

## RE Resources - Friday

1) What is this?



2) Is a rosary part of a routine or ritual, based upon your definitions from the previous week? Use the information below to make your judgement, and learn how Christians would use it.

### What is a rosary?

A simple rosary consists of a string of beads which includes a crucifix. Rosary beads are made from many types of material, such as pearl, hematite, crystal, glass, rose petals, and wood. Rosaries can be any color, shape, or size.

The Rosary is not only a mental prayer, but also a vocal prayer in which we meditate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary.

The rosary owes its origin to St. Dominic.

It is a humble prayer that many sinners owe their conversion to.

1. Hold the cross of the Rosary in your right hand and bless yourself with the Cross, saying, "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."
2. Still holding the Cross, say, The "Apostles' Creed."
3. On the first large bead after the Cross, say the Our Father; On the next three small beads, say the Hail Mary, for the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity; after the third Hail Mary, say "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."
4. Then announce the first mysteries. Recite the "Our Father" on the large bead, followed by 10 "Hail Mary's" on the smaller beads, then say, the "Glory Be" for each decade of the Rosary. There are five decades for each Mystery.

After each Mystery, recite the "Fatima Ejaculation"

" O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven especially those who are most in need of Thy Mercy."

## The Month of the Rosary

October is a busy month. Fall is making its presence known, school is in full swing, and All Saints Day is fast approaching. However, in the Catholic calendar, October is the month of the Rosary. More specifically, October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. And this year on October 13th 100 year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the miracle of the Sun.

However – what do October and Our Lady of the Rosary have to do with each other and how did the Rosary originate?

## Origins of the Rosary

The history of the Rosary mostly consists of legend and tradition. There is evidence that beads were used to count Our Fathers and Hail Marys in the Middle Ages. Fittingly, bead is derived from the Old English word for prayer.

Between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries, the structure of the Rosary included praying fifty Hail Marys together with the Psalms. Our word Rosary derives its meaning from the word *rosarium*, or rose garden. Saint Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *The Secret of the Rosary*,

- 3) Sort the opinion cards based on what you think the priority is for Catholics and Christians.

Because it looks nice	It helps me to remember the prayers
It makes me think about God	My mum told me I had to
The priest said I had to	It is a habit
Performing rituals helps me to focus	It makes me feel close to God
I will feel bad if I don't	I've always done it

- 4) Watch the clips linked to Christianity. List things you see or hear that are part of either a routine or ritual within the Christian faith.

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