PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

Aug. 23-24 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigésimo Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.

Luke 13:30



Porque he aquí, algunos son últimos que serán primeros, y algunos son primeros que serán últimos.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

CLERGY

REV. JORGE HERRERA, PASTOR DCN. DON CAULEY, CHANCELLOR

CHURCH OFFICE

Monday: Closed
Tuesday - Friday: 8am to 4pm
Saturday: 9am to 5pm
Sunday: Closed

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY: 4PM CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

TUESDAY - FRIDAY
DAILY NOON MASSES

TUESDAY: 12:30PM-7PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY: 6:30PM Grupo de Oración

SATURDAY: 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT:

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: MASS 5PM (ENGLISH)

SUNDAY: MASS 9AM (ENGLISH), 11:30AM (BILINGUAL), 5PM (ESPAÑOL)



Saturday, Aug. 23

♦ 5pm: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

Sunday, Aug. 24

- ♦ 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por las almas del pergatorio

Tuesday, Aug. 26- Friday Aug. 29 at Noon

- ◆ Tues: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ Wed: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ Thurs: Juan Herrera † and Happy Birthday Mandy
- ◆ Fri: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

Saturday, Aug. 30

♦ 5pm: Sergio Ortega †

Sunday, Aug. 31

- 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los feligreses vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

August 17, 2025

Mass Offerings	\$ 8,200.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 5,347.50
TOTAL	\$13,547.50

Black & Native American Missions \$25.00

2nd Collection

Catholic Services Appeal

Please join us in reaching our goal to support our greater catholic community!







Pledged	\$ 95,751
Raised	\$ 90,621

Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.

Thank you for supporting CSA.



Dear Fellow Parishioner,

Our parish's 2025 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign is in full swing, and we are hoping to approach its close this summer. We are heartened by the generosity of our parish community, with a participation rate of 16% so far - and growing. If you're receiving this email, we hope you are soon to be in the "and growing" category! The CSA drive is a vital Diocese-wide effort and a beautiful opportunity for our parish to unite in faith and generosity, supporting ministries that touch lives within both our North Tahoe community and our larger regional area.

Every donation counts and the number of parishioners who participate matters just as much as the amount given. 91 of our 550 registered parishioners have participated to date; and we are currently \$37,526 short of our Diocese-set goal of \$124,877. Exceeding this goal would be a blessing, as surplus funds return directly to St Francis of Assisi to support our parish.

If you are an annual CSA contributor but have not donated yet this year, or if you are new to the CSA campaign, we invite you to join us in this meaningful effort now. No gift is too small, and every donation brings us closer to our shared mission. You can get more information and donate securely online at:

https://www.catholicreno.org/catholic-services-appeal-2025

Once online, scroll down to choose "Pledge Card" or "Donate to CSA", depending on how you would like to contribute. Follow the prompts to specify "CSA" and "St Francis of Assisi Parish". You can also drop off cash or a check at the church office, or mail your donation to St Francis of Assisi, 701 Mt Rose Hwy, Incline Village, NV 89451. For further assistance with online giving or to confirm your contribution, please contact Ileana, our Financial Administrator, at (775) 831-0490.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal. We hope to

significantly increase participation and reach or exceed our parish goal in the coming weeks! Together, we can reflect the loving spirit of our parish community by supporting our broader Catholic family.

In Christ's Peace,

Elaine & Billy Haynes
2025 CSA Coordinators

2 Corinthians 9:11

You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.

Women's Ministry

St Francis of Assisi Women's Ministry has a great opportunity for all those looking to volunteer to assist those less fortunate in the Reno area. We are partnering with Catholic Charities to distribute food at their Farmer's Market, every 3rd Friday of the month from 12 -3 pm. Those who have volunteered previously have found it to be a very humbling and rewarding experience.

If interested in participating, please sign up for a date(s) as follows:

• September 19

We can take up to 10 volunteers each date. Please do not sign up if you will not be able to commit to actually participating.

