

of the Holy Scriptures, of which he interpreted a few passages with great depths of knowledge, although he was not well educated. His name became so famous throughout Italy that a great number of people climbed the steep mountain expressly to see him and speak with him. Among others, Cardinal Julius de Medici and Alexander Farnese went to see him. He foretold them that they would become supreme Pontiffs. When this was realized, one took the name of Clement VII, the other Paul III.

Although the blessed man had an abundance of heavenly gifts he remained humble. The following fact is sufficient proof of it. Francisco Maria della Rovere, duke of Urbino, induced by the renown of his sanctity sent word to him that he wished him to come for the baptism of his child about to be born. But he did not wish to come out of his cell. He could not be induced to leave his solitude in which he continually experienced the goodness of the Lord and how generous he is to those who seek Him wholeheartedly. But since conversing with God does not destroy the kindness of the soul, our recluse showed that he was indeed kind when he persuaded Dom Paul Giustiniani who was from Venice and was one of the hermits of the Sacred Hermitage, to go to Urbino in his stead.

Blessed Michael desired to be freed from earthly ties to be united to Jesus, and this most lovable Redeemer, after revealing him the hour of his death, called him to Himself Jan. 21, 1522, after more than twenty years of reclusion, granting him the gift of miracles even after his death. For more information: c.f. History of the Camaldolese Order by Dom Augustine Fortunius; Annals of the Camaldolese Order; Bollandists: January, tome II; August, tome IV.

The Rosary instituted by Michael Pini is aimed at commemorating the thirty-three years Jesus spent in this world for our salvation, thus we recite as many Our Fathers. Five Hail Marys are inserted in honor of the five wounds of Our Redeemer and to remind us of Mary, our amiable mother, who stood under the cross as our Co-redemptrix.

SUMMARY OF THE INDULGENCES

Clement X in the Brief De Salute Dominici gregis of July 20, 1674 granted the following indulgences:

200 years for each recitation to those who being truly repentant have confessed their sins or have the firm purpose to confess.

150 years to those who after going to confession and receiving Communion and having in their possession a Rosary, will recite it on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and the feasts of obligation.

A plenary indulgence once a year to those who have the devotion to recite it four times a week, having been to confession and received Communion on a day of their choice.

A plenary indulgence once a month, to those who during that month will recite this Rosary every day and will have confessed with sincere contrition and received Communion and prayed for the Church, etc.

A plenary indulgence, and the remission of all the sins at the moment of death to those who having confessed with contrition, will invoke the Holy Name of Jesus in their heart if they cannot pronounce it with their lips, provided they have recited the Rosary once during their illness with the intention of gaining this indulgence; in case they do not die they gain 200 years indulgence.

20 days to those who having in their possession one of these Rosaries and invoking the name of Jesus, after an examen of conscience and being repentant of their sins recite three Our Fathers and Hail Marys for the welfare of the Church; and an indulgence of 20 years to those who after an examen of conscience and confession will pray for the propagation of the Faith, etc.; and an indulgence of 10 years to those who will recite three Our Fathers and Hail Marys on their Rosary each time they will do a spiritual or temporal work of mercy in honor of Jesus and the B.V.M. or for the benefit of their neighbor.

Those who having with them a Rosary and are away from Rome during the days of their Stations and having confessed their sins and received Communion will visit a church of their choice, or if unable to do so will recite the Rosary and the seven penitential psalms with the litanies and the prayers that follow them, will gain an indulgence of 200 years; they will also gain this indulgence if being unable to visit the church of the Station, they recite the Rosary and the Penitential Psalms as above.

Finally, all these indulgences may be applied to the departed.

Benedict XIII in a decree of the S. C. of Indulgences April 6, 1727 confirmed all the aforesaid indulgences and added a plenary one for those who having confessed and received Communion on Fridays will recite the Rosary. This indulgence may only be gained on the Fridays of March after fulfilling the conditions as above, as is declared in the Decree of Leo XII. Urbis et Orbis of the S. C. of Indulgences on July 23, 1898.

The revised collection of indulgences published by the Holy See grants an indulgence of three years each time we say the Rosary; of five years if we say it on Friday; a plenary indulgence once a month and at the moment of death to those who usually recite it. So also a plenary indulgence on each of the following feasts: Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Christ the King;

Purification, Annunciation, Assumption, Nativity of our Lady, Immaculate Conception, Maternity, Immaculate Heart, Queenship, Rosary of the B.V.M.

Nativity of St. John Baptist, the two feasts of St. Joseph, the feast of each of the Apostles, All Saints, Cf. A.A.S. Aug. 1, 1963.

