**Leading the Rosary** Week #1 **- Day 1**

 (The First Joyful Mystery)

All 20 Mysteries of the Rosary can be prayed over 20 school days. The four sets of Mysteries (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful & Glorious) can be completed over the four weeks. Each day, one Mystery will be described for meditation, and then one decade will be prayed. Days are labelled 1-20 (not Mon-Fri) to accommodate for any 4-day weeks; simply continue the next mystery on the next school day.

**Today's Rosary Fact: Did you know?**

 When we pray to Mary in Heaven, we are asking her to bring our prayers to

 Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. So we are really praying to Jesus, through Mary.

1. “Let's begin this Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
2. “Hold the crucifix of your rosary beads. We will say the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of . . .
3. “Now we hold the first bead and we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art . . .
4. On the group of 3 beads, we will pray 3 Hail Mary's. This is to ask for Faith, Hope and Love. Hail Mary, full of Grace,. . . (x3)
5. 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
6. This week, we will be thinking about the Joyful Mysteries while we pray. **The first Joyful Mystery is called the Annunciation.** That is when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of God's Son, Jesus.
7. To help us think about the Annunciation while we pray, I will read a short description about it. (Read today's Mystery) . . .
8. Holding the next large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our father, who art in . . .
9. Now we will pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Remember to think of the Annunciation while we pray this decade. Hail Mary, full of Grace, ... (x10)
10. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we always say 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. You can find these on the back of your pamphlet. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
11. We will pray the second decade tomorrow. Thank you, everyone, for praying!

**Leading the Rosary** Week #1 **- Day 2** (The Second Joyful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 When we pray the Rosary, we are honouring Jesus' Mother. God tells us to honour our parents in the 4th commandment. Jesus gave us His Mother to be our Mother too. He is pleased when we talk to her. We are not worshipping Mary, because Mary is not God. We only worship God (the Father, Son & Holy Spirit).

1. “We will continue yesterday's Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
2. “Hold the large bead that comes after the first decade (That's the large bead after the group of 10 beads we prayed on yesterday).
3. “This whole week, we will be thinking about the Joyful Mysteries while we pray. Today, we will think about **the Second Joyful Mystery is called the Visitation.** That is when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist.
4. To help us think about the Visitation, I will read a short description about it. (Read today's Mystery) . . .
5. Still holding the large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
6. Now we will pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Remember to think of the Visitation while we pray this decade. Hail Mary, full of Grace,. . . (x10)
7. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we always say 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. You can find these on the back of your pamphlet. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
8. Thank you for praying! May the Graces from your prayers fill you with a greater love for Jesus! Tomorrow, we will pray the third decade of this rosary.

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #1 **- Day 3** (The Third Joyful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 When we pray the Rosary, we talk to both God and Mary, but we also think about Jesus. We think of one important event in His life and concentrate on that event during the decade of 10 Hail Mary's. These events are called Mysteries.

1. “We will continue yesterday's Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
2. Hold the large bead that comes after the second decade. That is, after the second group of 10 beads.
3. We will continue to think about the Joyful Mysteries while we pray. Today, we will meditate on  **the Third Joyful Mystery, called the Nativity**, or the birth of Jesus.
4. Listen to this short description of the Nativity before we pray.

(Read today's Mystery) . . .

1. Still holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
2. Now, on the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Remember to think of the details of the Nativity while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is. . . (x10)
3. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we always say 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. You can find these on the back of your pamphlet. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
4. Tomorrow we will pray the fourth decade of this rosary. Can you name tomorrow's Mystery? . . . Can you name all the Joyful Mysteries in order? . . .
5. Thank you for praying!

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #1 **- Day 4** (The Fourth Joyful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 There are 20 Mysteries in all. They tell about the main events in Jesus' life. Together, it makes a picture story of the entire Gospel. Read the details later in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. You'll be amazed that God shows us so much about Himself through Jesus!

1. “Let's continue this week's Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
2. Hold the large bead that comes after the third decade. That is, after the third group of 10 beads.
3. We will continue to think about the Joyful Mysteries while we pray. Today, we will meditate on **the Fourth Joyful Mystery, called The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple.** This is when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus, who is 40 days old, to the Temple for the first time.
4. Listen to this short description of the Presentation before we pray.

 (Read today's Mystery) . . .

