



IF YOU LOVE ME,  
OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS.

JOHN 14:15



## St. Mary's Parish



### Our Mission:

***"To know Christ and to make Him known."***

### Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday  
9:00 AM

### Saturday Vigils

5:00 PM

7:30 PM

### Sunday

7:30 AM

9:30 AM Family Mass

(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)

11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

### Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from  
9:30-10:30 AM

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**All Parish Schedules are currently suspended  
in light of the Covid 19 Pandemic.**

**We pray and look forward to the day that  
we can gather again as God's People.**

**May God watch over you and keep you  
and those you love physically healthy  
and spiritually safe!**

**Confession:** Saturdays from  
Noon – 12:45 PM in the  
church or anytime by  
appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any  
time by appointment. Please  
call as soon as you are aware  
of a serious illness or  
upcoming surgery.

**Baptism:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of each month. To  
register for Baptism  
Preparation call 429-4427.

**Marriage:** Please call at  
least 6 months in advance of  
your desired wedding date.



# Saint Mary's Parish

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May 17, 2020  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

This coming Thursday we celebrate one of the great Holy Days of our faith – the Feast of the Ascension. To us it is a day of triumph, Christ returning to His Father in heaven to *“prepare a place for us”* according to His promise. To the disciples who were actually there, however, the Ascension also represented a profound loss. They had already been through Jesus' death, and now that He had returned to them in the Resurrection it seemed that He was going to leave them all over again. Knowing this, Jesus makes them one of the most beautiful vows in all of sacred scripture. He says to the disciples in today's gospel, *“I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.”*

This promise is fulfilled already each time Jesus descends among us in the Holy Eucharist. The altar around which we gather is the doorway through which Jesus steps to be with us, to strengthen us, and to touch us with His peace. Jesus' Eucharistic return is a foretaste of His final return – the day He will come to establish forever His Kingdom on the earth. It is the hope of this return that helps all those who love Jesus to keep following Him, even in difficult times. For those who keep faith with the Savior, the Last Judgment is not a source of fear but of the greatest hope. As Pope Benedict points out in his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, the return of Christ will mean *“an undoing of past suffering, a reparation that sets things right.”* We do our best, in imitation of Jesus, to establish justice on the earth. But we take consolation in knowing that in the end, Christ will bring the Kingdom with Him.

In the meantime, we are never alone. An orphan is a person without family, but Jesus has said that we are not left orphans. We have His Living Body the Church, our family of faith to support us in discipleship along the way. For this reason the greatest gift any person can give another is to witness Christian love to them in a manner that makes them want to join the family of God's children. Conversely, the greatest harm one person can do to another is to act or speak in ways that cause a separation from the Church. It is not by accident that the early Fathers of the Church when describing Jesus' Ascension into heaven always pictured Him at the head of a vast throng – a parade of souls. *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”* says Jesus in today's gospel. And Jesus' commandments include a duty to bring others into the communion of His love.

This weekend our St. Mary's family recognizes our graduating High School parishioners from many schools. We ask God's blessing upon the young men and women of the Class of 2020 that He may watch over them, keep them safe, and guide their steps always in His path. Today's Gospel spoke repeatedly of doing the will of God. And we pray that these graduates will seek God's will and purpose for their lives. For if they can prayerfully discover and live out their true vocations, then they will be happier, healthier, and more of a blessing to others than they would be doing anything else. Special thanks to today's 2020 Class Speaker Isabelle Larche, and lectors Nick Calabrese, Ethan Falcao, Ainsley MacLachlan, and Owen Radcliffe.

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

## WORSHIPING VIRTUALLY WITH ST. MARY'S

### PREPARING A PLACE TO PRAY:

Pick a place where you will be as free from as many distractions as you can. A TV or Radio in the background will never let you listen to the service, or God. So do your best to rearrange a spot and be sure to shut off your cellphone entirely.

Set your laptop, iPad or phone into a good position on a table. Clear everything else off.

If you have a candle, put that near you. An Icon, Cross, or Statue of Mary is great, too.

Print out and have handy the Mass Readings:  
[www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free).



When ready, have your family pray together the following prayer of preparation:

Throughout time, Almighty God has moved people to set apart places to pray, to worship, and to meet with God. Almighty God, we thank you for making us in Your image, for making Your presence known, and for calling us to know You. We set apart this time and this place for Your worship. Sanctify it all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all we do here be to Your glory. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

At this time, light your candle.

**COMMUNION TIME:** If watching Mass, make an Act of Spiritual Communion at Communion time.

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



**SUNDAY MASS:** Every Sunday, the 11:30 AM Mass is being live-streamed from our beautiful St. Mary's Church. You may watch this Mass live on Holliston Cable Access:

Verizon Fios **Ch. 33** or Comcast Xfinity **Ch. 96**.

Or you can visit: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston> and scroll down. You do not need a Facebook account to access this page. If you arrive "early," you may need to hit the refresh button. Welcome!



**MORNING PRAYER:** Live-cast from St. Mary's Church every weekday morning with Deacon Barry at 7:30 AM:  
<https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/>.



**PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance  
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance  
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon  
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon  
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7  
 Mr. Jake Thiringer, D.R.E., Grades 8-12  
 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music  
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music  
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary  
 Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary  
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager  
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan  
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities  
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

**FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER:**

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

As you know, due to the Pandemic Church Closings, St. Mary's has lost her Mass Collection income. This has understandably led to some Offertory Shortfalls:



April 25/26 Shortfall:	\$ 573.30
April 11/12 Shortfall:	\$ 941.65
April 4/5 Shortfall:	\$1,737.19
March 28/29 Shortfall:	\$3,375.53
March 21/22 Shortfall:	\$9,194.54
March 14/15 Shortfall:	\$6,323.27

We are very grateful to all those who have continued to give, especially in this time when many have been laid off from work. May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

In order to assure that St. Mary's can continue to pay her staff and bills, we do ask those parishioners not already using Automatic Giving or WeShare, to please consider signing up for one of those services as your means allow.

Full details on how to do so are provided on the St. Mary's Website under the HOW TO GIVE tab: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

We recommend setting up the WeShare option, which can be done right now on your computer by clicking here: <https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org/>.

If you are unable to do Automatic Giving or WeShare, then please drop off or mail in your parish offertory support each week until you can place it in the basket at Mass again.

None of us knows how long the current COVID-19 Crisis, and subsequent shutting down of Masses, will continue. But we all want to make sure that St. Mary's remains strong and healthy throughout, able to pay her hardworking staff, maintain her buildings, and continue serving her people in love.

Thank you and God bless you!

Mary Sanning, Business Manager

P.S. Blue In Pew Catholic Appeal Envelopes may be dropped off at St. Mary's anytime and will be credited toward our St. Mary's "In Pew Count" when the new Catholic Appeal Launch Weekend is announced. Online pledges may be made at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). Please be sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish.

**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEEDED TO PAY OUR PARISH'S BILLS: \$15,000.**

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 0.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 4,814.00  
 WeShare: \$ 5,357.07

Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off or

mailed to the office: \$ 5,407.00

**Total Offertory: \$ 15,578.07**

**Thank you for making up  
 any missed weekly support!**

**REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS**

**EDUCATION BY JUNE 15, 2020** ~ The deadline to register your child / children for Religious Education Classes in Fall of 2020 is Monday, June 15, 2020. Class time choices are on a first come first served basis. Be sure to get your preferred time and day by registering on time. The Registration Form is now available on the St. Mary's Website: <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under Register / Parish Forms on the main page. Forms should be accompanied by full payment made out to St. Mary's Parish. Scholarships or payment plans are available. Open to families with children entering Pre-K through Grade 10. Registrations have been mailed to current students. If you are new to Holliston and want to register your children please contact us at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). Welcome!



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF JESUS INTO HEAVEN ~ Live-streamed Mass will be on Thursday, May 21, at 5:00 PM.

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension also changes. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. Where He has gone, we hope one day to follow.

The Mass will be available for your virtual participation at <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/> or live on Holliston Cable Access: Verizon Fios Ch. 33 or Comcast Xfinity Ch. 96.

**WE ARE NOT ALONE:** In today's Gospel Jesus promises us that "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you and you will have life." Our faith, nurtured in this great paschal season, tells us that God-made-flesh is God-with-us, never abandoning us and always filling us with life.

It should be a great comfort to all of us, who share in the pain and suffering of ordinary life, to know that the Spirit of Jesus is with us always. It should be especially comforting to know that Jesus will not leave orphaned all those whom the world casts aside: the poor and homeless, the racial and ethnic minorities, the sick and dying, the prisoner and the refugee.

