

PARISH FAMILY PRAXIS (11-1-20)

OPENING PRAYER: THE “SIGNUM CRUCIS” AND “AVE, MARIA”

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Ave, Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

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SACRED SEVEN

- ___ 1. We find no basis in Scripture, but only in Tradition, for considering ourselves children of Mary.
- ___ 2. One title we give Mary is “Gate of Heaven.”
- ___ 3. In the Litany of Loreto, we call Mary “Servant of the Angels.”
- ___ 4. Because Mary is Mother of God, she is therefore Mother of the Holy Spirit.
- ___ 5. Because Mary is pre-eminent among the saints, we pray to her, but not to other saints.
- ___ 6. According to Christian Tradition, to be a beloved disciple of Christ, one must accept Mary and the Catholic Church as Mother.
- ___ 7. We can venerate God alone, not any angels or men.

PRAXIS: WEAPONIZING THE ROSARY

I. The War within the Church and within all Nations:

“We are facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the Gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the Antichrist. This confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God’s Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously.”—Cardinal Karol Wojtyla at the 1976 Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia

II. The Four Mysteries of the Rosary:

A. The Joyful Mysteries:

1. The Annunciation:

- a. For an end to contraception and sterilization
- b. For openness to the guidance of guardian angels and to obedience to the Father’s will

2. The Visitation:

- a. For joyful motherhood and love for the unborn

- b. For everyone's devoted service to the most vulnerable
 - 3. The Nativity:
 - a. For an end to abortion and infanticide
 - b. For increased Eucharistic Adoration
 - 4. The Presentation:
 - a. For more faithful parents to fulfill their obligation to Baptize their children and raise them in the faith
 - b. For Spirit-filled priests and widows
 - 5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple:
 - a. For young people to live truly as children of God the Father
 - b. For all people to love God first, and then their neighbor as themselves
- B. The Luminous Mysteries:
 - 1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan:
 - a. For all to be saved through Christ by Baptism
 - b. For all the Baptized to remain in a state of grace and quickly run to Confession if they fall into mortal sin
 - 2. The Manifestation of Christ at the Wedding Feast of Cana
 - a. For on-going conversion through sanctification of all Christians
 - b. For Christ's work to be carried on fearlessly by Christians who do whatever Christ tells them to do
 - 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
 - a. For Christians to proclaim the greatness of the Lord in word and deed
 - b. For world leaders to place themselves under the wise and perfect authority of Christ the King
 - 4. The Transfiguration
 - a. For all Christians to radiate the light of Christ to others
 - b. For all people to place their hope in heaven and believe the resurrection of the body and life everlasting
 - 5. The Institution of the Eucharist
 - a. For all to come to the worship God in Spirit and in Truth
 - b. For all Christians to receive the Eucharist in a state of grace and never to profane the Blessed Sacrament
- C. The Sorrowful Mysteries:
 - 1. The Agony in the Garden
 - a. For all people to acknowledge sin rather than excuse sin
 - b. For all people to remain vigilant and pray from the heart
 - 2. The Scourging at the Pillar
 - a. For an increase in self-discipline and fasting
 - b. For an end to torture and terrorism
 - 3. The Crowning with Thorns:
 - a. For an end to mockery of Christ and His Church
 - b. For us to offer up our anguish to the Father through the Crucified One

4. The Carrying of the Cross:
 - a. For no Christian ever to deny Christ in any circumstance
 - b. For all people to fulfill every sacred vow and promise, especially in marriage and religious life
5. The Crucifixion:
 - a. For all people to pray for and assist those who suffer
 - b. For love of enemies and a perfect love that casts out all fear
- D. The Glorious Mysteries:
 1. The Resurrection
 - a. For an increased belief in the Resurrection and proclamation of it
 - b. For the trials of life never to obscure the triumph of Easter
 2. The Ascension
 - a. For all to possess true hope placed in the things of heaven rather than in the things of the earth
 - b. For all of us to acknowledge Christ as Lord of Lords, and King of Kings
 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
 - a. For us always to pray with Mary and the Apostles for an increase in the fire of God's love
 - b. For the charity of the Holy Spirit to animate our every word and deed, and draw those we meet to Christ and His Church
 4. The Assumption
 - a. For more children of God to acknowledge Mary as their mother
 - b. For more to acknowledge Mary as assumed body and soul into heaven by God's power
 5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - a. For more Christians to acknowledge, with Christ, Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth
 - b. That Queen Mary's Immaculate Heart may triumph

QUESTIONS

- I. Why does Jesus wish for us to acknowledge Mary as our mother and to venerate her?
- II. Why is the Rosary a powerful weapon against evil?
- III. Does our veneration of Mary detract from our veneration of God?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the “Signum Crucis,” “Pater Noster,” “Ave Maria,” and “Gloria Patri”
- II. Mid-Day Prayer—Particular examination of conscience with an Act of Contrition
- III. Daily Mental Prayer—Conversing with the Immaculate Heart
- IV. Nightly Examination of Conscience followed by the Confiteor:
Have I shown my devotion to the Immaculate Heart by:
 - A. Praying to my guardian angel and responding to his inspirations without fear?
 - B. Accepting God the Father’s plan—though I know only parts of it!
 - C. Remaining in a state of grace, open to the movement of the Holy Spirit experienced as spiritual gifts and charisms.
 - D. Bearing Christ to others in the Gospel message of truth and in works of charity?