

# OCTOBER IS . . . . .

## MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Here are some ways you can more closely align your life and home to the Rosary. Perhaps some of these wonderful devotions will continue even after October is over!



### **Set up a special area in your home to remember Mary and pray the Rosary**

Include a picture or statue of Mary, a rosary, candle or flowers, on a blue or white cloth.

### **Add Rosary-inspired prayers at special moments**

Add a Hail Mary along with your meal prayer or your evening prayers; or add other less known prayers, such as the Hail Holy Queen, the Fatima Prayer or Memorare.

### **Surround yourself with art and music that honors Mary**

Whether it's Marian Gregorian chant, Bach's Magnificat, or Pavarotti's Ave Maria, fill your home with the beautiful sounds of homage to our heavenly mother. Search for classic works of art featuring Our Lady and find a favorite; then get a print for your home.

### **Practice special acts of charity**

Choose one of the noted feast days in October - Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7, any Saturday (since all Saturdays are devoted to Mary) or the feast of Pope St. John Paul II on October 22 (he was famously devoted to the Rosary) - and do a special act of charity for someone in need. Offer it up to Jesus through Mary's Immaculate heart.

### **Find ways to share the Rosary with others**

When you share your devotion to the Rosary, you are sharing the life of Jesus and His mother Mary with others.

## CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

October is clergy appreciation month. This time reminds us to recognize the work of our priests, bishops, and clergy who have so graciously enriched our lives.



There are so many way to show our gratitude ...

**Send a card or letter** - Fr. Peter O'Donnell, 311 S. Buckeye, Abilene, KS 67410;

Most Reverend Bishop Gerald Vincke, PO Box 980, Salina, KS 67402-0980.

**Invite them for a meal** or bring your favorite dish to them! You may bring it to the Parish Hall during the week or give it to him after daily or weekend Mass.

**Visit with them** - let them know of your gratefulness for their leadership, compassion, stewardship and faith. Let them know how they have helped you and your family.

**Ask where you can help** - sometimes there are not enough volunteers and they take all the burdens upon themselves.

**Pray for them** -it should be in the first slot, but it seems so obvious.