



Tamil Catholic Association

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THE ROSARY

The Rosary is an ancient form of prayer. The term Rosary comes from the Latin Rosarium meaning rose garden. Its prayers were regarded as a crown of flowers on our lady's head. In fact Italians often refer to the rosary as a corona or crown. Pious tradition attributes the rosary to an appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Dominic, the founder of the Orders of Preachers.

The genesis of the Rosary is found in the divine office. At that time many laity would gather with the priests and religious for prayer at specified hours of the day. In the course of the week, the monasteries and convents would cover all 150 psalms. The people desired to participate, but most, being illiterate, could not read along, so they created their own way of participating. Knowing that 150 psalms were sung, they began reciting 150 Paters. Later, as devotion to Mary flourished, they prayed 150 Aves. To each Ave, they joined a verse about Jesus or Mary, usually in rhyme, to make it easy to remember. But 150 Aves and rhymes were just too much, too cumbersome! Help came in 1482, from an anonymous Dominican who reduced the 150 statements/ rhymes into 15 mysteries and gave the rosary the form it has today...with one difference...the 14th mystery combined the assumption and coronation and the 15th mystery was the last judgments. So the Rosary's form was rather stable, unchanged for 5 centuries until Pope John Paul II proclaimed October 2002 to October 2003, the year of the Rosary and invited the whole church to rediscover the rosary.

In a letter entitled "The Rosary of the virgin Mary" Pope John Paul II talks about spiritual benefits of the Rosary in three main areas: It is a path to contemplation. To be absorbed in God...to concentrate on him by act of love. There is a difference between saying the rosary and praying the rosary. It is helpful to announce with every mystery, an appropriated Scripture passage. Only in this way, can we read Christ and allow his to shape our lives.

1. Secondly, the Rosary is not only meditation/contemplation but also Supplication. It has always been a vehicle for us to bring our intentions to the Father through Mary.
2. Thirdly, the Rosary is never considered this, the path to proclamation. It can be a great evangelizing too. In contemplating the mysteries we are more and more forming ourselves according to the heart of Christ. I am more willing to speak about my faith and share it.

We are called to pray the Rosary at home every day with a greater knowledge and appreciation of this prayer, and its power to transform our modern world. It is a prayer that the church has encouraged through papal teachings. Our Pope Benedict XVI says, "the rosary in fact provide a like for us with this primitive knowledge that repetition is a part of prayer, of meditation, that repetition is a way of settling oneself into the rhythm of tranquility. It's a matter of allowing myself to be carried away by the calm of repetition and of steady rhythm"

Can this prayer transform a modern world? Our lady herself guarantees it...the messages of Lourdes and Fatima emphasizes the need to pray the rosary. It has transformed whole nations. The fall of communism has very much to do with the effects of the millions and millions of rosaries offered. Who would have thought 10years ago that the iron curtain would melt away... that there would be religious freedom in Russia. Yet whole nations will not be changed unless individuals are changed. Therefore consider making something that we may have found to be dry, boring...into a great outpouring of love and make the Rosary beads themselves not just a counting mechanism but a sweet chain that unites us to Christ Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life.

- BY FR.EUGENE



Upcoming Event

Our Christmas mass is on December 4th in St. Philip Church Saddle brook, NJ

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Editor's Note

Hello TCA members!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of newsletter and we welcome your active participation in future newsletters.

We hope you enjoy it.

Judy Stephen

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Hello friends,

It is fall cleaning, time to clean your overstuffed closets of those outgrown clothes and coats to clothe and warm those in need. During these hard economic times when people are struggling to stay afloat, all your simple deed of kindness will help them keep warm through the winter. So kindly clean out your closets and contribute to a worthy cause. This will kick start your Christmas preparations. Merry Christmas and may God's blessings be showered upon you this holiday season.

Youth committee volunteers will be collecting the clothing/coat donations during the forthcoming TCA gathering on Oct 9th. We will be identifying youth members with whom the clothes can be delivered to. Details will follow in a following email.

As we are nearing the Christmas season TCA is getting ready for its annual Toy Drive. The toys that you donate will help the children in need. We would greatly appreciate if you would donate some toys either new ones or those sparingly used. Please help out as much as you wish. Last year's donations went well and we are hoping that your generosity will once again help bring happiness to children this Christmas season.



TCA Youth Group

Two weeks ago, on September 29, 2011 we celebrated the feasts of St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael the archangels. These angels were three of the seven angels that guarded the throne of God. These angels are also called Archangels.

St. Michael the archangel is known for his legendary battle with Lucifer (Satan) and the other angels that betrayed God. Michael's name means, "Who is like God?" in Hebrew. St. Michael is the Champion of Gods people. He also rescues the souls of the faithful from the devil, especially at the hour of death. St. Michael is also mentioned in the book of Daniel.



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St. Gabriel the archangel is known for delivering the message to Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah. Most of missions and manifestations of this Archangel are closely connected with the coming of the Messiah. The most accurate regarding the time of the coming of Christ was made by Saint Gabriel through the prophet Daniel.

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St. Raphael the archangel's name means "God is healed." St. Raphael is not found in the New Testament. However, he is found in the Old Testament in the book of Tobias. Here he first appears disguised in human form as the travelling companion of the younger Tobias, calling himself "Azarias the son of the great Ananias". The story of the adventurous journey during which the protective influence of the angel is shown in many ways including the binding "in the desert of upper Egypt" of the demon who had previously slain seven husbands of Sara, daughter of Raguel, is picturesquely related in Tobit 5-11, to which the reader is referred. After the return and the healing of the blindness of the elder Tobias, Azarias makes himself known as "the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord."

- By Jennifer Gerald

Prayer for All Souls Day

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us.

As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom you raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon the.

May they rest in peace.

President's message

The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). Like many Marian feasts, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrates the protection of Christians through the intercession of the Mother of God. In this case, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrates the victory of Christian naval forces at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571.

As Indians, in October we celebrate Gandhi Jeyanthi. To institute Gandhi's vision, World Peace thru nonviolence, let us pray to Our Lady of the Rosary to intersect our prayers to our Lord for World Peace and for our Children to excel in this school year.

Enjoy the fall season!

Thomas Amutharasu
President

Kids Page

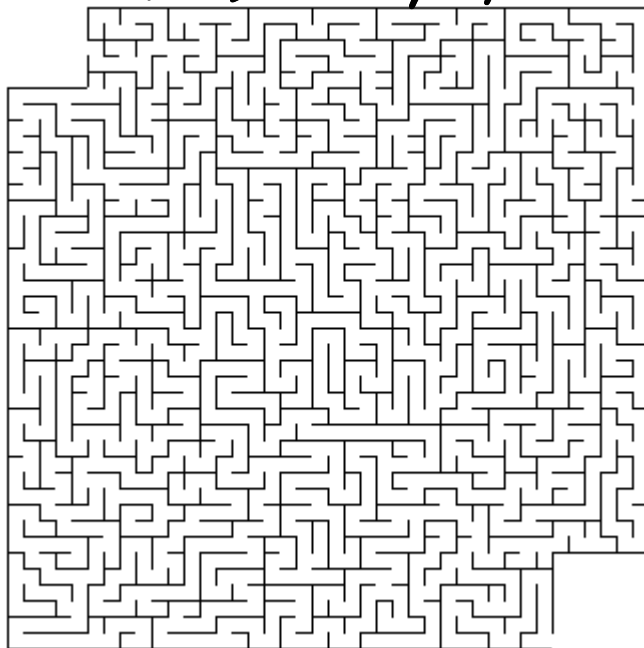
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 Use Order of Operations.

-By Rakesh Francis