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This month of October, the month of the Rosary, you parents and parishioners of **Little Flower** were challenged to say the Rosary daily with your family. When helping our children to learn about and pray the Rosary it is important to think deeply (meditate) about these special events in the lives of Jesus and Mary (the mysteries). It is also important to think about the fruits of the mysteries. Each mystery has a deep meditative virtue or grace associated with it known as the "**Spiritual Fruits** of the mystery". Each particular fruit or virtue may be understood more deeply, desired more, and searched for more by praying that mystery.

Last week we looked at the fruits of the Joyful and Luminous mysteries, according to this article located on this website: **The Fruits of the Mysteries of the Rosary** by Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur

[Some of the following is from this website: <http://catholicexchange.com/the-fruits-of-the-mysteries-of-the-rosary>.]

Here now are the Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary and their corresponding fruits along with a brief reflection on each one. They offer yet one more good reason to say the rosary.

Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Agony in the Garden – Contrition, Conformity to the Will of God

Jesus, both fully human and fully divine, suffered immensely in the garden. He knew what was coming and he was terrified. He begged His Father to spare him, but submitted Himself fully to His will. We, too, are called to do this.

2. Scourging at the Pillar – Purity, Mortification

Mortification isn't popular these days, but making small sacrifices and offering them up can be a great help to one's spiritual life. There is an opportunity every day to sacrifice and to suffer in some small way.

3. Crowning with Thorns – Moral Courage

Jesus remained resolute even as he was being made fun of. Do we have the courage to stand up for our convictions even when we are being laughed at? Whose opinion matters more – God's or those who surround us?

4. Carrying of the Cross – Patience

Patience is something we all seem to have difficulty with. Jesus patiently carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to his Crucifixion. We can look to him for help when we are tempted to lose our patience.

5. Crucifixion – Salvation, Self-Denial

Jesus gave up everything for us on the cross. He took on the sins of the world, past, present, and future, and died for our salvation. We need to be so thankful for that gift. At the same time, when we are asked to die to ourselves and put others first, we can look to the cross for the example of total self-giving.

Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection – Faith

It takes great faith to believe that Jesus rose from the dead and that we, too, shall rise. As Jesus told his apostles, "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet believe." This mystery offers us help in maintaining that faith. "Lord, I believe. Please help my unbelief!"

2. The Ascension – Hope, Desire for Heaven

We hope for a world that is better than this one. We desire to live forever with Jesus in heaven. May that hope help shape our lives here on Earth.

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Love of God

The disciples were scared. They huddled together in that upper room not sure of what to do. Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon them and they were ready to go out and give their very lives in service to God. May the Holy Spirit also grant us that wisdom and love of God.

4. The Assumption of Mary – Devotion to Mary

Mary was brought up to heaven body and soul. We are devoted to her because of her relationship to her Son and because God saw fit to raise her up. Jesus also gave her to us as our spiritual mother. “Blessed are you among women and Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.”

5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Eternal Happiness

Mary is the Queen of Heaven, enjoying forever her rightful place next to her Son. May we one day share in her happiness.

Many of these fruits of the mysteries of the rosary are similar to the virtues taught often at **Little Flower School** through regular classes and activities, as well as, religion classes and sacramental preparation. Parents, thank you for reinforcing the importance of these at home and in everyday life, helping your children know how to live out these fruits. Those of **Little Flower School** and **Parish** please continue to pray rosaries often for world peace and all people. Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us! St. Therese, pray for us!

+++++ **Additional Information for you to know** +++++

+++Please keep Fr. Tom in your prayers for an enjoyable vacation and a safe return home.

+++Red Ribbon week starts Monday 27th. - 31st.

+++Sister Jean Louise is looking for helpers for the Scholastic Book Fair which will be held Monday, Tuesday& Wednesday Oct. 27th,28th & 29.

The book fair hours will coincide with Parents Teachers Conferences on Monday and Tuesday.

On Wednesday, when we have 1:00 dismissal, the Fair will be open from Noon until 3:00

+++Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Monday 27th, and Tuesday 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Have a GREAT WEEK END—SEE YOU ON MONDAY-GOD BLESS