



October: The Month of the Rosary

The month of October is traditionally the month when the Rosary is honored. October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The origins of the feast go 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, 1531, the day was dedicated to Our Lady of Victory. The name was soon changed to Our Lady of the Rosary. Catholics today do not celebrate this military victory, but rather give thanks for the gift 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 try to imitate her. All these ways of honoring Mary should draw us closer to Jesus. When Mary is honored, her Son is acknowledged and loved. People will then wish 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 Christ, 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. each weekday in the Church. Everyone is invited to come and honor our Blessed Mother with this special and important devotion.

Father David

Welcome Rubi Garfias

As of October 2, our new parish secretary is Rubi Garfias. Rubi comes to us highly recommended and is most excited to be working at St. James the Apostle Parish. If you happen to be in the area during the day, please stop in the Ministry Center to meet Rubi. We wish her the best as she begins her work as secretary here.

Father David

New Ministry Center Hours

To be of better service to our parishioners, the Ministry Center will open one half hour earlier beginning Monday, October 2. Our new hours will be: Monday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Fridays we will be open from 8:30 AM. until 2:00 P.M. The Ministry Center is closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Father David

Thank You Geri Desparrois

We extend a special "Thank You" to Geri Desparrois who has been a Ministry Center volunteer for the past ten years. Geri will be "retiring" from her volunteer office work and has faithfully assisted in many projects especially on Thursdays. May God bless you Geri!

Father David