*"Christ died for sins once for all, a just man for the sake of the unjust."*

*He rescued us from our attachment to injustice, and then he sent his Spirit to remain with us and within us.*

*Our prayer is one of gratitude for such a gift and hope that "we feel its saving power in our daily life."*

Jesus loves us so much that, even after his death, resurrection, and ascension, he remains with us. He is, after all, Emanuel, 'God with us,' but now through his living, sanctifying Spirit. We now encounter him in new ways: in other human beings; in any place where people gather in his name; in the inspired words of Holy Scripture; in his Church, particularly her liturgical celebrations; in the person of his minister; and especially in the sacraments.

U.S. Bishops, *The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family*, 1975.

**ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Vasco and Pauline Brovelli. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2020 please call the Rectory at 429-4427. You may leave your message for Mary Beth at extension 5.

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF:** The policy for requesting assistance has changed: Presently any Holliston resident in need who does not have a Pantry ID card or has not registered with the Pantry can simply email [info@hollistonpantrysheil.org](mailto:info@hollistonpantrysheil.org) or call 508.429.5392. A delivery will be scheduled to your door. You provide only your name, address, and phone number to verify Holliston residency. Every call is kept confidential, and no personal information is elicited. The Pantry Shelf, 73 Charles Street, is busier now than ever. Current needs include: Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Tuna Fish (5 Oz. Cans), Campbell Chunky Soup, Progresso Soups, Canned Carrots, Tomato Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup (10.75 Oz. Cans), Juice Boxes and Snacks. The Pantry Shelf protects each patron's privacy.





**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!** Today's 11:30 AM Live-streamed Mass is offered for the intentions of all St. Mary's students graduating this spring. Graduating High Schoolers are offering all of the Scripture Readings today, and graduate Isabelle Larche is addressing the Class of 2020. The Blessed Mother Scholarship will also be awarded at this celebration. The names of all St. Mary's Graduates, from many different high schools, will be scrolled down your screen at the end of Mass today, during the traditional closing song, "Pomp and Circumstance." Congratulations graduates. May God bring to completion the good work He has begun in you!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic, all Middle School Youth Group Activities scheduled for May and June are cancelled. Activities will resume as soon as safety allows. Members will be kept informed by email. Kennebec Rafting, Thursday, June 25 - Friday, June 26 - CANCELLED. Deerfield Rafting, Friday, August 14 - STILL ON AT THIS TIME.

**ST. MARY'S EPIC – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** The May 31 EPIC Meeting is CANCELLED.

**FUNERALS, WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS:** There are currently no Funeral Masses celebrated in the Archdiocese of Boston. Graveside Services with immediate family only may take place, with Memorial Masses to follow after the Pandemic subsides. This is to comply with the Governor's ban on gatherings of over 10 people. Weddings and Baptisms may still be celebrated provided 10 people or less are present, masks and gloves are worn, and social distancing is practiced.

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Canceled.** However, WINGS has a facebook page and would love to have folks (not just members) access it and respond to posts. <https://www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston/>.

**KEEPING THE MISSION ALIVE/BOOK DISCUSSION:** During St. Mary's recent 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Mission, Jon Leonetti provided his three books for sale. Given the response (he sold out), it seems that Mission participants are interested in continuing to think and pray about Jon's message. Please reach out to Lisa Dufault at [lisadufault@yahoo.com](mailto:lisadufault@yahoo.com) or Diane Collins at [diathome17@aol.com](mailto:diathome17@aol.com) to sign up, and we will let you know when the date will be (post-pandemic).

**ST. MARY'S 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA SILENT AUCTION:** Interested in donating to the St. Mary's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Silent Auction? We are looking for donations of all kinds. Perhaps you are a season ticket holder, a business owner, someone who owns a vacation house who can offer a weekend getaway, or maybe you have a special talent or service you could donate (culinary professional, massage therapist, painter, musician, personal health instructor). This would be a great opportunity to help make St. Mary's Anniversary celebration a great success! We would love to hear from you! Please contact Paula Watt at 401-256-8341 or [Paula.Watt@ymail.com](mailto:Paula.Watt@ymail.com).

**PARISH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK UPDATE:** I am continuing to write the history of St. Mary's for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I am currently working on events between 1950 and 1975 (prior to Fr. Haley). This is a difficult chapter as any newspaper articles are on microfilm (and are hard to find without a specific date) and the St. Mary's monthly newsletters started in 1981. Each week I will ask about a different topic and hope the collective memory of St. Mary's parishioners will provide me with some information. This week's topic is the CYO. The precursor to the Catholic Youth Organization, the St. Mary's Boys Club, was started by Fr. Daniel O'Keefe in the early 1940s. By 1950 St. Mary's CYO had a baseball and basketball team started by George DeCristoforo and Walter Dillon. The CYO continued into the 1980s and 1990s with sports and social events and was the forerunner to the current vibrant Youth Ministry at St. Mary's. If you have memories of participating in CYO activities, or had children who did, please email me your thoughts. No names will be used unless explicit permission is given. [Betty.febo@gmail.com](mailto:Betty.febo@gmail.com) or call 508-429-7190. Thank you for making the history as complete as it can be. – Betty Febo





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AND THE PARISH CENTER IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.**

**2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 15:**

As Christ has called us to continue His Mission here on earth, St. Mary's is honored to provide religious education and faith formation to assist families with children and youth to form a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Your home is the **domestic church** where God is present in your daily life. If children are to be true disciples for Christ they need to witness your love for God and living in His will. We accomplish this path by continuing to teach our children about Jesus Christ and the beauty of the Gospels. Our Religious Education Office has mailed home Registrations for 2020-2021. They are also available at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under the top right corner REGISTER tab / under PARISH FORMS. We hope you will also consider joining Christ's mission as a Teacher or Monitor. May God bless you!

**FAITH FORMATION MATERIALS FOR GRADES K THROUGH 7:** Our Religious Education Office will continue to provide families with spiritual educational materials during this time through email and from online resources that will be helpful for your family to share together. There are wonderful free children's and adult movies that will inspire your heart along with study resources offered for a trial period from the Augustine Institute on the "FORMED" website. At the end of the trial period, you may want to consider a yearly subscription for your family with wonderful Catholic programs for just \$100.00 a year.

**GRADE 2 FIRST COMMUNION MASSES:**

The Archdiocese of Boston has **postponed First Communion Masses** until public Masses can safely resume and the danger of the COVID-19 has been lifted. First Communion Masses will be scheduled when Cardinal Sean O'Malley receives the good news that groups can once again gather together in public places. Until then, our Sacred Liturgy, the Mass, will be live-streamed to the parishioners.

**FY2020 CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT:**

Ministry Leaders must make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a FY 2020 CORI. **PGC Workshops** will be scheduled once the directives have been lifted and groups can safely meet in public. Please watch the bulletin for future scheduled PGC Workshops.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020 – JULY 20 - 24**

Get ready for "Rocky Railway" A program made for train loving children who dream of adventure and travel. Climb aboard for mountains of fun on this faith-filled adventure. Kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

**CONFIRMATION I AND II:** Classes are suspended. Jake will be sending out materials for the students to continue studies at home.

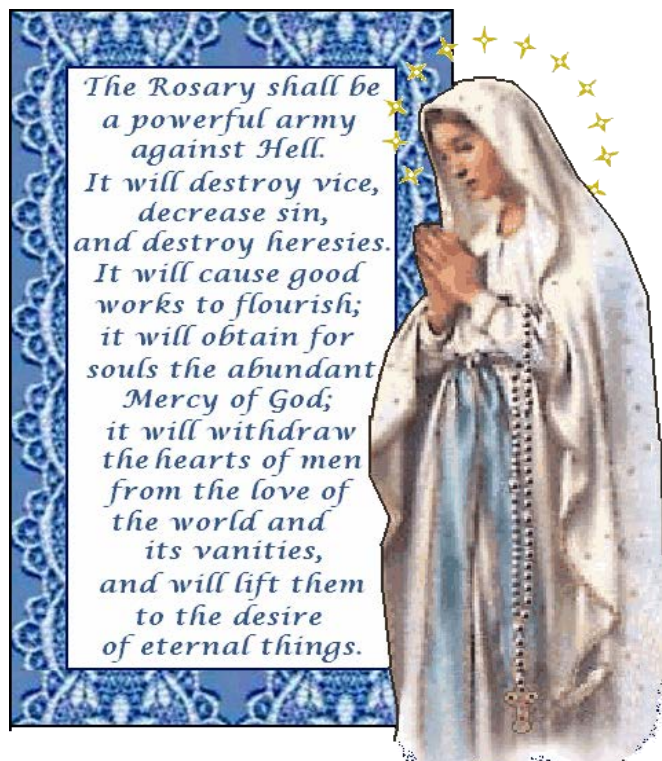
**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020:**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Reed on Saturday, September 26 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Because of likely social distancing concerns, candidates will be assigned which Confirmation they will attend. This will assure a 50/50 split between the two celebrations. For this reason, candidates should keep the times of both Confirmations free on their calendar. All candidates must turn in their completed Mass Reflection Sheets to the Pastor by the end of May in order to be recommended for the Sacrament.

**THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST- PART III: The movement of the celebration (continued).** The *Liturgy of the Word* includes "the writings of the prophets," that is, the Old Testament, and the "memoirs of the apostles" (their letters and the Gospels). After the homily, which is an exhortation to accept this Word as what it truly is, the Word of God, and to put it into practice, come the intercessions for all men, according to the Apostle's words: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in high positions." (CCC 1349) The *Presentation of the Offerings* - the Offertory. Then sometimes in procession, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; they will be offered for the priest in the name of Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice in which they will become the His Body and Blood. It is the very action of Christ at the Last Supper – "taking the bread and a cup", "The Church alone offers this pure oblation to the Creator, when She offers what comes forth from His Creation with thanksgiving." The presentation of the offerings at the altar takes up the gesture of Melchizedek and commits the Creator's gifts into the hands of Christ Who, in His sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifices (CCC 1350). From the very Beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need.

This custom of the collection, ever appropriate, is inspired by the example of Christ Who became poor to make us rich. Those who are well off, and those who are also willing, gave as each chooses. What is gathered is given to him who presides to assist orphans and widows, those whom illness or any other cause has deprived of resources prisoners, immigrants and. in a word, all who are in need. (CCC 1351).

## THE FIFTEEN PROMISES FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY



May is the Rosary Month and we are encouraged to rediscover the benefits of praying the spiritual Holy Rosary. Below is a brief explanation of each of the 15 Promises of the Rosary. May we continue to pray this excellent prayer even beyond October because the world needs prayer now! Along with the indulgences attached to the Rosary, Our Blessed Mother revealed to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche additional benefits for those who devoutly pray the Rosary. The Holy Rosary is the prayer (non-liturgical) with the most published Magisterial/Papal documents expounding its excellence. The Second Vatican Council's summary on Our Lady is contained in Lumen Gentium, chapter VIII.

**1. *Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.*** Signal graces are those special and unique graces which help sanctify us in our state in life. St. Louis de Montfort states emphatically that the best and fastest way to union with Our Lord is via Our Lady.

**2. *I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.***

Our Lady is our Advocate and the channel of all God's grace to us and She promised that She will watch especially over those who pray the Rosary.

**3. *The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies.***

This promise, along with the next, is simply the reminder on how fervent prayer will help us all grow in holiness by avoiding sin, especially a prayer with the excellence of the Rosary. An increase in holiness necessarily requires a reduction in sin, vice and doctrinal errors (heresies).

**4. *It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.***

This promise, along with the previous ones, is the promise of help to live in virtue. Becoming holy is not only avoiding sin, but also growing in virtue.

**5. *The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.***

Since Our Lady is our Mother and Advocate, She always assists those who call on Her implicitly by praying the Rosary. The Church reminds us of this in the Memorare Prayer, "...never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided..."

**6. *Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.***

This promise highlights the magnitude of graces that the Rosary brings to whoever prays it. One will draw down God's mercy rather than His justice and will have a final chance to repent (see promise #7). One will not be conquered by misfortune means that Our Lady will obtain for the person sufficient graces to handle said misfortune (i.e., carry the crosses allowed by God) without falling into despair. As Sacred Scripture tells us, "For my yoke is sweet and my burden light." (Matthew 11:30)

**7. *Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.***

This promise highlights the benefits of obtaining the most possible graces at the hour of death via the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Extreme Unction (Anointing of the Sick). Being properly disposed while receiving these sacraments near death ensures one's salvation (although perhaps with a detour through purgatory) since a final repentance is possible.

To be continued next week.