

October - The Month of the Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. 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**).

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. But why is it that on October 7th the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary? On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. The patchwork team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, the holy pontiff, St. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory.

Please join us for the Rosary prayer **20 minutes before every weekend Mass, or daily after Morning Mass and before noon Mass at Resurrection**. Also, join us at **St. Josaphat** where we will be reciting the rosary outside at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto after **every Mass on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays**. Join us as we pay tribute to Our Lady who has wrought many miracles through The Most Holy Rosary.

On **October 12th at 12:00 pm**, we will gather at **Resurrection**, on the corner of Union and Como Park Blvd. for the Public Square Rosary Crusade which is taking place all over the country. Last year there were over 22,000 rallies. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please ask your friends and family to join us. Everyone from all four of our parishes are invited to attend! We all keep our Rosary near with us.

Our Lady of Rosary, pray for us!