

The Dominican Rosary

Originally "Our Lady's Psalter," the Rosary begins in a way parallel to the Divine Office.

- V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
R. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- V. O Lord, ✠ open my lips. (*Make the sign of the cross on your lips with your thumb.*)
R. And my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
- V. O God, ✠ come to my assistance.
(*Cross yourself.*)
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
- V. Glory be to the Father . . .
R. As it was . . .

The decades follow immediately.

✠ The Joyful Mysteries

I – The Annunciation

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

II – The Visitation

[Elizabeth exclaimed], "And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? . . . blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." (Luke 1:43, 45)

III – The Nativity

When Christ came into the world, He said . . . "Lo, I have come to do Thy will, O God." (Hebrews 10:7)

IV – The Presentation

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:2-3 RSV/NAB)

V – The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

And He said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)

✠ The Luminous Mysteries

I – The Baptism

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. (Matthew 1:13-15)

II – The Wedding Feast at Cana

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

III – The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Not every one who says to Me, "Lord, Lord" shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

IV – The Transfiguration

A bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. (Matthew 17:5-8)

V – The Institution of the Eucharist

He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. . . . He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. (John 6:56, 15:5)

Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world. (Matthew 28:20)

✠ The Sorrowful Mysteries

I – The Agony in the Garden

He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." (Matthew 26:38-39)

II – The Scourging at the Pillar

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

How can I repay the LORD for all the good done for me? (Psalm 116:12 NAB)

III – The Crowning with Thorns

My kingdom is not of this world. (John 18:36)

IV – The Carrying of the Cross

Then Jesus told His disciples, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25)

V – The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ

In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

He died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:15)



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☚ The Glorious Mysteries

I – The Resurrection

Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:26-28)

II – The Ascension

[Let us keep] our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how He endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:2-3 NAB)

III – The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; . . . If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22, 25)

IV – The Assumption

You are all fair, My love; there is no flaw in you. Come with Me from Lebanon, My bride; come with Me from Lebanon. (Canticle 4:7-8)

V – The Coronation

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)



The Rosary closes with the Hail Holy Queen, followed by:

V. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only-begotten Son . . .

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.
R. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

☚ The Dominican Nuns



What is a Dominican monastic vocation?

It is an invitation to come apart from the world in order to give oneself totally to Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls. Our Constitutions describe it in these words:

“As the Lord Jesus, the Savior of all, offered Himself completely for our salvation, [the nuns] consider themselves to be truly His members primarily when they are spending themselves totally for souls.”

We accomplish this total gift of self through loving observance of our Dominican monastic life. “Outstanding among [its] elements are common life, the celebration of the liturgy and private prayer, the observance of the vows and the study of sacred truth. To fulfill these faithfully, we are helped by enclosure, silence, the habit, work, and penitential practices.”

Our community keeps Eucharistic Adoration and Our Lady’s Rosary Guard of Honor, as we live out St. Louis Marie de Montfort’s Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. We also sing the major hours of the Divine Office in Latin using our traditional Dominican chant.

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“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

(John 8:68)

“Come, follow Me.”

(Matthew 19:21)