



Life Of Mother Mary

The Holy Rosary is composed, principally and in substance, of the Prayer of Christ and the Angelic Salutation, that is, the Our Father and the Hail Mary, it was without doubt the first prayer and the first devotion of the faithful and has been in use all through the centuries from the time of the Apostles and disciples down to the present.

But it was only in the year 1214, however, that Holy Mother Church received the Rosary in its present form and according to the method we use today. It was given to the Church by Saint Dominic who had received it from the Blessed Virgin as a powerful means of converting the Albigensians and other sinners.

The story of how he received it, is found in the very well-known book "De Dignitate Psalterii" by Blessed Alan de la Roche.

Saint Dominic, seeing that the gravity of people's sins was hindering the conversion of the Albigensians, withdrew into a forest near Toulouse where he prayed unceasingly for three days and three nights. During this time he did nothing but weep and do harsh penances in order to appease the anger of Almighty God. He used his discipline so much that his body was lacerated, and finally he fell into a coma.

At this point Our Lady appeared to him, accompanied by three angels, and she said:

"Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?"

"Oh, my Lady," answered Saint Dominic, "you know far better than I do because next to your Son Jesus Christ you have always been the chief instrument of our salvation."

Then Our Lady replied:

"I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Angelic Psalter which is the foundation stone of the New Testament. Therefore if

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you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Psalter."

So he arose, comforted, and burning with zeal, for the conversion of the people in that district he made straight for the Cathedral. At once unseen angels rang the bells to gather the people together and Saint Dominic began to preach.

At the very beginning of his sermon an appalling storm broke, out, the earth shook, the sun was darkened, and there was so much thunder and lightning that all were very much afraid. Even greater was their fear when looking at a picture of Our Lady exposed in a prominent place they saw her raise her arms to heaven three times to call down God's vengeance upon them if they failed to be converted, to amend their lives, and seek the protection of the Holy Mother of God.

God wished, by means of these supernatural phenomena, to spread the new devotion of the Holy Rosary and to make it more widely known.

At last, at the prayer of Saint Dominic, the storm came to an end, and he went on preaching. So fervently and compellingly did he explain the importance and value of the Holy Rosary that almost all the people of Toulouse embraced it and renounced their false beliefs. In a very short time a great improvement was seen in the town; people began leading Christian lives and gave up their former bad habits.

Amen.

UpComing Events

Oct 31st : Hospitality Sunday.

Nov14th : 2nd Saturday Tamil Mass

Time : 5 :30 pm

**Location : St. Joseph 's Church
Mountain View , CA 94041.**

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Separations

We had a great Sangamam celebration. The meaning of the Tamil word “Sangamam” is unity or to bring together. It was good to see Sangamam brought many people together from different ethnicities and from different countries or cultures. In a world where we see separations everywhere it is good to celebrate to bring people together. Today we see separations in the family, in the country and even in the church. Separations happen in a family when it is very hard for the husband and wife to come together, to think together or to act together. Separations happen in a country when we divide people based on language spoken, culture of the people, religions of the people and their caste. Separation did not even spare the church. All the denominations or divisions and groups we see today are because of the separations. It is sad to say that Christianity has more divisions than any other religions in this world. Jesus Christ had supper with the man who was going to betray Him; washed and kissed his feet and even called him a friend but we the followers of Christ divided among ourselves even for very small reasons.

Separations are hard for some while it is joyful for some who boast “We have separated”. If we analyze the causes of separations mostly it will fall into anyone these categories. Who controls who? Who gets the credit? Who gets name and fame? Who has higher authority to make decisions? Who is the boss and who is the servant? Who is the greatest? Who gets the highest position?

It is sad to say that our positions are used today mostly for advertising about ourselves and to use it in our email signatures than serving God and His people. We go to church every day, read bible every day and follow all religious rules and regulations very strictly but we take no effort to be together. As Psalmist said in the bible **“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”** (Psalm 133:1). As the modern day followers of Christ we are glad to say that “How good

and pleasant it is when God’s people divided among ourselves”.

If we want to live together in unity we have to have some important qualities as we read in the bible **“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind”** (1 Peter 3:8). The very important one in my point of view is humility. It is to consider everyone else above us a difficult task. We may have all other qualities mentioned here sympathy, love, good heart but if we do not have humility our pride will ruin all other good qualities at some point. If we say “I want to be the lead, I should be given high priority, I am very intelligent and I am super spiritual” then we are not going to live in unity for long. As St. Paul wrote to the church divided over the leaders in Corinth **“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?”** (1 Corinthian 1:10-13).

If we look at the life of Jesus He did many miracles including bringing alive a dead person after three days still He never said he was the greatest. Instead He washed the feet of His disciples to show His humility. In this season of celebrations let us pray to God to give us all the qualities needed to live in unity with God’s people and everyone.

— Leenus Rich



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