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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY ROSARY FROM "OUR GLORIOUS FAITH AND HOW TO LOSE IT"

By Fr. Hugh Thwaites, S.J.

Without delay now, I want to talk about my theme. It seems to me that a principal cause of the loss of faith is the dropping off in the practice of the family rosary.

In Austria, after World War II, there was a complete collapse of vocations. One year, apparently, no one at all entered the seminaries. So the bishops held a synod, to find out how it could be that this had happened. The conclusion they reached was that the war had so disrupted family life that the centuries-old practice of the rosary in the home had stopped, and had just not started up again. This is my experience, too; when the rosary goes, the faith soon collapses.

I remember someone telling me of a friend of his, a great Catholic, the pillar of the parish, whose children had all lapsed, one after the other. They had all fallen away from the sacraments and from attending Mass. So I said to him, "I wouldn't mind betting that your friend had been brought up to recite the family rosary when he was a boy, and that his children haven't." The next time I saw him, he said that this was indeed true. His friend had recited the family rosary at home when he was a boy, and when he had got married and started his own family they all said the rosary. But then, one evening when they were about to start the rosary, one of the children switched on the television, and that was that. The custom of the family rosary was dropped, and in due course, they gave up the practice of the faith.

After this life, that one unrebuked action will be seen to have affected the eternity of many people. God sent His Mother to Fatima to tell us that we had to say the rosary every day. There were no other prayers She asked us to say. Accordingly, we should do what She asked.

A layman I met once who did not say his rosary told me that he read the breviary every day. That is fine. It is what priests have to do. It is the prayer of the Church. So in a way it is better than the rosary. But it is not what Our Lady asked for. She asked for the rosary. If a mother sends her child to the shop for a bottle of milk, and he comes back instead with ice cream, is she pleased? In a way, ice cream is better than milk, but it is not what she asked for.

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FEASTS FOR OCTOBER

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of October are:

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| 1 Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Memorial | 19 Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf and companions (USA), Memorial |
| 2 Guardian Angels, Memorial | 20 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday |
| 4 Francis of Assisi, Memorial | 22 John Paul II, Opt. Mem. |
| 5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos; Faustina Kowalska, virgin, Opt. Mem. | 23 John of Capistrano, Opt. Mem. |
| 6 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday | 24 Anthony Claret, Opt. Mem. |
| 7 Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial | 27 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday |
| 11 St. John XXIII, Opt. Mem. | 28 Simon and Jude, Feast |
| 13 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday | |
| 14 Callistus I, Opt. Mem. | |
| 15 Teresa of Jesus, Memorial | |
| 16 Hedwig; Margaret Mary Alacoque, Opt. Mem. | |
| 17 Ignatius of Antioch, Memorial | |
| 18 Luke, Feast | |

The feasts of St. Bruno (October 6) and St. Paul of the Cross (October 20) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy. ☐

THANK YOU

... a small and simple phrase that comes from a grateful heart!

Psalm 106:2

<p><u>Las Vegas, Nevada</u> 2000 Hail Mary Devotion October 19, 2019 Maria Sheets</p>	<p><u>Los Angeles, California</u> 800 Our Father Devotion October 19, 2019 Tessie Almero Frank & Lorma Batino Florita Gajito Marlou Mara Connie Poblete Aida Terashima</p>
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OUR CENACLE CORNER

*Seeking a deeper relationship with God
 through meditation of passages from Holy Scriptures*

THE REASONS WHY TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF GOD WE MUST SURVIVE

- JAMES 1:12
 GALATIANS 6:9
 HEBREWS 10:35-36
 ISAIAH 55:8-9
 JEREMIAH 29:11

GOD TOUCHED ME

WITH GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

By Nona Alapag, a devotee

*"If you can!" Everything is possible to one who has faith."
Mark 9:23*

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During the Lenten season of 2019, I experienced dermatitis on my shoulder, a sty which lasted for 2 weeks, a severe attack of Sciatica and sudden loss of weight. After the pain subsided, I still kept on losing weight. I felt so weak that I could hardly drive and I walked very slowly.

I was seen by a doctor who then told me that I will be worked up for a diagnosis of Cancer. Since I was to leave for the Philippines in a week's time, I asked that the tests of MRI, colonoscopy, etc. be scheduled when I return.

I was then going home to join the celebration of the 400th anniversary of St. Vincent Ferrer as our Patron Saint in our town. I traveled feeling a severe fatigue, no appetite and still continue to lose weight. While in the Philippines, a family friend who just got back from Valencia Spain, (the birthplace of St.

Vincent Ferrer) brought back a cloth that she obtained from Valencia and gave it to my brother, who was being treated for Cancer. Seeing that I was feeling and looking sick, my brother gave me the cloth. I immediately draped it over my shoulder that evening and slept with it during the night. Right next the

following day, the eve of the feast of St. Vincent Ferrer, I was surprised, actually shocked to find that I didn't have any weakness at all and that I was back to my usual feeling of wellness. I could walk fast, no more nausea or

vomiting and no feeling of fatigue. I thank God for this miracle!

