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THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER



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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

With the Easter Season and celebration of Pentecost behind us, we carry the Holy Spirit with and through us. As we strive to experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit, we reflect especially on the Glorious Mysteries.

Encourage your family to think about the blessing of these Mysteries and how the Holy Spirit lives within each. Pray, "Come Holy Spirit," asking for guidance within your family.

A LITTLE HISTORY

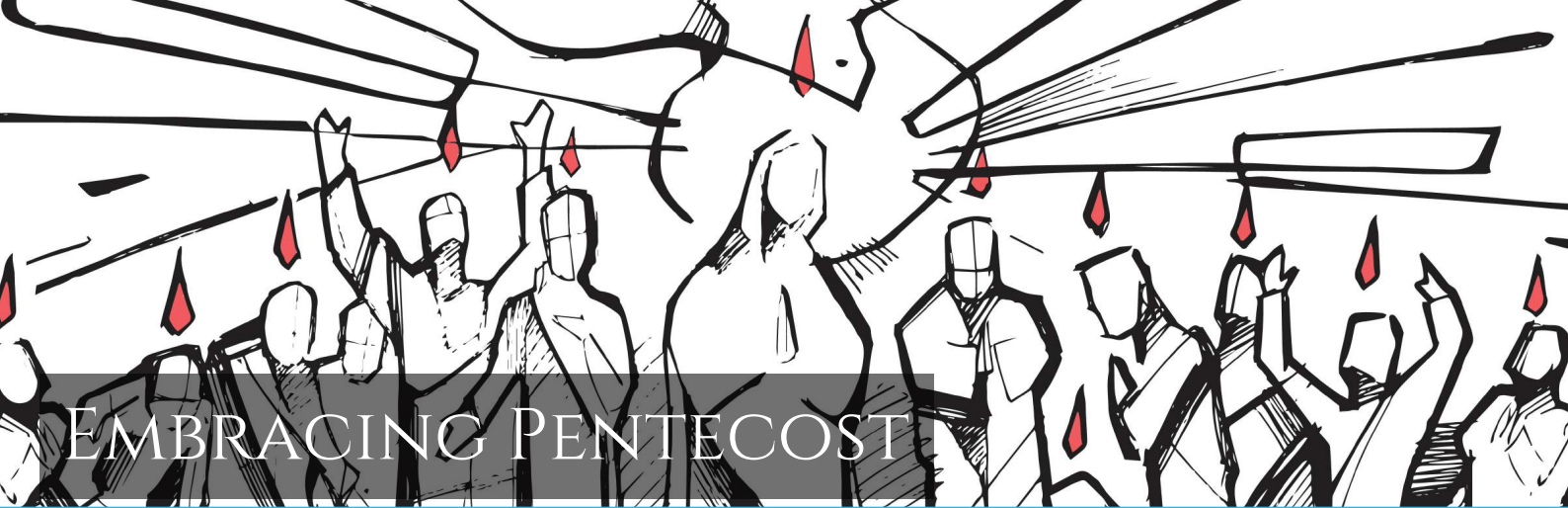
Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. began his ministry in 1942 with the goal of building **family unity** through daily prayer of the Rosary. Inspired by his own father who had a deep devotion to family prayer, praying the Rosary became the foundation for the life of Father Peyton (1909-92).

We at Family Rosary are ever so grateful Father Peyton's family instilled in him the importance of **family prayer**. Now it can be part of your family's tradition so you can fulfill the vision that "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together," the message created by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., so many years ago.



KNOWLEDGE OF FAITH IS POSSIBLE ONLY
IN THE HOLY SPIRIT: TO BE IN TOUCH
WITH CHRIST, WE MUST FIRST HAVE BEEN
TOUCHED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE COMES
TO MEET US AND KINDLE FAITH IN US.

(CCC, 683)



Reflect on the Glorious Mysteries seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance in your family's words and deeds.

PENTECOST AND THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost when fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and they began speaking in different tongues. This is important because it reminds us that we should call on the Holy Spirit every day to fill and inspire us.

Reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries, we see the Holy Spirit at work. This week consider praying the Glorious Mysteries every day, asking for direction and inspiration. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit and discover how you'll be led to more intimately discern God's will in your life.

Here are reflections from Father Thomas M. Feeley, C.S.C. from the book *Minute Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary*.