Please contact Renee at <u>cbzno1bb@yahoo.com</u> if you would like to volunteer. Please do not sign up if you will not be able to commit to actually participating.

Don't Miss Out! - PARTICIPATE

We are "On the Boat Together," as Pope Francis writes in his final document of the Synod on Synodality:

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission

It is, together, in the synodal journey "where the practice of conversation in the Spirit, community discernment, sharing of vocational gifts and co-responsibility in the mission is growing."

If you want to prepare for the synod, click the link and peruse the document.

https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26 final-document/ENG---Documento-finale.pdf



Let's Do It!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Synod
Saturday, September 27, 2025, 9:00am – 4:30pm
*** Lunch and childcare provided ***
Guest Speaker: Father Joe Walsh



Call the office to register 775-831-0490

Why should I care about a parish synod?

A synodal journey is **walking** together, **listening** to one another, and **discerning the path forward** as a unified body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.

And this matters because?

It benefits the whole community. Beyond your direct ministry, embracing synodality has profound benefits for the parish as a whole because a synodal parish is:

More Missionary: The end goal of synodality is to make the church more effective at evangelization by making it more participatory and inclusive.

A Community of Communion: Synodality strengthens the bonds of communion within the parish. When parishioners feel heard and valued, they are more likely to engage actively in parish life, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and shared purpose.

Discerning and Responsive: Through synodal processes, the parish can better discern the signs of the times and respond more effectively to the challenges and opportunities it faces.

Countering Clericalism: By actively involving the laity, including your catechumenate team, in meaningful dialogue and discernment, the parish moves away from a purely top-down approach and embraces the gifts and charisms of all its members.

Embracing synodality requires a shift in mindset and a willingness to listen and dialogue, even when facing differing viewpoints. If we can make that shift in mindset, we will see a more vibrant, participatory, and missionary church, and a deeper, lifelong conversion for those journeying towards Christ.



We are excited to announce our Parish Mission scheduled for September 7, 8, 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Church.

The Mission will focus on the theme of "Formed in Christ; One in the Spirit" and will be led by Julissa Espinal from Hallow.

The Parish Mission is an important event and will link to our Parish Synod scheduled for late September.

The detailed schedule is as follows:

Sept. 7th – 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Spanish, followed by light refreshments provided by the English community.

Sept 8th – 6:00-7:30 p.m. in English, followed by light refreshments provided by the Latino community.

Sept 9th – 6:00-7:30 p.m., Bilingual including Adoration, followed by wine and nibbles.

We need volunteers to provide the food for each evening. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering area after Mass.

We will be embarking on a Parish-wide Hallow Prayer Challenge immediately following the Mission.

If you haven't already done so, please join the St Francis of Assisi Parish community on the Hallow App. Those who have joined have provided very positive feedback and share that it has dramatically Improved their prayer life and personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parish Mission!



REATREAT Coming Soon!



OnFire is an event for Catholic High School Youth, to be held on Saturday, September 13th.

"You will connect and explore the depths of your truth, igniting your soul & finding peace within. Rest your Mind, Body, Soul, and Spirit!" The registration cost is \$150 per person.

Lunch, transportation and tickets are included, and the <u>last day to register is September 1st</u>.

Contact Lorena Herrera lorenaa@sftahoe.org or Eugene Gumah eugeneg@sftahoe.org for more info.

Please sponsor a teen if you can, by donating at https://sftahoe.org/give-online, youth ministry! Limited seating for 10 teenagers. Scholarships available upon availability.

Youth will be fundra

Youth will be fundraising after Masses for this event.

Please Support Them!





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With gratitude to God and to each of you, I am pleased to share with you the Annual Parish Financial Report for 2024-2025. This report provides an overview of how your generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure have supported our parish's mission throughout the past year.

Your faithful stewardship has enabled us to celebrate the sacraments, strengthen our liturgical life, support our parish ministries, maintain our facilities, and assist those in need. Together, we continue to live out the Gospel and build up the Body of Christ in our community.

