all the gifts each one of us have and how we can give them.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:6-10)

God made each one of us with some form of gifts. Each of us has something to offer. Some are blessed with money and they can help poor financially and some are given time and they can use their time to visit someone who is sick or lonely. Some dedicated their job by doing volunteering work and some do their everyday job.

In this world we think if we give more we become poorer but Jesus tell us the opposite. If we give we will be given more and more.

For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give -- large or small -- will be used to measure what is given back to you." (Luke 6:38)

Also the service we do for others will bring peace and joy to us and it will bless our family and our

future generations years to come. Helping poor is one of the major themes of the Bible and of Jesus' ministry. As Jesus said 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' (Matthew 9:13)

We don't have to be a wealthy person or a full-time volunteer to make a meaningful contribution. Instead, we should give generously of whatever wealth and abilities we have, no matter how small it is as Jesus mentioned below.

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw a certain poor widow putting in two small copper coins. And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on." (Luke 21:1-4)

Each of us has some form of gifts to give. Some have wealth, some have talents, some have time. Whatever gifts we have been given -- large or small -- we should share willingly and generously. When we do, we make the world better for someone else and find true meaning and satisfaction in our own lives. In this world in many countries people are dying without food and water. why? God's people forgot to give.

But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? (1 John 3:17)

Yours In Christ,
Leenus Rich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY CHANGES:

A new third Edition of Roman Missal (English) is going to be followed soon. Lot of parishes are conducting workshops to educate and answer any questions we may have. We encourage you all to attend and get familiarize and understand the changes to fully take part in the Mass.

Congregation's response changes are in: Greeting, Penitential act, Gloria, Nicene Creed, Apostles' Creed, Suscipiat Dominus, Preface Dialogue, Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Sign of Peace, Ecce Agnus Dei, Concluding Rite.

The table on this site has all the changes listed : <http://old.usccb.org/romanmissal/examples.shtml>. To know more about the changes, please visit usccb.org/romanmissal and www.dsj.org/romanmissal

Sincere thanks to Jancy Vincent for updating us with this information.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

It was St. Dominic in the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries who encouraged everyone to say the Rosary. St. Dominic was greatly saddened by the spread of a terrible heresy called Albigensianism. With the members of his new Order of Preachers, he was trying his best to destroy this dangerous heresy. He begged the Blessed Virgin for help, and it is said that she told him to preach devotion to the Holy Rosary. St. Dominic obeyed and he was very successful in stopping the heresy.

The Holy Rosary is a simple devotion which can be practiced by all people-old and young, learned and unlearned. It can be said anywhere, at any time. While we say the Our Father, ten Hail Marys and Glory to the Father, we think about great moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In this way, we grow closer and closer to Jesus and his Blessed Mother. We learn to imitate their holy lives.

Mary is very pleased when we say the Holy Rosary often and well. She used to say it with St. Bernadette when she appeared to her at Lourdes. The three little children of Fatima learned from Mary the power of the Rosary. Mary taught them that the Rosary obtains graces and saves sinners from hell.

A Dominican pope, Pius V, established the feast on Oct 7. It is to show our gratitude to Mary for a military victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571.

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Who is Mary to me?

- Agnes P. Raj

The Catholic Church celebrates Mary throughout the liturgical year. We celebrate Mary, Mother of God on 1st January, In March, the feast of Annunciation of the Lord. In May, we celebrate the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. In July, we celebrate the Immaculate heart of Mary. In August, we celebrate Assumption of Mary and the Queenship of Mary. In September, we celebrate her birthday. In December, we celebrate the Immaculate conception. The importance and the encouragement given by the church to the devotion of Mary makes me think , ' Who is Mary to me?'

Women of Courage:

When Mary said the brave YES to God's plan, She was very well aware of the situation she will be put to. She knew she would be disgraced as an unwed mother. She must have thought that Joseph would divorce her, or worse, he might even have her put to death by stoning. Still, she willingly submitted to God's plan. This shows her courage.

Woman of Hope and Trust:

Mary was young and poor. These qualities made her unsuitable in the eyes of her people to be the Mother of God. However, God looked upon the quality of her trust and obedience. He knew she would willingly serve God. Mary was fearful and troubled in the presence of the angel (Lk 1:30). Although she had confusion about how she would

conceive the Savior, she responded to God with belief and obedience.(Lk1:34). Her trust and obedience rewarded her. She was crowned as the Queen of Heaven.

Woman of Compassion:

When the wine ran out in the wedding at Cana, Mary informed Jesus. "When the wine ran short, Mary said to him, "They have no wine." [And] Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."(Jn2 :3-5). Her concern shows her compassion to others in difficult situation. She was very confident that her son would listen to her. Thus she shows us as a sure intercessor for us with God.

Woman of love:

When Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple, Mary confronted Jesus and asked, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." The confrontation and the anxiety shows her love for Jesus. Another example for her love is, when She accepted John, the disciple of Jesus as her son, She accepted everyone of us as her daughter and son. Another example is, though the disciples fled and doubted her Son and one of the disciple even betrayed her Son, She did not get upset or angry with the disciples. She gathered them and prayed with them in the upper room to receive the promised Holy spirit. By doing this she became

the disciple of Jesus, her son and eventually was there in the formation of the church (Act1:13-14). Thus she became the co-redemptorist.

Woman of Strength:

Mary was with Jesus throughout the journey to his Calvary. She was witnessing his Son's torture and death. She was with Jesus when He died. This shows her strength which she got by trusting the God.

Woman of encouragement:

Mary was with Jesus in all the key events of His life. Annunciation, visitation with Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, precursor of Jesus, the birth of Jesus, presentation at the temple, passover journey to Jerusalem and even at his death in the cross. Her role, quietly in the background gave encouragement to the work of Jesus.

Woman of Sorrow:

As a sorrowful mother, she witnessed her son's passion and death till the end.

Mother to Me:

Love, compassion, strength, courage, encouragement, concern are the qualities of a good mother. When Jesus said, "Behold your Mother", He express His intention to the disciples to recognize her as their Mother and the Mother of every mankind. So Mary is my mother. She is the loving gift from Jesus Christ to every man, woman and child.



"A large number of children participated wholeheartedly in this wonderful spiritual event, and the children bonded with each other as they prayed and listened to God's word."

- Mrs. Kavitha Kumar
Organizer

CHILDREN'S RETREAT

Highlights

Presentations on Mass & Liturgy and praying to our Lady.

Lessons were taught on understanding the Bible for Children.

Children listened to many stories of saints and were taught how the mass is a celebration of the life of Jesus.

Fr. Arokia Raj taught the children, and covered all the spiritual themes of the retreat with the kids.

and many more...



Children during the retreat mass