1. Still holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
2. Now, on the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Remember to think of the details of the Presentation while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord . . . (x10)
3. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we always say 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. They are on the back of your pamphlet. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
4. Tomorrow we will pray the fifth decade of this rosary. Can you name tomorrow's Mystery? . . . Can you name all the Joyful Mysteries in order? . . .
5. Thank you for praying today! God bless you and your families!

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #1 **- Day 5** (The Fifth Joyful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 The family that prays together, stays together! On May 13th we celebrate “Our Lady of Fatima”. At Fatima, Mary appeared to the 3 children and asked them to pray the Rosary every day. What prayers do you say every day? Do you pray with your parents and siblings? Start a new prayer routine at home. Perhaps say a Morning Offering when you wake up, or grace before meals at dinner, or some bed-time prayers as a family.

1. “Let's continue this week's Rosary by making the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Hold the large bead that comes after the fourth group of 10 beads, or 4th decade.
2. We are still thinking about the Joyful Mysteries while we pray. Today, the **Fifth Joyful Mystery** is called **The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple**. When Jesus was only 12 years old, Mary & Joseph found Him teaching in the Temple!
3. Listen to this description of the Finding before we pray. (Read today's Mystery)
4. Still holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
5. Now, on the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Remember to think of the details of the Finding of Jesus while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, . . . (x10)
6. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we always say 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. They are on the back of your pamphlet. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
7. Since this is the end of the fifth decade, we say a final prayer to conclude the Rosary we have been saying all week. It is called the Hail Holy Queen. Hail Holy Queen, mother of Mercy, our life, our....
8. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Next week, we will pray the 5 Luminous Mysteries. Can you name them? . . .

1. Thank you, everyone, for praying! It brings our whole community closer to God. And so will the challenge for this weekend: to pray together as a family. God bless you!

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #2 **- Day 6** (The First Luminous Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 Every year, in October, there is a Feast called “Our Lady of the Rosary”. We remember that Mary appeared to St. Simon and asked him to spread the devotion of praying the Rosary. It honours Mary's Immaculate Heart. Mary also promised incredible blessings for those who pray to Jesus through Mary. She will always lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ.

1. “We begin with the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Holding the crucifix of your rosary beads, we will say the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of . . .
2. Now we hold the first bead and pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art . . .
3. On the group of 3 beads, we will pray 3 Hail Mary's. This is to ask for Faith, Hope and Love. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou . . . x3
4. 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
5. This week, we will think about the Luminous Mysteries. They are sometimes called The Mysteries of Light. They tell about the things Jesus did as an adult, during His public ministry. **The First Luminous Mystery is the Baptism of Jesus**, when John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.
6. To help us think about the Baptism of Jesus while we pray, I will read a short description about it. (Read today's Mystery) . . .
7. Holding the next large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our father, who art in . . .
8. Now we will pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Remember to think of the Baptism while we pray this decade. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord. . . (x10)
9. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we always say 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. You can find these on the back of your pamphlet. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
10. We will pray the second decade tomorrow. Thank you, everyone, for praying!

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #2 **- Day 7** (The Second Luminous Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 When we pray, we talk to God. We thank Him for His endless generosity. We ask Him to take care of us. We pray for others, asking God to provide their physical or spiritual needs. We tell God we are sorry for our sins. We praise God by telling Him what we know of His goodness. God delights when we speak to Him! It keeps our friendship strong and helps us get to Heaven. So be sure to talk to God every day.

1. “Let's continue yesterday's Rosary. We are on the second decade. Make the sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.”
2. Hold the large bead after the first decade. It is after the first group of 10 beads.
3. This week, we continue to think about the Luminous Mysteries while we pray. Today, we will think about the Second Luminous Mystery, which is called the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus performed His first miracle there, turning water into wine at a wedding.
4. To help us think about the Wedding Feast, I will read a short description about it. (Read today's Mystery) . . .
5. Still holding the large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
6. Now we pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Try to think of the Wedding Feast while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is. . . (x10)
7. On the last bead of a decade, we say 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. You can find these on the back of your pamphlet. 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 . . . And the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
8. Thank you for praying! May the Grace from your prayers fill you with a greater love for Jesus! Tomorrow, we will pray the third decade of this rosary.

