



October: The Month of the Rosary

October 7 is the feast of our Lady of the Rosary. The month of October is traditionally the month when the rosary is honored in a special way. The origin of this feast goes back to the 16th century when the Christian armies of Europe won a number of victories over the Turks. While the battles raged, the people of Rome prayed the rosary. In thanksgiving for the victory of the Christian navies at Lepanto, October 7, 1571, the day was dedicated to Our Lady of Victory. The name was soon changed to Our Lady of the Rosary. The month of October has been dedicated to the rosary, because of this feast.

Christians through the ages have shown Mary veneration and love. They have called upon her in prayer and they imitate her. All these ways of praising Mary should draw us closer to Christ. When Mary is honored, her Son is acknowledged and loved. People will then want to follow His commandments. To love Mary means to love Jesus, for she is always the Mother of Jesus.

When we pray to Mary, we are not substituting her for Jesus, but honoring her Son who wants us to have loving confidence in His saints, especially in His Mother. In our own parish, the rosary is prayed at 7:30 A.M. on weekdays before Mass. All are invited to come and pray the rosary, a beautiful tradition in our church and life of faith.

Father David

Capital Campaign Update

As of October 1, we have collected \$166,331 for our Capital Campaign. Our goal is \$250,000. I sincerely thank all those who have made a donation to the campaign. If you have not yet made a donation, please prayerfully consider doing so. You may also spread out the payment of your gift. The funds collected will be used to insure that our parish complex remains beautiful and worthy of the many things we do here at St. James the Apostle Parish. Thank you!

Father David