I want to thank each of you for the many ways you give—through prayer, volunteer service, and financial sacrifice. Your generosity is a true witness of faith, and it allows our parish to remain a place of worship, welcome, and hope for all.

As we look ahead, let us continue to work together as one family in Christ, trusting that God will bless our efforts and guide our parish in the year to come.

Please take some time to review the enclosed report. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Iliana in the parish office. Transparency and accountability are important to us, and we welcome your thoughts.

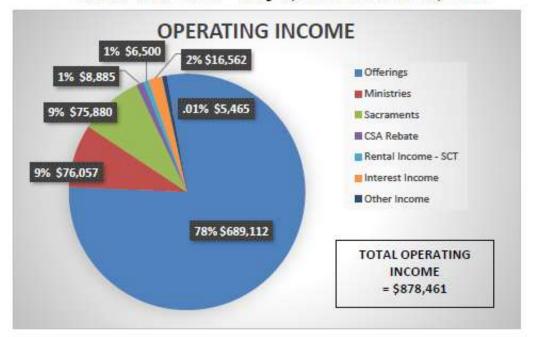
May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly. Be assured of my prayers for you each day.

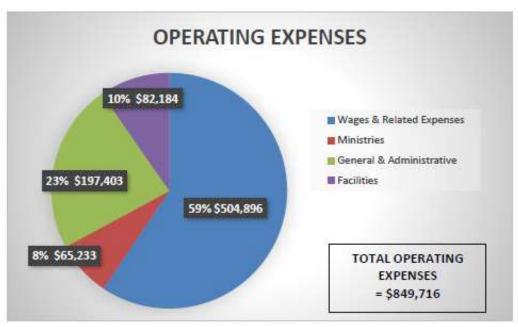
In Christ,

Rev. Jorge Herrera, Pastor Saint Francis of Assisi

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH STATEMENT OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year 2025 - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025





NET OPERATING ACTIVITY = \$28,745

St Francis of Assisi is thankful for the continued generosity of its parishioners in keeping our Parish in good financial condition.

For the Parish's complete Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2025, please go to https://sftahoe.org/financial JOIN US FOR ST. CLARE'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT:

DRINK BEER

Build & URE
4-7 PM

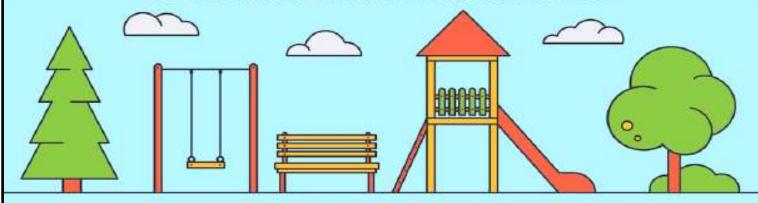
AUGUST 31ST, 2025 Alibi Incline Public House

FACE PAINTING
BALLOON TWISTING

ALIBI BEER & FOOD

SILENT AUCTION
RAFFLE & PRIZES

Proceeds will help fund financial aid scholarships for students at St. Clare's Montessori School



HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:









Vocation Prayer Cross

VOCATION CROSS UPDATE:

Please join us in praying for Vocations by signing up to take the Vocations Cross home for a week and praying that individuals answer the Lord's call for more laborers for the harvest.

There is a special prayer attached to the cross that can be recited daily for this intention.

The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Aea.

Thank you for taking part in this much-needed prayer intention.



Cruz de Oración Vocacional

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA CRUZ DE VOCACIONES: Únase a nosotros en oración por las vocaciones inscribiéndose para llevar la Cruz de Vocaciones a casa durante una semana y orando para que las personas respondan al llamado del Señor de más obreros para la cosecha.

Hay una oración especial adjunta a la cruz que se puede rezar diariamente por esta intención.

La hoja de inscripción se encuentra en el Área de Reuniones. Gracias por participar en esta tan necesaria intención de oración.





