Our Lady of the Rosary

Pope St. Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary.

Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First, a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms.

Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving the rosary to St. Dominic is recognized as unhistorical, the development of this prayer-form owes much to the followers of St. Dominic. From its beginning in the 16th century, the Rosary was made of 15 mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious. In 2002 Pope John Paul II updated the 15 mysteries of the Rosary with the addition of the Luminous Mysteries.

The "Hail Mary" is indeed one of the most beautiful Christian prayers.

Thanksgiving

It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. On Thanksgiving Day we give thanks to God's good graces and realize that God wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

Jewish religious traditions included both public and private sacrifices of thanksgiving.

The fifty days after Passover were a seven-week thanksgiving festival called Shavuot, ending with Pentecost.

The Cherokees danced the Green Corn Dance, and began the new year at the end of the harvest.

The story of American Thanksgiving began with English settlers, called Pilgrims. They had first spent twelve years in Holland to escape persecution for their religious beliefs.

Then, aboard the famous Mayflower, on November 11, 1620 they arrived at Plymouth.

In the first year, a bitter winter and poor diet took the lives of 47 of the 100 Mayflower voyagers.

Yet, the Pilgrims, who were opposed to the celebration of festivals, decided to have a thanksgiving holiday in the fall of 1621. And, turkey was not in the original menu...

However one could also argue that the earliest Thanksgiving service, in what is now the United States of America, was celebrated by the Spanish on September 8, 1565 in current Saint Augustine, Florida.

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Thanksgiving

October 9th is Thanksgiving Day in Canada. As usual, we only have one Mass which will be in the morning at 9:00 am.

Our Lady of Fatima Procession

On Saturday, October 14th, we will have a small procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fátima around the boulevard of our church. The procession will take place shortly after the 5:00 pm Mass (around 6:00 pm). Everyone is invited.

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Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese 6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

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Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

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XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

First Reading: (Isaiah 5:1-7)

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: (Philippians 4:6-9)

Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43) The parable of the wicked vine-dressers tell of God's goodness to his people, and of their failure to respond in kind. History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. In the Gospel we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord.

The parable is an allegory of God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son is Jesus himself whom they killed. Like the parable of the two sons, this parable was directed at the chief priests and elders. It was meant as a warning, but it went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Gentiles replaced the Jews as God's people. All this would have been clear to Matthew's readers.

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria! Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria!

Triumph, all your cherubim, sing with us you seraphim, Heav'n and earth resound the hymn: Salve, salve, salve Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria! Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!

We honour you for Christ, your son, O Maria! Who has for us redemption won, O Maria!

Whatsoever You Do

Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers That you do unto me.

When I was hungry you gave me to eat, When I was thirsty you gave to drink. Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was homeless and strange in this land, Searching for kindness, you held out your hand.

Now enter into the home of my Father.

Please Note

Please do not applaud after hymns are sung

Gift of Finest Wheat

You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

As when the shpeherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So when you call your family, Lord, We follow and rejoice. (chorus)

With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should chount us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food. (chorus)

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf declare Our oneness in the Lord? (chorus)

The mystery of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all teh world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. (chorus)

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Savior, God, to Thee
How great thou art How great thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art!

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 7

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Intention of Helena Gomes, family intentions, world peace—José Carlos Silva

Sunday, October 8

8:30 am. Fernando Furtado & family

10:00 am. Community—Francisco Manuel Rodrigues— Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo—Gil Maiato—Joaquim Lopes de Brito, parents & in-laws—Manuel Carreiro Cabral

11:30 am.

1:00 pm

Monday, October 9

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda 6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 am. All souls in purgatory 6:00 pm. Mike Pavão, all souls in purgatory

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory 6:00 pm. Maria Helena Lopes

Thursday, October 12

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory6:00 pm. Jorge Almeida & Maria da Paixão Sousa, souls in purgatory

Friday, October 13

9:00 am. Ricardo, Nancy & Horácio Costa, family & souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Saturday, October 14

5:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia