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ROSARY RENEWS LIFE

Don't Let The Old Man In

The Rosary may not be in the Bible...but the Bible is in the Rosary. The Rosary is a meditation on the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord, God and Savior. It gives each one of us a roadmap and directions for our lives. We will discuss the Annunciation, Agony and Resurrection of Christ. These mysteries speak volumes to the individual who listens as he reflects upon his life. This is true of all the mysteries of the Rosary.



It is important to note that each mystery of the Rosary is focused on the very Biblical events of the Gospels. To say that the Rosary is not biblical, relative or contemporary is not accurate at all.

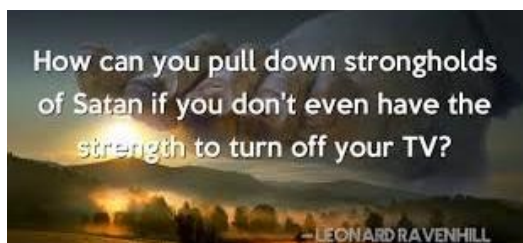
When you look at the components of the Rosary individually you'll see that every part of the Rosary is biblical in nature and more importantly, has deep meaning to those who focus on the prayers contained therein.

It is significant and notable that when the Rosary is prayed, people are not praying to Mary but are asking for her prayers of intercession for us, in the same manner that you may ask friends, family, or your clergy to pray for you. Only her intercessory prayers are more powerful because she is the Mother of our Lord and sits at His side in Heaven.

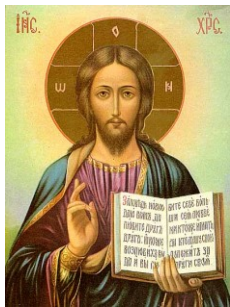
The Hail Mary prayer is taken straight out of the Bible, off the lips of the Archangel Gabriel, messenger of the Lord: "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28), and from Elizabeth's words of praise when the child in her womb recognized Jesus as the Messiah (Luke 1:42).

The Mysteries of the Rosary are meditated on while praying each decade (ten Hail Mary beads), with the purposes of drawing the person praying deeper into reflecting on Christ's joys, sacrifices, sufferings, and the glorious miracles of His life.

The Rosary, taken as whole, stands alone at the pinnacle of prayers regarding the Life of Jesus Christ. There is no other prayer in the world richer in biblical and theological meaning, more profound and spiritually beautiful than the Rosary. It's a chain of prayer that binds and connects us to God in a multitude of respects.



What happens to our lives when we make a shift in our attitude and admit that Jesus is our Savior and invite Him into our heart of hearts? Let us listen attentively to the wisdom found in Holy Scripture, our Catechism and in Modern Comment.



Luke 1:26-38 – Obedience to God

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

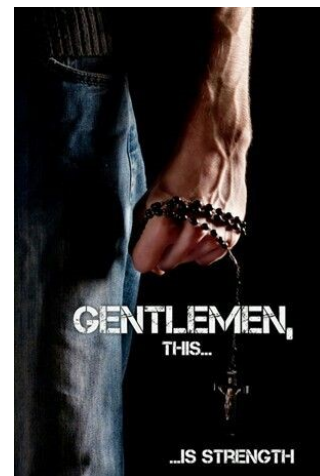
Luke 1:39-45 – Blessed Among Women

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed* that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The Word of the Lord



Catechism

495 - The Mother of God

Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus", Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord". In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God".

2677 - Mary Always Leads Us to Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God: With Elizabeth we marvel, "And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Because she gives us Jesus, her son. Mary is Mother of God and our mother; we can entrust all our cares and petitions to her: she prays for us as she prayed for herself: "Let it be to me according to your word." By entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her: "Thy will be done."

Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death: By asking Mary to pray for us, we acknowledge ourselves to be poor sinners and we address ourselves to the "Mother of Mercy," the All-Holy One. We give ourselves over to her now, in the Today of our lives.

And our trust broadens further, already at the present moment, to surrender "the hour of our death" wholly to her care. May she be there as she was at her son's death on the cross. May she welcome us as our mother at the hour of our passing to lead us to her son, Jesus, in Paradise.



Modern Comment

Reflections on Your Life and the Rosary Your Annunciation, Agony, & Resurrection

Based upon "Joyful, sorrowful, glorious reflections and the rosary"
by Father Mieczyslaw Malinsky, February 1979

The Annunciation

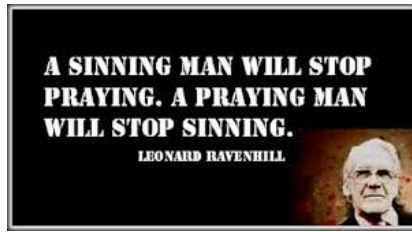
Your vocation, summons to work, action, silence, prayer is calling. It begins with a friendly handshake, smile, and kind word. Yet it's desirable to resist the offer. This is an invitation to exceed your self-imposed limits which your fears have imposed on you; fear of losing what you have amassed, earned, acquired, own, have grown accustomed to. You're calling to open your eyes to what you have not seen; your ears to what you have not heard; your heart to what is happening around you which before was never your concern, never interested you. **It's your call. Are you ready to accept your Annunciation?**

The Agony

It began with a nagging premonition. Something is wrong. You can already see the black heavy clouds forming on the horizon. You can wait out the storm; even believe you don't know its coming. But you know you're kidding yourself. You feel left alone, like a leper, abandoned by your closest friends; your family; your colleagues; your teammates; everyone. Your only companions are night, fear, dread, anxiety, indecision, and worry. But maybe, just maybe, there is still time to recant all you said, undo all you did, or failed to do. Perhaps there is still time to apologize, beg forgiveness, and be pardoned by those who turned against you. **The only question is: Do you really want to deny everything you said, believed in, or stand for, in order to escape from your Garden of Gethsemane?**

The Resurrection

They sealed your tomb with a boulder of slander and derision. In their eyes you were dead and buried. They did you in by deceit, avarice, and a few pieces of silver. They gave you a trial, brought in a verdict, and destroyed you. They pirated all you had accumulated including your job, friends, and reputation. But somehow you rose from the dead. Contrary to presumptions, expectations, secular logic, and predictions, you're still alive. Your efforts have not been in vain. All your efforts are beginning to bear fruit. **The hour of your resurrection has arrived.**



Questions for Discussion:

1. Which of these 3 paragraphs speak to you and why?

2. Have you ever experienced a personal visit to the Garden of Gethsemane? Explain.

3. Describe a time when your sorrow, fear, or confusion was overcome by your spiritual resurrection? What can you do differently in the future to prepare for such inevitable circumstances?

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID OR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

Men's Group Calendar

A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.



10/26/2019	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
11/9/2019	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
11/23/2019	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
12/14/2019	Men's Group	7 AM Mass

For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.
Matthew 18:20

May God Bless You.
St. Hilary Men's Group

ACTION PLAN

This week I will do my best to listen to God's will in my life by:

- Creating a daily prayer practice.
- Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence.
- Paying more attention to God's Blessings in my life.
- Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant.
- Practice Being Obedient to God's Will.



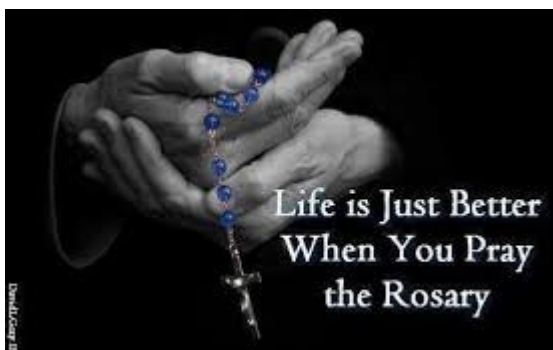
Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

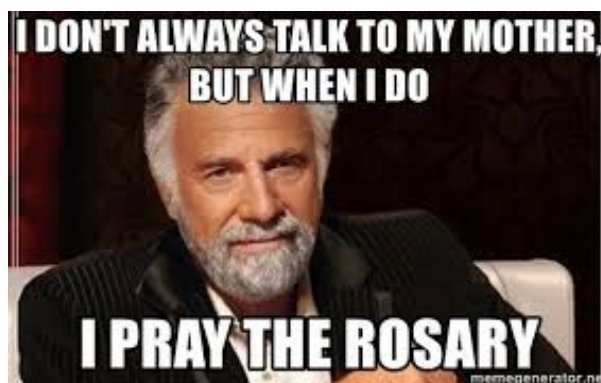
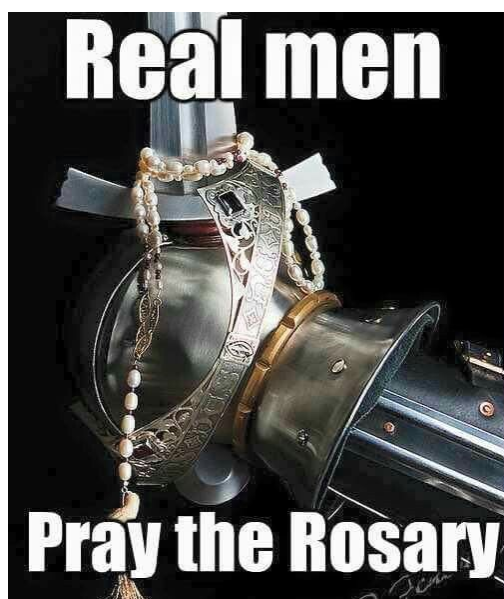
Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to bless my family, friends and those who I meet in my comings and goings. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release in them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen





“Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” The Our Father



Dear Jesus, let me become a more Forgiving Man – toward others and my self—so that I may experience healing, peace, and renewal, and be a Blessing to others. Amen.

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Toby Keith Explains How Clint Eastwood Inspired 'Don't Let the Old Man In' for 'The Mule'

12/15/2018 by Cathy Applefeld Olson - Billboard Magazine

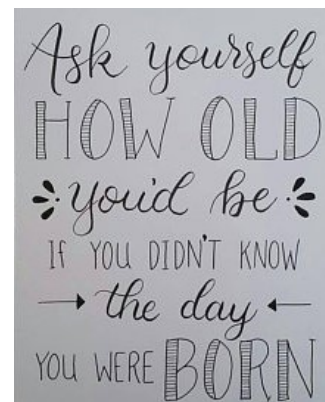
Toby Keith knows a good hook when he hears one. And no one weaves a tale quite like Clint Eastwood.

The two shared a golf cart December, 2017 at Eastwood's charity tournament in Pebble Beach. It is both a testament to their friendship and a stroke of good fortune. The encounter led Keith to pen the beautifully haunting song that lingers at the end of *The Mule*. The Eastwood-directed and starring film, is based on the true story of a WWII veteran in his 80s who takes a job as a courier for a Mexican drug cartel.

Out on the green, Eastwood shared that he'd be starting work on *The Mule* in two days, which also happened to be his 88th birthday. Struck by Eastwood's relentless energy at an age when many are content to sit and reflect, Keith asked how he keeps going.

"He said, 'I just get up every morning and go out. And I don't let the old man in,' " Keith recounts. "And I thought, I'm writing that."

What was to become "Don't Let the Old Man In" transfixed the country singer/songwriter, who had soaked in enough about the film and Eastwood's character to take a stab at a song. "People were talking to me and they would say, 'Did you hear what I just said?' And I was like, 'No,' because I wasn't listening to any conversations. I was consumed by 'Don't Let the Old Man In.' I worked so hard on it," Keith says. "When I finally sang the line, I thought, it's got to be dark, it's got to be a ballad and it's got to be simple."



In what turned out to be another stroke of serendipity, Keith was under the weather the day he cut his demo. "I was sick as a dog that day. I was coughing and sneezing and thinking, this is terrible," he recounts. "I gave it the best vocal I could that day, and I sent it off. It's a real raspy, sleepy, tired, sick vocal. I said, 'Well now you've got a reference, and I'll go back and put a vocal on it for you.' "

To his surprise, Eastwood called immediately. "He said, 'I've got a spot in the movie and I'm putting it in there.' And then Warner Bros. called asking did I read the script before I wrote this song because it fits perfectly."

To his greater surprise, Eastwood didn't want to change a thing. "He wanted it sick and tired and dark like that," Keith says.

Don't Let the Old Man In

Don't let the old man in, I wanna
leave this alone Can't leave it up to
him, he's knocking on my door And I
knew all of my life, that someday it
would end Get up and go outside,
don't let the old man in Many moons
I have lived My body's weathered and
worn Ask yourself how old you'd be If
you didn't know the day you were
born Try to love on your wife And stay
close to your friends Toast each
sundown with wine Don't let the old
man in Many moons I have lived My
body's weathered and worn Ask
yourself how old you'd be If you
didn't know the day you were born
When he rides up on his horse And
you feel that cold bitter wind Look
out your window and smile Don't let
the old man in Look out your window
and smile Don't let the old man in