THE RESURRECTION

Christ's words to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection, "Do not cling to me because I have not yet ascended to the Father" (Jn 20:17) seem puzzling, but not if we fill in the implied premise. If we do, the reasoning becomes clear: "When I have ascended to the Father you must cling to me. But I have not yet ascended to the Father. Therefore, you must not cling to me." Then he sent her to tell the good news to his disciples.

Mary showed her deep love and adoration by clinging to the feet of the risen Christ that first Easter morning. We cannot do that now since Christ has ascended to the Father. But now we must cling to him all the more because he is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (Jn 14:6). If we are strong in faith, hope and love, as Mary Magdalene was, and cling to him heart and soul, we will realize the truth of our Lord's words, "Blessed are they who have not seen but have believed" (Jn 20:29).

THE ASCENSION

The cloud in scripture signifies the divine presence, so when we read that as the apostles looked on Jesus "was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight (Ac 1:9), we understand that Jesus, the

Son of God, returned to the Father in glory. For he had revealed the perfect love of the Father to us by his teaching, his life, his death on the cross and his resurrection, so now he could say to his Father: "I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world was" (Jn 17:4-5). But he has not left us orphans. He has ascended to prepare a place for us (Jn 14:2) so that we might see his glory and share in it.

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John's Gospel describes the death of Jesus on the Cross with the words, "and bowing his head, he gave up his Spirit" (Jn 19:30). On Pentecost the Spirit, which Jesus had given to his Father, was poured out on the Apostles gathered in the upper room with Our Lady, her relatives and several women. They had been praying continuously for the previous ten days (Ac 1:13-14). At last their minds were open to understand what Jesus had tried to teach them. At last their hearts were open to receive the love about to be poured into their hearts. Filled with insight and love when the Holy Spirit came upon them, they began to preach.

When we pray and reflect on the Scriptures with Our Lady, she helps us open our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth and Love, so we can experience Pentecost for ourselves.

THE ASSUMPTION

The Assumption of Our Lady into heaven recalls the Presentation, when Mary ascended the steps of the temple and presented to the Father his own Son, made flesh in her womb by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. In her Assumption Mary is taken up body and soul into heaven and Christ her Son presents her to the whole heavenly court as the perfect embodiment of what a human being ought to be.

Mary was preserved from all sin by the grace that Christ had won. That same grace is available to us. If we open our hearts to receive it, then he who is mighty can do great things for us (Lk 1:49), as he did for Mary.

THE CORONATION OF OUR LADY

St. Paul tells us that "those God called he justified and those he justified he glorified" (Rm 8:30). At the Annunciation Mary was called to be the Mother of God. At Calvary Mary was called to be the mother of all Christ's disciples. In the Assumption, she was called up to heaven, body and soul. She had lived without sin so her body was not allowed to suffer corruption. She has, therefore, been glorified above all others and crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Though Queen, she is still our Blessed Mother, so we pray to her with complete confidence to help us "now and at the hour of our death."

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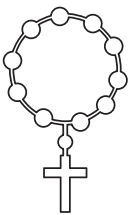
GOING DEEPER

It's not always easy to pray the Rosary when your family is busy and on-the-go! But we're just an app away! Listen to each Mystery with our Rosary Prayer App! Find this on our resource page at FamilyRosary.org/PrayerResources.

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

If you're aching to teach and instill the power of Rosary prayer into the lives of your young children, we can help! We've created [Children Learn the Rosary](#), a kit full of fun activities and coloring for children 4-9 years old! Help your children learn and appreciate the Rosary from home or in the classroom.

For more information about this product go to www.hcfmstore.org.



FAMILY ROSARY TEAM

Margaret Dwyer and Melissa Fitzpatrick collaborate to provide eBooks for you every week! In addition to being coworkers and cubical neighbors at Family Rosary, Margaret and Melissa are great friends and help each other grow in spirit!

BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER IN PRAYER

We hope the time you've spent reflecting with this material has been enriching. Remember, we're with you in prayer, every step of the way!

For additional online resources for family prayer including a Prayer Petition Page and our World at Prayer Blog, please visit our website at www.FamilyRosary.org.

This e-book and all our resources represent a culmination of Father Peyton's passion for family unity through prayer. We hope our services will enhance your family's prayer life particularly remembering Father Peyton's famous words, "*The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.*"

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