



May,
Month of
Mary



The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century.

Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults.



The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, **Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.**



Devotion to **Mary** is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a **committed "Yes" to the will of God.**

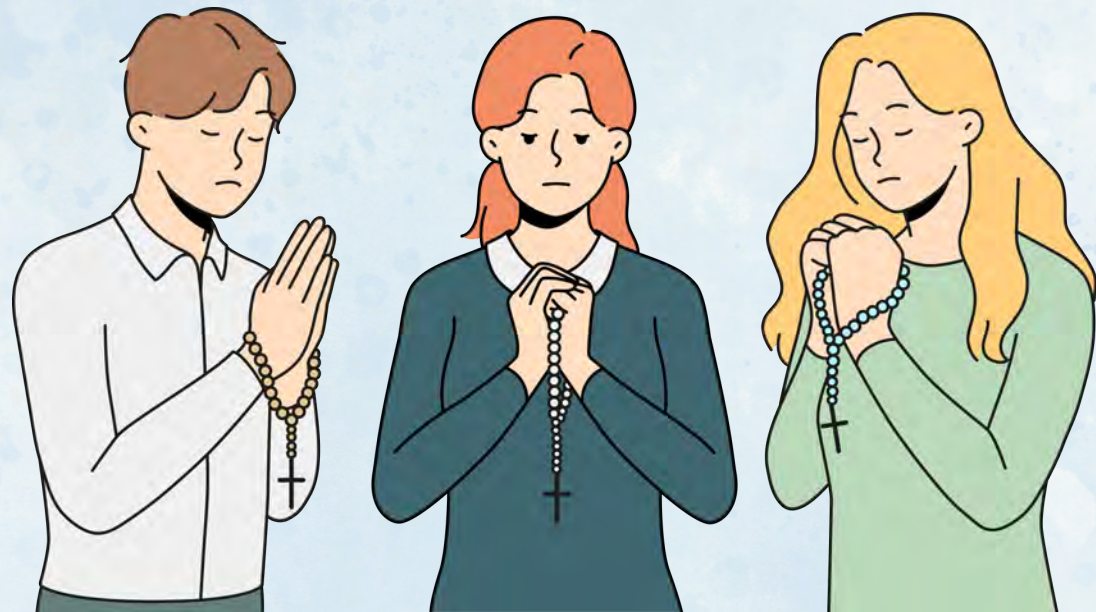


Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

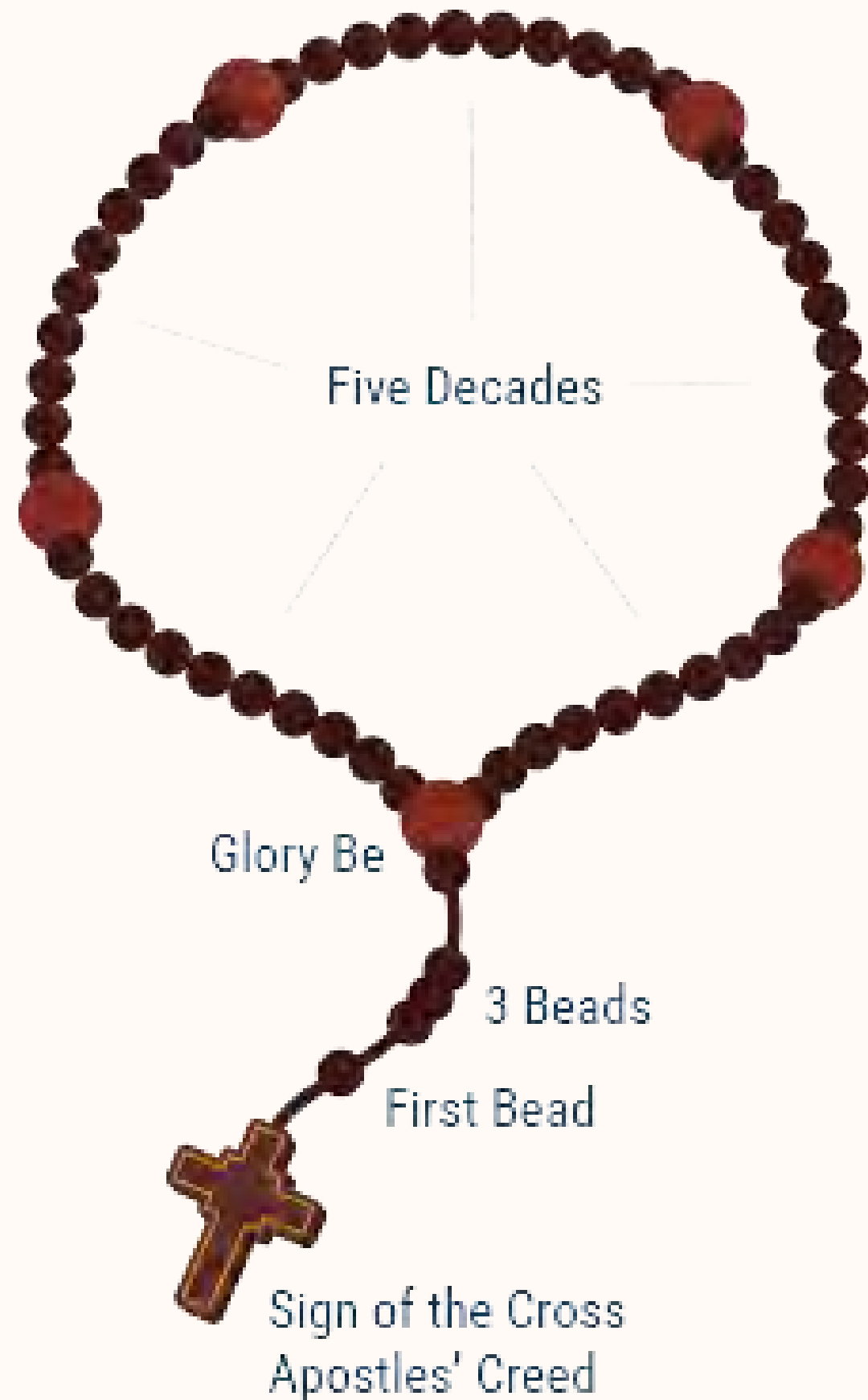


What do we do in the month of Mary?

It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home with the family. This can be done either as a group or individually, you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity and it is easy on the internet to find good models of prayer to follow. - Pope Francis 2020



The steps to praying the Rosary are:



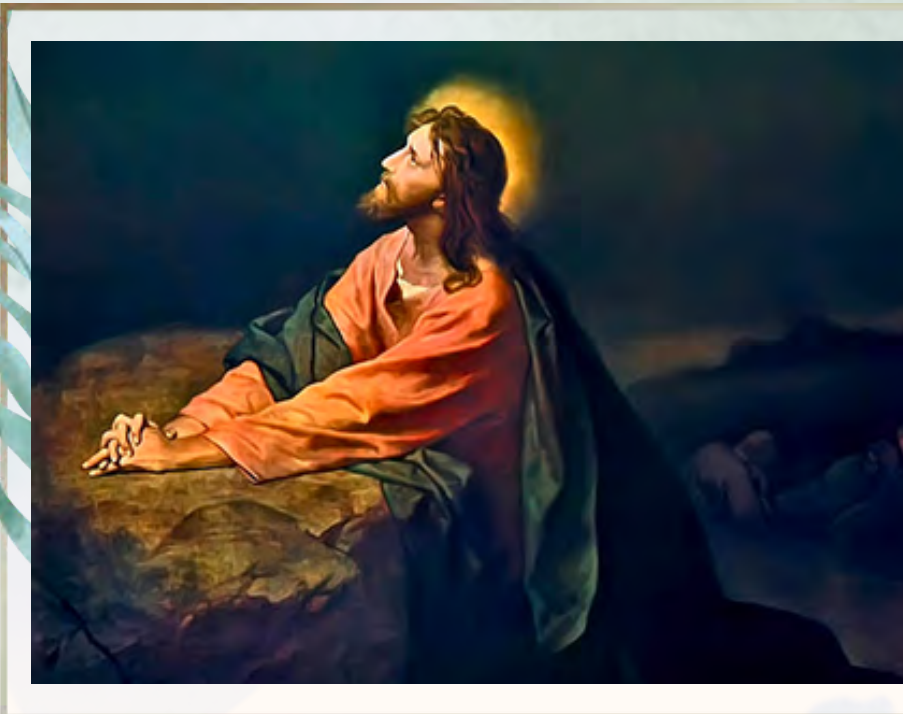
1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed"
2. Say the "Our Father"
3. Say three "Hail Marys" for Faith, Hope, and Charity
4. Say the "Glory Be"
5. Announce the First Mystery and then say the "Our Father"
6. Say ten "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery
7. Say the "Glory Be" (Optional: Say the "O My Jesus" prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
8. Announce the Next Mystery; then say the "Our Father" and repeat these steps (6 through 8) as you continue through the remaining Mysteries.
9. Say the closing prayers: the "Hail Holy Queen" and "Final Prayer"
10. Make the "Sign of the Cross"

Mysteries of the Rosary



Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation(Lk 1:26-27)
2. The Visitation(Lk 1:39-42)
3. The Nativity(Lk 2:1-7)
4. The Presentation in the Temple(Lk 2:21-24)
5. The Finding in the Temple(Lk 2:41-47)



Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden(Mt 26:36-39)
2. The Scourging at the Pillar(Mt 27:26)
3. The Crowning with Thorns(Mt 27:27-29)
4. The Carrying of the Cross(Mk 15:21-22)
5. The Crucifixion and Death(Lk 23:33-46)

Mysteries of the Rosary



Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection(Lk 24:1-5)
2. The Ascension(Mk 16:19)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit(Acts 2:1-4)
4. The Assumption(Lk 1:48-49)
5. The Coronation of Mary(Rev 12:1)



Luminous Mysteries

1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan(Mt 3:16-17)
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana(Jn 2:1-5)
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God(Mk 1:15)
4. The Transfiguration(Mt 17:1-2)
5. The Transfiguration(Mt 26:26)

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. And after each decade say the following prayer: 'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.'"

- Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