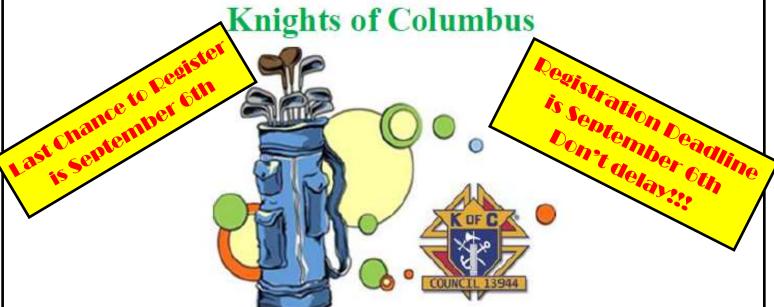
Project Dresser Update:



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send a \$500 check to
Deeper Still and Hope Ministries (formerly Real Choices) in Fernley
for a recently widowed mom with 5 children who is looking for a job.

If you wish to help her, you can make a check out to
St. Francis of Assisi and memo it to: "Project Dresser MOM"
and we will forward the monies to Deeper Still and Hope Ministries for her.
God bless you for your continued support of this ministry.

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH Knights of Columbus



14th ANNUAL Golf & GIGGLE and "GATHER"

Monday, September 15, 2025, at Incline Village Championship Golf Course AT THE CHATEAU

NOT A GOLFER?

DON'T MISS THIS FIRST TIME DINNER EVENT

GATHER WITH FELLOW PARISHNERS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP (RAFFLE & AUCTION)

5:30pm Beer, Wine & Buffet Dinner

\$85 PER PERSON

Beer and Wine Included (no host bar for cocktails)

Dinner will be an Italian Buffet Feast. Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Grilled Vegetables, Penne Pasta with Porcini Cream Sauce and Chicken Parmesan.



Religious Pilgrimage with Fr. Jorge / Peregrinación Religiosa con P. Jorge

"St. Paul's Footsteps" Turkey and Greece / "Tras las huellas de San Pablo"
Turquía y Grecia

Departure/Partida: Monday-Lunes, April 6, 2026 from Reno Airport

Arrival/Llegada: Friday-Viernes, April 24, 2026 to Reno Airport at 10pm

Cities/Ciudades: Athens, Istanbul, Cappadocia, Konya, Pamukkale, Laodicea, Sardes, Izmir, Ephesus, Thyatira,

Pergamon, Troy, Çanakkale, Kavala, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Kalambaka, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth.

Cost per Person in double or triple occupancy / Costo por Persona en ocupación doble o triple: \$6,400.00

THE PRICE INCLUDES / EL PRECIO INCLUYE:

- AIRFARE TO AND FROM RENO, NEVADA / PASAJES AÉREOS HACIA Y DESDE RENO, NEVADA
- ◆ ACCOMMODATION IN 4-STAR HOTELS / ALOJAMIENTO EN HOTELES DE 4 ESTRELLAS
- HALF BOARD (with water, and wine where it is allowed by local rules) / MEDIA PENSIÓN (con agua y vino donde lo permitan las normas locales)
- ♦ EXCLUSIVE BUS SERVICE FOR THE GROUP THROUGHOUT THE TRIP / SERVICIO DE AUTOBÚS EXCLUSIVO PARA EL GRUPO DURANTE TODO EL VIAJE
- ♦ ISTANBUL-CAPPADOCIA AIR TRANSFER / TRASLADO AÉREO ESTAMBUL-CAPADOCIA
- ◆ EXCLUSIVE ESCORT GUIDE THROUGHOUT THE TOUR / GUÍA ACOMPAÑANTE EXCLUSIVO DURANTE TODO EL TOUR
- GRATUITIES FOR GUIDES and BUS DRIVERS OF THE GROUP / PROPINAS PARA GUÍAS Y CONDUCTORES DE AUTOBÚS DEL GRUPO

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE / EL PRECIO NO INCLUYE:

