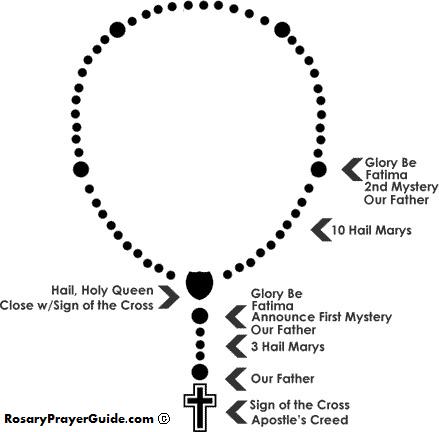
## The Rosary

Remember that the Rosary is divided into [4 different mysteries](http://www.rosaryprayerguide.com/index.php?q=20-Mysteries-of-the-Rosary), and each mystery is assigned to a different day of the week.  Reflecting on the Mysteries of Jesus' life is KEY to experiencing the full power of the Rosary.

1. While holding the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross, and then recite the [Apostles Creed](http://www.rosaryprayerguide.com/index.php?q=Rosary-Prayers.html#apostlescreed).

2. Recite the [Our Father](http://www.rosaryprayerguide.com/index.php?q=Rosary-Prayers.html#ourfather) on the first large bead.

3. Recite a [Hail Mary](http://www.rosaryprayerguide.com/index.php?q=Rosary-Prayers.html#hailmary) on each of the three small beads.

4. On the large bead, recite the [Glory Be to the Father](http://www.rosaryprayerguide.com/index.php?q=Rosary-Prayers.html#glorybe), the [Fatima Prayer](http://www.rosaryprayerguide.com/index.php?q=Rosary-Prayers.html#fatima) "O my Jesus", then announce the first mystery for the current day and recite the Our Father.

5. On each of the following ten small beads (also referred to as a decade) recite a Hail Mary while reflecting on the first mystery.

6. On the next large bead, recite the Glory Be to the Father, the Fatima prayer, announce the next mystery, and an Our Father.

7. Repeat this sequence for each of the following decades (Glory Be, Fatima Prayer, recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the Our Father, and ten Hail Marys) while meditating on the mystery.

8. After the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is usually ends with the [Hail Holy Queen](http://www.rosaryprayerguide.com/index.php?q=Rosary-Prayers.html#hailholy), and the Sign of the Cross.

## Rosary Prayers

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

### Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### Fatima

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

## The Twenty Mysteries of the Rosary

Here is a quick rundown of all twenty Mysteries.

**The Joyful Mysteries**

1. The Annunciation: The Archangel Gabriel visits with a young Mary to inform her that she will soon become the Virgin Mother to the Messiah.
2. The Visitation: Mary makes a visit her much older cousin Elizabeth.
3. The Nativity: The birth of Jesus Christ.
4. The Presentation: Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple 40 days after he is born.
5. The Finding in the Temple: Mary and Joseph find a 12 year old Jesus discussing scripture with the elder Rabbis in the Temple.

**The Luminous Mysteries (The Mysteries of Light)**

1. The Baptism of Jesus: John the Baptist baptizes Jesus, and the God proclaims that Jesus his beloved Son.
2. The Wedding at Cana: Jesus performs his first public miracle by changing water into wine at Cana.
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom: Jesus went to Galilee and proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God, called to conversion, and forgave the sins of all who draw near to him.
4. The Transfiguration: Jesus' divine nature glowed brilliantly through his humanity. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.
5. The Institution of the Eucharist: Jesus' Last Supper, where he shares his very self with his disciples in the form of bread and wine. It is truly an expression of God's ­saving presence—God's Kingdom of love—among us in the form of a banquet.

**The Sorrowful Mysteries**

1. The Agony in the Garden: Jesus sweats water and blood while praying the night before his passion.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar: Pilate has Jesus whipped.
3. The Crowning with Thorns: Roman soldiers crown Jesus' head with thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross: Jesus meets His mother and falls three times on the way up Calvary.
5. The Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies before His mother and His apostle John.

**The Glorious Mysteries**

1. The Resurrection: Jesus rises from the dead.
2. The Ascension: Jesus leaves the Apostles and bodily "ascends" to heaven.
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit: The Apostles receive the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire in the upper room with Mary.
4. The Assumption: Mary is taken bodily--assumed--into heaven by God at the end of her life here on earth.
5. The Coronation: Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

**Mysteries for Certain Weekdays**Since the Luminous Mysteries have recently been added, the typical schedule to praying during the week is as following:

Monday - Joyful  
Tuesday - Sorrowful  
Wednesday - Glorious  
Thursday - Luminous  
Friday - Sorrowful  
Saturday - Joyful  
Sunday - Glorious