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #2 **- Day 8** (The Third Luminous Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 We can ask God for special favours, or intentions. It can be for a specific person, like a friend who is sick. Or it can be for a group of people, like “for all parents, that they pray with their children.” When we pray the Rosary, we ask for particular intentions. They are always related to the event of each Mystery. For example, in today's 3rd Luminous Mystery, we ask for God's forgiveness. Listen to see if Forgiveness is a big part of the 3rd Luminous Mystery.

1. Let's continue yesterday's Rosary by making the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Now hold the large bead that comes after the second decade, or after the 2nd group of 10 beads.
2. We continue to think about the Luminous Mysteries this week. Today, we will meditate on the **Third Luminous Mystery**. It is called, **The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.**  Jesus teaches about God, about Heaven, and about forgiveness.
3. Listen to this description of The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

(Now, Read today's Mystery) . . .

1. Holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
2. On the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Remember to think of the Kingdom of God while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace. . . (x10)
3. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
4. Tomorrow we will pray the fourth decade of this rosary. Can you name tomorrow's Mystery? . . . Can you name all the Luminous Mysteries in order? . . .
5. Thank you for praying!

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #2 **- Day 9** (The Fourth Luminous Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 Mary has promised incredible blessings for those who pray the rosary with devotion.

She has appeared to the shepherd children in Fatima; to Bernadette in Lourdes;

 to Juan Diego in Mexico; and to so many more people over the centuries. Her message is always the same: Do penance and pray the Rosary. She knows it will bring us closer to Jesus, and to Heaven !

1. “Let's continue this week's Rosary by making the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
2. Hold the large bead that comes after the third decade. That is the large bead after the third group of 10.
3. We continue to think about the Luminous Mysteries while we pray. Today's **Fourth Luminous Mystery is called the Transfiguration.** Three of Jesus' apostles go up on a mountain with Jesus and see a glimpse of Heaven on His glowing face.
4. Listen to this description of the Transfiguration before we pray. (Read today's Mystery)
5. Holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
6. On the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Remember to think of the details of the Presentation while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord . . . (x10)
7. On the tenth bead, we also say the 2 closing prayers – The Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
8. Tomorrow, we will pray the fifth decade of this rosary. Can you name what Mystery it will be? . . . Look in your pamphlet for the answer. Or ask your teacher to display the Mystery Cards into the pocket chart for you. Study them until you know the name of all 20 Mysteries by heart!
9. Have you done the challenge for this week yet? . . . To pray something new with your family at home. Try to get each member of your family to thank God for something specific. Share it at Grace before meals. And of course, go to Mass this weekend. Mass is the best prayer of all because Jesus gave it to us at the Last Supper.

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #2 **- Day 10** (The Fifth Luminous Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

The month of May, with its abundance of blooms, was adopted by the Church in the 18th century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary’s maidenly spirituality. While it has been traditional to venerate Mary during the month of May by placing flowers on and around statues of our Blessed Mother, we can offer Our Lady a “spiritual bouquet” this month by praying the Rosary!

1. Now let's finish the fifth decade from this week's Rosary. We are on the 5th Luminous Mystery. We begin with the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Hold the large bead that comes after the 4th group of 10 beads.
2. Remember to think about the Luminous Mysteries while we pray. Today, it will be the **Fifth Luminous Mystery, called The Institution of the Holy Eucharist.** This was at the Last Supper, when Jesus gave us His Body & Blood in Holy Communion.
3. Listen to this description of The First Holy Eucharist. (Read today's Mystery)
4. Still holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
5. On the next 10 beads, we pray 10 Hail Mary's. Think of the details of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, . . . (x10)
6. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers – 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
7. Since this is the end of the fifth decade, we say a final prayer to conclude the Rosary. It is called the Hail Holy Queen. Hail Holy Queen, mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our Hope. To you. . .
8. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
9. Tomorrow, we will begin a new Rosary with the 5 Sorrowful Mysteries. Look in your Rosary pamphlet to name them. Then take a close look at all the mysteries. Teachers, you should have at least the first 10 mysteries (Joyful and Luminous) displayed in your pocket chart by now.
10. Thank you, everyone, for praying! God bless you!

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #3 **- Day 11** (The First Sorrowful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 The word “bead” is an Old English word meaning prayer. Catholics used beads to count their Our Fathers. Then they used a string of beads to pray the 50 Hail Marys of the Rosary. Then Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock at Mount Carmel, and she taught him the 15 Mysteries to meditate on. Finally, in 2002, Pope John Paul the 2nd introduced the five Luminous Mysteries. And that's how the current Rosary came to be.

1. Let's begin this Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Holding the crucifix of your rosary beads, we say the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of . . .
2. Now hold the first bead while we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art . . .
3. On the group of 3 beads, we will pray 3 Hail Mary's. This is to ask for Faith, Hope and Love. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou . . . (x3)
4. 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
5. This week, we will be thinking about the Sorrowful Mysteries. They tell about the suffering Jesus endured on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. **The first Sorrowful Mystery is the Agony in the Garden.**  Jesus prayed to God, “Not my will, but Yours!”.
6. Listen to this description of the Agony in the Garden, and think about it while we pray. (Read today's Mystery) . . .
7. Holding the next large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
8. Now we will pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Remember to think of the Agony while we pray this decade. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord. . . (x10)
9. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.

1. We will pray the second decade tomorrow. Thank you for praying!

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #3 **- Day 12** (The Second Sorrowful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 The word Rosary means “Crown of Roses”. So every time people say the Rosary devoutly, it is like placing a crown of roses upon the heads of Jesus and Mary. But because your prayers are heavenly flowers, these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty. In fact, the grace, or merit, from your prayers will last into eternity with you . . . forever!

1. Let's continue yesterday's Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Hold the large bead that comes after the first decade, or the first group of 10 beads.

1. This week, we are thinking about the Sorrowful Mysteries while we pray. For today's decade, the **Second Sorrowful Mystery is called Scourging at the Pillar.** That is when Pilot ordered that Jesus be whipped.
2. Listen to this description about The Scourging at the Pillar. ( Read today's Mystery )
3. Still holding the large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
4. Now we pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Remember to think of the Scourging at the Pillar while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is. . . (x10)
5. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
6. Thank you for praying! May the Grace from your prayers fill you with gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us. Tomorrow, we will pray the third Sorrowful Mystery.

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #3 **- Day 13** (The Third Sorrowful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 Usually, we pray all 5 decades of one Rosary at once. That way, we can think about all 5 Mysteries of one category during those 5 decades. For example, if we say the rosary on a Sunday, we meditate on the 5 Glorious Mysteries, because Sunday is the day Jesus Resurrected. On Fridays, we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries, because Good Friday was the day that Jesus was Crucified. On Thursdays we pray the Luminous Mysteries, because The Last Supper was on Holy Thursday. On Mondays and Saturdays, we pray the Joyful Mysteries. And we also pray the Glorious Mysteries on a Wednesday.

1. Let's continue yesterday's Rosary by making the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Now hold the large bead that comes after the second decade, or after the 2nd group of 10 beads.
2. We will continue to think about the Sorrowful Mysteries this week. Today, is the **Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns**. This is when the soldier teased Jesus about being a King and forced Him to wear a crown of sharp thorns.
3. Listen to a description of The Crowning with Thorns.

(Now, Read today's Mystery) . . .

1. Holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
2. On the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Remember to think of The Crowning with Thorns while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is. . . (x10)
3. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
4. Tomorrow we will pray the fourth decade of this rosary. Can you name the 4th Sorrowful Mystery? . . . Can you name all the Mysteries yet? . . . Practice with a friend, using your pamphlet or the deck of Mystery Cards. Remember, the better you know each of these sacred events, the easier it will be to reflect on it while you pray.
5. Thank you for praying!

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #3 **- Day 14** (The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 “Someone who prays the rosary alone gains only the merit of one rosary, which is great! But, if someone says it together with thirty people, he or she gains the merit of thirty rosaries.” That's incredible! St. Louis de Montfort explains more about this in his book, “**The Secret of the Rosary**”. He wants everyone to know how helpful it is to pray to Mary, especially in groups and families. He knows that Mary always brings us closer to her Son, Jesus. . . So pray the Rosary often, and with others!

1. Today, we will continue our Rosary from last week. We are on the 4th sorrowful Mystery. We begin by making the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
2. Hold the large bead that comes after the third decade. That is the large bead after the third group of 10.
3. We continue to think about the Sorrowful Mysteries while we pray. **The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery is called The Carrying of the Cross.** This is when Jesus accepts and carries His own cross, on which He will be crucified.
4. Listen to this description of The Carrying of the Cross. (Read today's Mystery)
5. Holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
6. On the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Try to think of the Carrying of the Cross while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord . . . (x10)
7. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
8. Tomorrow we will pray the fifth decade of this rosary. Which Mystery will it be? . . . Thank you for praying! God bless you!

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #3 **- Day 15** (The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 St. Louis de Montfort, the good saint who spent his whole life promoting the Rosary, tells of one lady whose single Rosary outweighed all her many good works, and in a vision, it outweighed all the sins of her life. So he tells us, “from this, learn the power and value of the holy Rosary, when it is said with meditation on the mysteries.”

1. Today, we will finish the Rosary we have been praying. We are on the 5th Sorrowful Mystery. Begin with the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Hold the large bead that comes after the 4th group of 10 beads
2. Remember to think about the Sorrowful Mysteries while we pray. **The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery is The Crucifixion.** That was when Jesus died on the cross as penance for our sins, making Heaven possible for each one of us.
3. Listen to this description of The Crucifixion. (Read today's Mystery)
4. Still holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
5. On the next 10 beads, we pray 10 Hail Mary's. Try to think of The Crucifixion while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, . . . (x10)
6. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers – 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
7. Since this is the end of the fifth decade, we say a final prayer to conclude the Rosary. It is called the Hail Holy Queen. Find that prayer on the back of your pamphlet. . . . Hail Holy Queen, mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our Hope. To you. . .
8. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
9. Tomorrow, we will begin a new Rosary with the last set of mysteries. They are the 5 Glorious Mysteries.
10. Thank you, everyone, for praying! God bless you!

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #4 **- Day 16** (The First Glorious Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 Today, we will begin praying the last set of Mysteries – the Glorious Mysteries. Two of the Glorious Mysteries are celebrated in the Church with a feast day during the month of May. Those are the Ascension, which is celebrated this year on May 16, and Pentecost, which is celebrated on May 23. In addition, the feast of the Visitation (the 2nd Joyful mystery) is celebrated on May 31!

1. Let's begin this Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Holding - or pointing to - the crucifix of your Rosary, we say the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, . . .
2. Now hold the first bead while we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art . . .
3. On the group of 3 beads, we will pray 3 Hail Mary's. This is to ask for Faith, Hope and Love. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou . . . (x3)
4. 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
5. This week, we will be thinking about the Glorious Mysteries. They tell about the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday and the amazing events that occurred afterwards. **The First Glorious Mystery is The Resurrection of Jesus.** This is when Jesus, who was dead in the tomb, became alive again forever!
6. Listen to this description of The Resurrection. (Read today's Mystery) . . .
7. Holding the next large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
8. Now we pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Try to think of The Resurrection while we pray this decade. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord. . . (x10)
9. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
10. Tomorrow, we will pray the 2nd decade of the Glorious Mysteries. Can you name them all yet? Which ones can you describe? . . . Remember, the better you know each of these sacred events, the easier it will be to reflect on them while you pray. God bless!

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #4 **- Day 17** (The Second Glorious Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 Every time we pray a Rosary Mystery, there is supernatural virtue that is related to that Mystery. We can ask God to help us grow in that virtue by our prayers. During the first Glorious Mystery, we pray for a strong Faith. During the second Glorious Mystery, we pray for Hope in Heaven. Dear God, help us to always believe that Jesus truly rose from the dead, that Jesus is truly Your Son, and that everything He taught is true. And may our Hope in Heaven strengthen us to lead lives that are pleasing to You. Amen!

1. Let's continue yesterday's Rosary by making the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Hold the large bead that comes after the first decade, or the first group of 10 beads.
2. This week, we are thinking about the Glorious Mysteries while we pray. Today's decade, **the Second Glorious Mystery, is called The Ascension**. The Ascension happened 40 days after The Resurrection. It was when Mary and the Apostles saw Jesus rising up to Heaven.
3. Listen to this description about The Ascension. ( Read today's Mystery )
4. Still holding the large bead, we pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
5. Now we pray 10 Hail Mary's on the next 10 beads. Remember to think of the Scourging at the Pillar while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is. . . (x10)
6. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
7. May the Grace from your prayers fill you with a strong Faith in Jesus, and lively Hope for Heaven. Tomorrow, we will pray the third Glorious Mystery. Thank you for praying!

 **Leading the Rosary** Week #4 **- Day 18** (The Third Glorious Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know?

 Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter. In other words, 50 days after Jesus resurrected, it was Pentecost, or the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church. Do you know why? Up until then, the apostles were afraid of being killed for following Jesus. But when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit from heaven, they were no longer afraid. In fact, they were “on fire” with eagerness to tell everyone about Jesus. So, the virtue we pray for during the Third Glorious Mystery is “Zeal for the Glory of God”. We want to be excited to tell everyone about Jesus. And do everything that will help people to love God more. Do you have Zeal for the Glory of God? ... Dear God, please give us Zeal for your Glory! Amen.

1. Let's continue by making the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Now hold the large bead that comes after the second decade, or after the 2nd group of 10 beads.
2. We will continue to think about the Glorious Mysteries. Today, **the Third Glorious Mystery is The Descent of the Holy Spirit.**  Ten days after Jesus went up into Heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to fill the Apostles with courage and other gifts so that they could tell the Good News about Jesus to everyone.
3. Listen to this description of The Descent of the Holy Spirit. (Now, Read today's Mystery) . . .
4. Holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
5. On the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Try to think of The Descent of the Holy Spirit while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is. . . (x10)
6. Still holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
7. On Monday, we will pray the fourth decade of this rosary. Can you name the 4th Glorious Mystery? . . . Try to name all the Mysteries. Reflecting on them while we pray is what brings us closer to God.
8. Thank you for praying! God bless you!

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #4 **- Day 19** (The Fourth Glorious Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 During the 4th Glorious Mystery, we pray for the Grace of a Holy death. Mary had a holy departure from this world because she was taken by Jesus directly to Heaven. She was completely without sin. God created her that way - Immaculate. So we pray for a Holy death too. But since we are not perfect, we cannot enter Heaven right away. Instead, we thank God that He created Purgatory, a place where we are purified, in part by the prayers of people on earth. But we still need to do penance each day for our own sins. This lessens the time we will spend in Purgatory. And we should pray daily for the Holy Soul who are there now. It is the most charitable thing we can do for them. Dear God, during this decade of Mary's Assumption, we pray that one day, we will experience a holy death, leading us to Heaven with You. Amen.

1. Today, we will continue our Rosary from last week. We are on the 4th Glorious Mystery. We begin by making the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Now hold the large bead that comes after the third decade. That's the large bead after the third group of 10.
2. We continue to think about the Glorious Mysteries while we pray. **The 4th Glorious Mystery is called The Assumption.** At the end of Mary's life on earth, she was lifted up to heaven by the Power of God, to live there forever with her son Jesus.
3. Listen to this description of The Assumption. (Read today's Mystery)
4. Holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
5. On the next 10 beads, we will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Try to think of The Assumption while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord . . . (x10)
6. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers. 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
7. Tomorrow we will pray the fifth decade of this rosary. Which Mystery will it be? . . Can you name all 20 Mysteries yet? Can you describe each event in your own words? Practice at home by describing them to your parents during dinner tonight. And you could also lead your family in praying a decade of the Rosary before bed!
8. Thank you for praying today. God bless you!

  **Leading the Rosary** Week #4 **- Day 20** (The Fifth Glorious Mystery)

**Today's Rosary Fact:** Did you know. . . ?

 The 5th Glorious Mystery is the Coronation of Mary. The virtue we pray for is a greater love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. At her Coronation, Mary was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. She leads everyone on earth to her Son Jesus in Heaven, if we let her. When we love Mary, it helps us love God more, because we can imitate her virtues. Dear God, help us to pray the Rosary often, so we will know Jesus and love Him much better.

1. Today, we will finish the Rosary we have been praying. We are on the 5th Glorious Mystery. Begin with the sign of the cross. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Hold the large bead that comes after the 4th group of 10 beads
2. Remember to think about the Glorious Mysteries while we pray. **The Fifth Glorious Mystery is the Coronation of Mary.** That was when Mary was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth, so that she can continue forever leading us to Jesus and Heaven.
3. Listen to this description of the Coronation of Mary. (Read today's Mystery)
4. Still holding the large bead, we now pray an Our Father. Our Father, who art in . . .
5. On the next 10 beads, we pray 10 Hail Mary's. Try to think of The Coronation of Mary while we pray. Hail Mary, full of Grace, . . . (x10)
6. Holding the last bead of the decade, we say the 2 closing prayers – 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 . . . and the Fatima prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy. Amen.
7. Since this is the end of the fifth decade, we say a final prayer to conclude the Rosary. It is called the Hail Holy Queen. Find that prayer on the back of your pamphlet. . . . Hail Holy Queen, mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our Hope. To you. . .
8. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
9. Thank you so much, students! This month, we have prayed 4 Rosaries together and have meditated on all 20 Mysteries. You have heard details about the most important events of Christ's life here on earth. Have you learned many new things about Jesus? We hope you will eagerly get to know even more about Jesus by reading His Gospels and by praying the Rosary with your family. God has revealed His love for us through Jesus. Let's respond passionately by putting God first in all we do. This will help you to stay close to Jesus every day. May God bless you!

**Rosary Facts - “ Did you know? ”**

Please post these Rosary Facts so students can share with their families. Encourage your students to pray the Rosary with their families throughout the year.

**Week #1 (Joyful mystery days):** Daily Rosary Facts

 1. When we pray to Mary in Heaven, it is always to ask her to bring our prayers to

 Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. So, as St Louis de Montefort teaches, we are really praying to Jesus, through Mary.

* + 1. When we pray the Rosary, we are honouring Jesus' Mother. Mary is also our spiritual mother in heaven. So when we talk to her, we obey God's 4th commandment to honour our parents. We are not worshipping Mary, because she is not God. We only worship God (the Father, Son & Holy Spirit).
		2. When we pray the Rosary, we talk to both God and Mary, but we also think about Jesus. We think of one important event in His life and concentrate on that event during the decade of 10 Hail Mary's. These events are called Mysteries.
		3. There are 20 Mysteries in all. They represent the main events in the life of Jesus. Together, it's like having a picture book of the entire set of Gospels. Read the details of these sacred events in Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. You'll be amazed at the things God reveals about Himself through Jesus!
		4. The family that prays together stays together. On May 13th we celebrate “Our Lady of Fatima”. At Fatima, Mary appeared to 3 children and asked them to pray the Rosary every day. What prayers do you say every day? Do you pray with your parents and siblings? Start a new prayer routine at home. Perhaps say a Morning Offering, grace before meals or bed-time prayers.

**Rosary Facts - “Did you know?”**

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**Week #2 (Luminous mystery days):** Daily Rosary Facts

1. Every year, in October, there is a Feast called “Our Lady of the Rosary”. We remember that Mary appeared to St. Simon and asked him to spread the devotion of praying the Rosary. It honours Mary's Immaculate Heart. Mary also promised incredible blessings for those who pray to Jesus through Mary. She will always lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ.
2. When we pray, we talk to God. We thank Him for His endless generosity. We ask Him to take care of us. We pray for others, asking God to provide their physical or spiritual needs. We tell God we are sorry for our sins. We praise God by telling Him what we know of His goodness. God delights when we speak to Him! It keeps our friendship strong and helps us get to Heaven. So be sure to talk to God every day.
3. We can ask God for special favours, or intentions. It can be for a specific person, like a friend who is sick. Or it can be for a group of people, like “for all parents, that they pray with their children.” When we pray the Rosary, we ask for particular intentions that are related to the events in the Mysteries. For example, in today's 3rd Luminous Mystery, we ask for God's forgiveness. Listen to see if Forgiveness is a big part of the 3rd Luminous Mystery.

1. Mary has promised incredible blessings for those who pray the rosary with devotion.

She has appeared to the shepherd children in Fatima; to Bernadette in Lourdes; to Juan Diego in Mexico; and to so many more people over the centuries. Her message is always the same: Do penance and pray the Rosary. She knows it will bring us closer to Jesus. And to Heaven !

1. The month of May, with its abundance of blooms, was adopted by the Church in the 18th century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary’s maidenly spirituality. While it has been traditional to venerate Mary during the month of May by placing flowers on and around statues of our Blessed Mother, we can offer Our Lady a “spiritual bouquet” this month by praying the Rosary!

**Rosary Facts - “Did you know?”**

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**Week #3 (Sorrowful mystery days):** Daily Rosary Facts

1. The word “bead” is an Old English word meaning prayer. Catholics used beads to count their Our Fathers. By the 15th century, the Rosary included 50 Hail Mary’s and the Psalms. Then Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock at Mount Carmel. She taught him to meditate on the 15 Mysteries while saying the prayers. In 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced the 5 Luminous Mysteries. Thank you Saint John Paul!
2. The word Rosary means “Crown of Roses”. So every time people say the Rosary devoutly, it is like placing a crown of roses upon the heads of Jesus and Mary. But because your prayers are heavenly flowers, these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty. The grace, or merit, from your prayers last into eternity with you!
3. Usually, we pray all 5 decades of one Rosary at once. That way, we can think about all 5 Mysteries of one category during those 5 decades. For example, if we say the rosary on a Sunday, we meditate on the 5 Glorious Mysteries, because Sunday is the day Jesus Resurrected. On Fridays, we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries, because Good Friday was the day Jesus was Crucified. On Thursdays we pray the Luminous Mysteries, because The Last Supper was on Holy Thursday. On Mondays and Saturdays, we pray the Joyful Mysteries. And on Wednesdays we pray the Glorious Mysteries again. (Sun-G; Mon-J; Tues-S; Wed-G; Th-L; Fri-S; Sat-J )
4. Someone who prays the rosary alone gains the merit of one rosary, which is great! But if someone says it together with thirty people, he or she gains the merit of thirty rosaries! That's incredible! St. Louis de Montfort explains more about this in his book, “**The Secret of the Rosary**”. He wants everyone to know how helpful it is to pray to Mary, especially in groups and families. He knows that Mary always brings us closer to her Son, Jesus. . . .So pray the Rosary often, and with others!
5. St. Louis de Montfort, the good saint who spent his whole life promoting the Rosary, tells of one lady whose single Rosary outweighed all her many good works. And in a vision, she saw it tip the scales against all the sins of her life! So, he tells us, “from this, learn the power and value of the holy Rosary, when it is said with meditation on the mysteries”.

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**Week #4 (Glorious mystery days):** Daily Rosary Facts

1. Today, we will begin praying the last set of Mysteries – the Glorious Mysteries. Two of the Glorious Mysteries are celebrated in the Church with a feast day during the month of May. Those are the Ascension, which is celebrated this year on May 16, and Pentecost, which is celebrated on May 23. In addition, the feast of the Visitation (the 2nd Joyful mystery) is celebrated on May 31!
2. For each Mystery of the Rosary, we pray for a supernatural virtue related to that Mystery. We ask God to help us grow in that virtue. During the first Glorious Mystery, we pray for a strong Faith. During the second Glorious Mystery, we pray for Hope in Heaven. Dear God, help us to always believe that Jesus truly rose from the dead, that Jesus is truly Your Son, and that everything He taught is true. And may our Hope in Heaven strengthen us to lead lives that are pleasing to You. Amen!
3. Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is like the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church. Before Pentecost, the apostles were afraid of being killed for following Jesus. But when they received the Holy Spirit from heaven, they were no longer afraid. In fact, they were “on fire” with eagerness to tell everyone about Jesus. So, the virtue we pray for during the Third Glorious Mystery is “Zeal for the Glory of God”. We want to be excited to tell everyone about Jesus. We try to do everything that will help people to love God more. Do you have Zeal for the Glory of God? ... Pray: “Dear God, please give us Zeal for your Glory! Amen.”
4. During the 4th Glorious Mystery, we pray for the Grace of a Holy death. Mary had a holy departure from this world because she was taken by Jesus directly to Heaven. She was completely without sin because God created her that way - Immaculate. So we pray for a Holy death too. But since we are not perfect, we cannot enter Heaven right away. Instead, we thank God that He created Purgatory, a place where we are purified, in part by the prayers of people on earth. But we still need to do penance for our own sins every day. This lessens the purifying we will need in Purgatory. We should pray often for the Holy Soul in Purgatory. It's the most loving thing we can do for them. “Dear God, during this decade of Mary's Assumption, we pray that one day, we will experience a holy death, leading us to Heaven with You. Amen.”
5. The virtue we pray for during the Coronation of Mary is a greater love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. At her Coronation, Mary was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. She leads everyone on earth to her Son Jesus in Heaven, if we let her. When we love Mary, it helps us love God more, because we can imitate her virtues. Dear God, help us to pray the Rosary often, so we will know Jesus and love Him much better. Amen.