- ♦ Breakfast in case of check out before 7:00 am. / Desayuno en caso de registrarse antes de las 7:00 am.
- Extras in the hotels. / Extras en los hoteles.
- ♦ Lunches and dinners not specified in the travel program. / Almuerzos y cenas no especificados en el programa de viaje.
- ♦ Drinks not included in lunches and/or dinners. / Bebidas no incluidas en almuerzos y/o cenas.
- ♦ Early check-in and/or Late check-out. / Registrarse temprano y/o registrarse tarde.
- ♦ Porter service in/out. / Servicio de maleteros entrada/salida.
- ♦ Any service not specified above in "PRICE INCLUDES:" / Cualquier servicio no especificado anteriormente en "EL PRECIO INCLUYE:"

For more details, please contact / Para más detalles, por favor contacte
Anibal Cordoba-Sosa at (775) 600-9606 email address: acordobasosa@gmail.com

Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 24, 2025

Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Luke 13:22–30. In this scene, someone poses a question of faith that manifests their religious curiosity. Jesus responds not by answering the question but by redirecting the person's focus to where their attention should be placed. If they are not striving to enter the Kingdom of God now then they may never enter. Let's study this passage in detail to better understand what it means for us as disciples.

The person who poses the question to Jesus is someone who heard Him teach as our Lord made His way to Jerusalem. The person addresses Jesus with the title "Lord" which indicates that he was favorably disposed to Him and may have even been a disciple. His question reflects the religious curiosity of someone who is exploring the details of faith and discipleship. It also reflects the curiosity that seeks ever-greater knowledge, even to the point of becoming an unhealthy pursuit of religious trivia for its own sake. Sometimes it's possible for a person to become infatuated or distracted with religious things while not pursuing a committed relationship with the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus does not answer the man's question. Rather, our Lord redirects his attention towards actively trying to live out discipleship. This interchange invites us to reflect on the nature of discipleship and what it means to be a person of faith. Following Jesus requires more than just knowledge of religious information; following Jesus means being conformed to Him through a transformation of life (repentance). Therefore, Jesus responds to the question by telling the man he should be striving now to enter the narrow door of the Kingdom of God and not just wondering how many people will get in.

No one has ever been declared a saint because of what they knew, but because of how their lives were conformed to Jesus. Such transformation is an ongoing challenge in a Christian's life. If people are not striving for holiness each day, then they have become complacent in their discipleship. Saint Paul challenged the Christians of his community similarly when he said, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling" (see Phil 2:12).

- What religious fascinations in our world today can distract people from the daily task of real discipleship?
- How do you know when a religious interest or curiosity has become a distraction?
- What aspect of your faith do you find difficult to live out in practice?
- What is the armor we hide behind that God wants us to get rid of so we can be more authentically ourselves?
- What are the means of aggression we need to leave behind?
- What is the baggage we carry with us that has no place in the Kingdom of God?
- Entering the Kingdom of God means becoming vulnerable to the Lord. How does the image of the Narrow Door fit with your experience of Christian Discipleship?



ANSWERING THE BIG QUESTION

What is the point—the purpose and meaning of life?

Our Catholic Faith speaks directly to this central question. In one of their Ascension Presents videos, Jackie and Bobby Angel pose the query in a different way, asking, "What's the point?" This reflection presents an answer.

Written On the Human Heart

A survey conducted in 2023 reported that 58 percent of people in the United States (ages 18–25) felt that life was meaningless, purposeless.* In contrast, the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that "the desire for God is written in every human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he is searching for" (CCC 27).

Most of the young people in that study sound hopeless, but that depressing point of view has no foundation. If we turn to God, we will find truth and happiness. We were created in God's image, and our destiny is to spend eternity with God in heaven.

When Bobby taught in a high school, he was invited to graduation parties. The gift he gave was Man's Search for Meaning by Victor Frankel, a Holocaust survivor. Frankel, an Austrian Jewish psychologist, went to the death camps and saw firsthand what happens when people give up hope, when they abandon meaning. They completely give up. The power of hope is born of the genuine belief that God is in control. Frankel's book, set against the dark backdrop of a concentration camp, draws readers to that conclusion.



