

Marian Joy: Our Lady of the Rosary

October



The Rosary is prayed throughout the month October to honour the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated annually on October 7.

The following reflections are based on the Joyful Mysteries and bring Mary's encounters of Jesus to life.

1. The Annunciation

Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.

As you pray this decade, say yes to the Holy Spirit...

2. The Visitation

Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.

As you pray this decade, welcome Jesus into your heart ...

3. The Nativity

Mary gives birth to Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem.

As you pray this decade, allow yourself to feel Christ's presence alive within you ...

4. The Presentation

Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.

As you pray this decade, be open to God's loving invitation for you...

5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.

As you pray this decade, seek Jesus and rejoice in His presence...



Further Reflection Suggestions

- Share the lead. Take it in turns to lead a decade and the reflection questions.
- Group and personal prayer. Provide time for the participants to pray by themselves after each decade.
- Sing the prayers. There are several melodies for singing the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. Consider the instrumental music to assist with personal reflection.
- Pray outside. If your community has a garden or grotto, spend time praying there.
- Journaling Meditations
 - o How am I saying 'yes' to Jesus in my life?
 - o What can I put down, to make room for Jesus?
 - o Where do I encounter the joy of meeting Jesus?
 - o Who do I share this good news of Jesus with?
 - o What is God bringing to birth in my life?
 - o How am I being guided towards Jesus?
 - o How are God's promises revealed to me?
 - o What can I offer to God in loving service?
 - o When have I experienced the joy of finding something precious?
 - o Where do I seek Jesus in my life?