The Rosary which formerly could be blessed only by a Priest of the Order or by delegation, may now be blessed by any Priest.



HOW TO RECITE THE ROSARY OF OUR LORD

The Rosary of Our Lord is divided into four parts, namely: His birth and hidden life, His public life, His passion and death, His glorification.

In order to help keep the mind more recollected, a

mystery is assigned as meditation during the recitation of each Our Father and Hail Mary.

To render it more agreeable to the Lord and more profitable to our soul, it behooves us to prepare ourselves with acts of Faith, Hope, Charity and Contrition which come from the heart rather than from the lips.

To this end, it is good to begin with the following preparation or one similar to it, either mental or oral, and if it is said in common, the superior or the one who will lead, will read the preparation and the mysteries in the name of all.

At the end of each decade is said the Glory be etc. or Eternal rest grant unto them, etc. if it is for the dead.

Preparation to the Rosary of Our Lord

In the Name of the Father, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, while I consider that You, eternal and true God, became man out of compassion for our miseries, and after thirty-three years of a life of labor, have suffered cruel torments and died on the cross for us, I am stricken with horror at the thought of the extreme ingratitude with which I have so gravely offended You. May my heart's sorrow become, through Your grace, the greatest of sorrows, because I have sinned against You, my Creator, my Redeemer and my Love.

Trusting in Your mercy and merits, and in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, humbly and with compunction, I beseech You through Your most holy Name, Your most Precious Blood and Your sacred Wounds, to forgive me and to imprint indelibly in me the memory of Your most holy Life, passion and death. Enlighten my intelligence and inflame my will that to Your honor and glory, I may devoutly recite Your Rosary for the salvation of my soul; for all the living and the dead for whom I have the intention and obligation to pray or for whom You wish me to pray, and for those who have offended me in any way.

Through the help of Your divine grace and for the sake of Your Love, I resolve to forgive them and never more to offend Your Divine Majesty. Amen.

Rosary of Our Lord

First mystery: the hidden life of Our Lord.

The Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary the Incarnation of the Word in her most pure womb. Hail Mary.

1. The Son of God made man is born of the Virgin Mary in a stable. Our Father.

2. The Angels rejoice and sing Gloria in excelsis Deo. Our Father.

3. He is adored by the shepherds who were informed by the Angels. Our Father.

4. On the eighth day He is circumcized and called by the most Holy Name of Jesus. Our Father.

5. He is adored by the Magi who offered Him gold, incense and myrrh. Our Father.

6. He is presented at the temple where He is prophesied the Savior of the world. Our Father.

7. Fleeing the persecution of Herod He is transported into Egypt. Our Father.

8. As He was not found by Herod the Innocents were put to death. Our Father.

9. He is brought back to His home in Nazareth by St. Joseph and His mother. Our Father.

10. At twelve years of age He holds discussions with the doctors in the temple. Our Father.

Glory be, etc.

Second mystery: the public life of Our Lord.

Jesus is most obedient to the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, and to St. Joseph. Hail Mary.

1. At the age of thirty He is baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. Our Father.

2. He fasts forty days in the desert and overcomes the temptations of the devil. Our Father.

3. He preaches and practices His holy law of eternal

life. Our Father.

4. He calls His disciples who promptly leave all and follow Him. Our Father.

5. He works His first miracle in changing water into wine. Our Father.

6. He heals the sick and the crippled, He gives hearing to the deaf, sight to the blind and life to the dead. Our Father.

7. He converts sinners and remits sins. Our Father.

8. He is persecuted unto death. Our Father.

9. He transfigures Himself on Thabor in the sight of Peter, James and John. Our Father.

10. He enters Jerusalem on the foal of an ass and drives out the profanators from the temple. Our Father.

Glory be, etc.

Third mystery: the most sorrowful death of Our Lord. Jesus says farewell to His mother before He gives Himself up to die for our salvation. Hail Mary.

1. He celebrates the last supper of the Passover and washes the feet of His Apostles. Our Father.

2. He institutes the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our Father.

3. As He prays in the garden Jesus sweats blood and is comforted by an Angel. Our Father.

4. Betrayed by the kiss of Judas, He is captured and bound. Our Father.

5. He is accused falsely, slapped, spat upon and is abused in four tribunals. Our Father.

6. He looks with pity at Peter and touches his heart, while Judas hangs himself in despair. Our Father.

7. He is cruelly scourged at the pillar. Our Father.

8. Crowned with thorns He is brought before the people who cry: crucify Him, crucify Him. Our Father.