When I got back to Los Angeles, I had blood tests, MRI and colonoscopy. All the results were negative, and I wasn't surprised at all. I immediately gained the weight I lost. Every time I think of what had transpired, I truly believe that God has touched me again and again. □

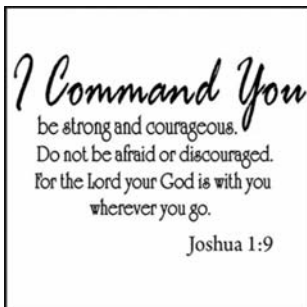


SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

SEEKING INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THROUGH THE BIBLE

LIFE IS A CHALLENGE DURING TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

by Victor H. Araneta



A lot of times we meet our crossroads and view life that is about to end with hopelessness and desperation. But God has a much wider vision, and He knows it's only a bend. The road will go on and get smoother, and after we have stopped for a rest. The path that lies beyond us is often the path that is best. So, rest and relax and grow stronger. Let go and let God. Share your load and have faith in a brighter tomorrow; you have just come to a hump on the road."

Prayer: Lord God you know when I am happy and when I am sad. But the tribulation becomes light when your flow of graces I feel and your embrace of spiritual comfort come like fresh wind from heaven. That in time I know my sorrows will turn into joy. I love your presence Almighty God in all my trials and tribulations, in Jesus most holy name. Amen. ☐

Pray, pray, pray

for there will be confusion to come in every corner as people become involved in the lives and survival of other people, environment and unborn souls.

The defenseless I ask you to pray my beads of rosary for their survival. Soon, my children, this will happen soon.

Through your adoration before the presence of my Son Jesus, it's only this that your closeness of heart to my Son Jesus' heart will provide strength for this coming spiritual warfare. Pray, my children, pray unceasingly.

Mary, Your Lady of the Rosary
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY ROSARY

In that most holy home at Nazareth, do you think that Our Lady had to ask for anything twice? If we want in any way to be like Jesus, we must do what His Mother asks. If we do not, can we expect things to go right? We cannot with impunity disobey the Mother of God. She knows better than we the dangers of this spiritual warfare. She sees more clearly than we do the dangers that beset us. She warns us: You must say your rosary every day.

If the garage mechanic warns you that your car needs repairing or else it will break down, surely you would heed that warning. If the gas gauge warns you that you need more gas, do you do nothing about it? And if Our Lady comes to Fatima and tells us, not just once but six times, that we must say the rosary every day, do we disregard that warning? If we do, we have only ourselves to blame when we find that our children have lapsed from the faith.

I know that Fatima is only a private revelation, but nevertheless the Church has endorsed it, and that makes it rash for us to disregard it. If the Church informs us that Our Lady really did come to Fatima and tell us these things, then we must harken to her words. It really seems to me that those Catholics who do not take Fatima seriously and say the rosary every day in their homes are very akin to the Jews who laughed at Jeremiah. If God sends us His prophets and we do not take them seriously – well, we have the whole of the Old Testament to tell us what happens as a result. But at Fatima, God sent us, not His prophets, but His Immaculate Mother.

So I think that the abandonment of the family rosary is a main reason why so many Catholics have lost the faith. It seems to me that the Church of the future is going to consist solely of those families who have been faithful to the rosary. But there will be vast numbers of people whose families used to be Catholic.

In my work of going round visiting homes, I have seen this conclusion borne out time and again. Homes can be transformed by starting the recitation of the daily rosary.

I remember a woman telling me that she could not thank me enough for having nagged her into starting it; it had united her family as never before. And I remember another home where I called. There was a strange tension there: the children were silent and the wife seemed withdrawn, but the husband was willing to start the family rosary. When I called back again a couple of months later, the atmosphere was quite different. The children were chatty and the wife was friendly, and the husband walked down the road with me afterwards and said how amazing it was that the home was so much happier.



One reason, I think, why the daily rosary makes for a happy home, is this. From what some possessed people have said, and from what some of the saints have said, it seems certain that demons fear the rosary. It makes their hair stand on end, so to speak. Holy water certainly drives them out, but they come back again. The daily

rosary drives them out and keeps them out. It is rather like living in an old house where there are mice everywhere. The only way to get rid of them is to bring cats. If you get a couple of cats, after a week or two there simply will not be any more mice. Mice fear the very smell of cats. And in a home where the rosary is said every day, after a time the demons realize they are impotent in front of Our Lady, and go elsewhere.

This must be one reason why, as they say, "the family that prays together stays together." In that home, utterly free of evil spirits, there is an atmosphere one does not find outside. In a demon-infested city like London, where I live, such a home is an oasis of God's grace, and people find a comfort and peace there which they enjoy greatly. We human beings are not meant to live in the company of demons, but with God and with the angels and saints in heaven.

So, as I see it, in this effort we are making to keep the faith and pass it on, the practice of the rosary is absolutely indispensable. Whatever else a person may do, even though they go to Mass every day, they still need to say the rosary in their home. It is the medicine our Mother has told us to take, to keep our faith strong and healthy. □