



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

OCTOBRI MENSE

Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII of 1891: On the Holy Rosary



Madonna of the Rosary, Caravaggio, 1605-1607, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna

But since the salvation of our race was accomplished by the mystery of the Cross, and since the Church, dispenser of that salvation after the triumph of Christ, was founded upon earth and instituted, Providence established a new order for a new people. The consideration of the Divine counsels is united to the great sentiment of religion. The Eternal Son of God, about to take upon Him our nature for the saving and ennobling of man, and about to consummate thus a mystical union between Himself and all mankind, did not accomplish His design without adding there the free consent of the elect Mother, who represented in some sort all human kind, according to the illustrious and just opinion of St. Thomas, who says that the Annunciation was effected with the consent of the Virgin standing in the place of humanity. With equal truth may it be also affirmed that, by the will of God, Mary is the intermediary through whom is distributed unto us this immense treasure of mercies gathered by God, for mercy and

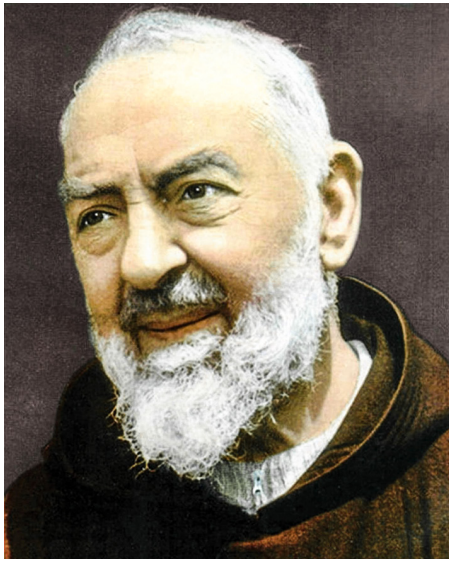
truth were created by Jesus Christ. Thus as no man goeth to the Father but by the Son, so no man goeth to Christ but by His Mother. ... Mary is this glorious intermediary; she is the mighty Mother of the Almighty; but - what is still sweeter - she is gentle, extreme in tenderness, of a limitless loving kindness. As such God gave her to us. Having chosen her for the Mother of His only begotten Son, He taught her all a mother's feeling that breathes nothing but pardon and love. Such Christ desired she should be, for He consented to be subject to Mary and to obey her as a son a mother. Such He proclaimed her from the cross when he entrusted to her care and love the whole of the race of man in the person of His disciple John. Such, finally, she proves herself by her courage in gathering in the heritage of the enormous labors of her Son, and in accepting the charge of her maternal duties towards us all.

Now, among the several rites and manners of paying honor to the Blessed Mary, some are to be preferred, inasmuch as we know them to be most powerful and most pleasing to our Mother; and for this reason we specially mention by name and recommend the Rosary. The common language has given the name of corona to this manner of prayer, which recalls to our minds the great mysteries of Jesus and Mary united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs. The contemplation of these august mysteries, contemplated in their order, affords to faithful souls a wonderful confirmation of faith, protection against the disease of error, and increase of the strength of the soul. The soul and memory of him who thus prays, enlightened by faith, are drawn towards these mysteries by the sweetest devotion, are absorbed therein and are surprised before the work of the Redemption of mankind, achieved at such a price and by events so great. The soul is filled with gratitude and love before these proofs of Divine love; its hope becomes enlarged and its desire is increased for those things which Christ has prepared for such as have united themselves to Him in imitation of His example and in participation in His sufferings. The prayer is composed of words proceeding from God Himself, from the Archangel Gabriel, and from the Church; full of praise and of high desires; and it is renewed and continued in an order at once fixed and various; its fruits are ever new and sweet.

Virgin and Child with a Rosary, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1650-1655, Museo del Prado, Madrid

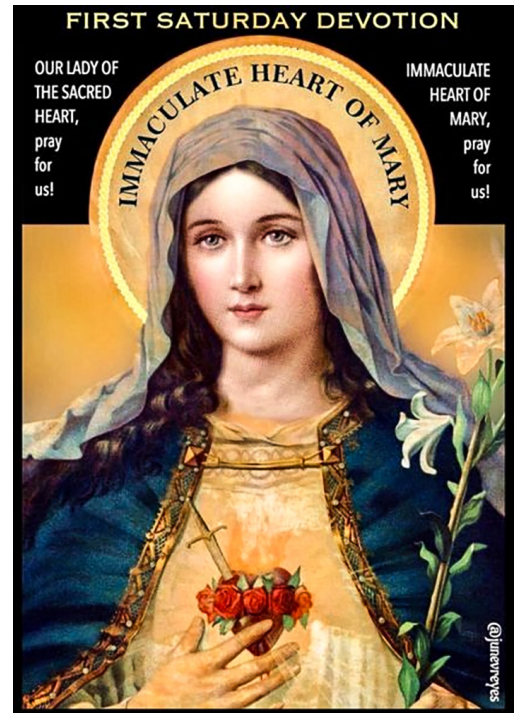


PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP



At First Saturday, Padre Pio Prayer Group, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be starting 2nd October at St. Winefride's. As requested by Padre Pio, the intentions of this prayer group will also be for the Holy Father and our prayer needs. It will start with holy Mass at 10am. Then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour, during which time we will say the holy Rosary, followed by Benediction and a social hour in the hall for tea, coffee,

biscuits and anything you would be willing to bring along to share.
Contact: Mary Conroy, 07711 148877.



SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS
Sun	3 rd Oct	12:30 pm	External Solemnity of the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Joseph Stevens
Mon	4 th Oct	10:00 am	St. Francis of Assisi, Confessor	Joan Flynn
Tue	5 th Oct	6:30 pm	Commemoration of St. Placid and his Companions, Martyrs	Joseph Stevens
Wed	6 th Oct	10:00 am	St. Bruno, Confessor	PI
Thu	7 th Oct	6:30 pm	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	PI
Fri	8 th Oct	10:00 am	St. Bridget, Widow	PI
Sat	9 th Oct	10:00 am	St. John Leonardi, Confessor	PI
Sun	10 th Oct	12:30 pm	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	PI

All Masses (also Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday) are at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA.

Note that Adoration and Benediction on Tuesdays and Thursdays start at 5.30 pm before the 6.30 pm Mass.