Pray to the One who gives meaning to your life.

We were made for more than what's here

and now. Since this isn't your final destination, you can have meaning and purpose. God is the only one who can satisfy that ache and longing in your heart.

Ask the Lord to reveal to you what's going on in your heart. Is this message of meaning and purpose stirring? Then let your prayer be, "Lord, help me know that you know me by name and that you are calling me to great things in this life. In Jesus' name, Amen."

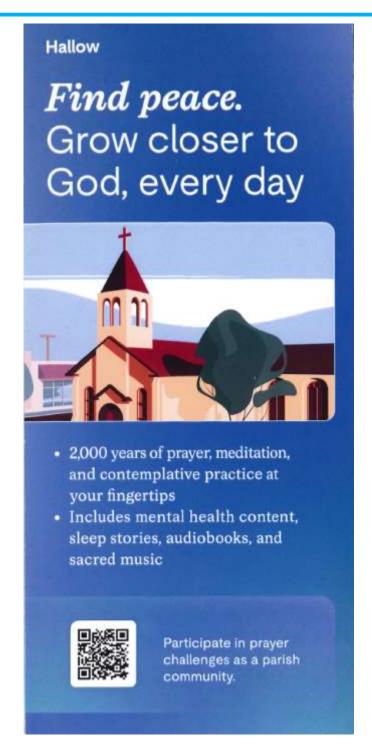
Toiletries Collection



During this vacation season, please do not forget the need for toiletries for the homeless. If you stay in hotels or resorts that provide amenities in your room such as soaps, shampoo, lotion, etc. and if you do not use them, please bring them to the Gathering Area at church and deposit them in the basket on the fireplace hearth. Or you can purchase toiletries and bring them to the church. The homeless are always in need of these items which we take for granted on a daily basis. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



God bless you for your generosity.



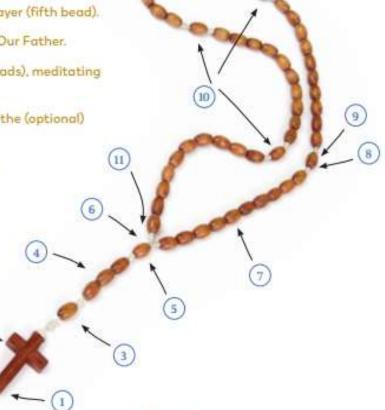


Make it Your Own

Fill in this Rosary diagram with the prayers that belong to each bead. (For help, scan the code that will lead you to pray the Rosary.)

Ponder and Pray

- What is the role of the Rosary in your life? Have you tried praying along with an app or other tool?
- What would be the best and most realistic course for you to continue to grow in your own relationship with Jesus and Mary through the Rosary?
- 1. Holding the rosary beads, make the Sign of the Cross.
- 2. Pray the Apostles' Creed (on the crucifix).
- 3. Pray an Our Father (first bead).
- 4. Pray three Hail Marys (second through fourth beads).
- 5. Pray the Glory Be and the (optional) Fatima Prayer (fifth bead).
- 6. Announce the first mystery, and then pray the Our Father.
- Pray ten Hail Marys on the next decade (ten beads), meditating on the mystery.
- On the next single bead, pray the Glory Be and the (optional)
 Fatima Prayer.
- On the same bead, announce the next mystery and pray the Our Father.
- Repeat steps 7 to 9 for each of the four remaining mysteries.
- After the fifth mystery, pray the Hail, Holy Queen (on the rosary centerpiece).
- Conclude with the Rosary Prayer, and make the Sign of the Cross.



Tip of the Week

Pray a Rosary. Here's how!

https://ascensionpress. com/pages/holy-rosary



Dive Deeper

To watch a video on this topic, scan the

Or visit the URL: Where Does the Rosary
Come From? - Ascension Press Media



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