



# Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

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*Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart*

## Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

## Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

10:00 AM Mass - In Church

11:40 AM Latin Mass - In Church

## Daily Mass Times

### Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

### Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

## Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

## Penance and Reconciliation

### Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

### Saturday Afternoon:

3:00 — 3:45 PM

Or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9AM-8:30PM

## Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 AM — 2:30 PM

Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

## Parish Web Site

[www.shrmn.org](http://www.shrmn.org)

**Parish Phone:** 763-537-4561

## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Pre-K through 8th grade  
4050 Hubbard Avenue North  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

## School Web Site

[sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org](http://sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org)

**School Phone:** 763-537-1329

## October 15, 2023



## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

## Parish Directory

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**Priest Staff:** Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

**Deacon:** Dr. James Ramsey



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir

## Appointed Sunday Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-  
10/15/2023

**First Reading:** The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

**Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

**Second Reading:** I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

**Gospel:** "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

## Latin Mass Sunday Readings

20th Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** "Brethren: See how you walk circum- spectedly..." (Eph 5:15-21)

**Gradual:** "The eyes of all hope in Thee, O Lord..." (Ps 144:15,16)

**Gospel:** "At that time, there was a certain ruler whose son was sick at Capernaum..." (Jn 4:46-53)

## Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Oct. 16—Saturday, Oct. 21

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

## Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers:

Those Who Are Ill: Michael Murry

With Chronic Health Concerns:

Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Kelly Van-Schalk, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces:

Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble, Zachary Wilhelmi, Lily Wilson, Joseph Eckman

Those Who Have Died Recently:

## Administration

### Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for September 30-October 1, 2023 (week 14)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$6,603.25	100
Electronic Donations	\$6,044.67	58
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$1,284.90	
<b>Total Collections for week 14</b>	<b>\$13,932.82</b>	<b>158</b>

### Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	(Behind)
Actual versus last year October 1, 2023 (week 14)	\$169,724	\$148,201	\$21,523

	This Year	Budget	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget October 1, 2023 (week 14)	\$169,724	\$149,671	\$20,053

## Sacred Heart School Marathon

Thank you to all of you who supported Fr. Pedersen in this year's school marathon! If you didn't get a chance to turn your pledge in for Fr. Pedersen, don't worry, there is still time to do so! Just make a check out to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and note Fr. Pedersen Marathon Pledge in the memo line. Thank you again for your support and donations.

## Quarterly Contribution Statements

3rd Quarter Contribution Statements will be mailed by the end of October 2023.

## Mostaccioli Dinner

It's October, and that means it will soon be time for our Men's Club annual Mostaccioli Dinner!

Saturday, October 28  
4:00-8:00pm

Sacred Heart Church/School Gymnasium

Adults \$12 per person

Kids 10 years old and under \$6

Includes: All you can eat mostaccioli, bread, salad, water/lemonade/coffee, and dessert.

\*Wine is available for an extra cost\*

The Sacred Heart Men's Club is putting on a tasty dinner which helps us to support our parish, school, and charities in our community. Tickets were mailed this week. We need each of you to sell your tickets -- whether you buy them yourselves, sell them to friends, or invite others on your dime, we're looking to have a full dining room. Tickets will also be available at the front door.



## Appalachia Christmas Mission

We are still collecting gifts for the Appalachia Christmas Mission! All gifts can be dropped off until Monday, October 23rd. Drop-off boxes are located in Church by the Front doors and by the Reception Desk. **Please include new items only.** DO NOT include canned goods or food items, used or damaged items, scary or war related items such as toy guns, knives, or other weapons.



## Sacred Heart Catholic School

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade Canoe Building Project

Sacred Heart Catholic School was chosen by CSCOE to partner with Urban Wilderness to build a canoe with their staff. This project will incorporate many subject areas along with critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and team building. It took 10 days to build and we christened our canoe on October 12 at Crystal Lake. The canoe will be part of our live auction at the gala.



### Wreath Sales—Due October 23rd

Our students are selling Christmas wreaths, swags, pine boughs and other holiday decorations. While the Wreath campaign falls right on the heels of Marathon, we're pretty certain you understand the value of wreath sales at this time. Forms are available at the parish reception desk and in the bulletin.

**Delivery date:** November 16-17 from 2-6 pm.

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### BUY COFFEE-SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

WE HAVE A NEW SHIPMENT OF COFFEE FOR SALE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP. MEDIUM ROAST-WHOLE BEAN, OR GROUND BAGS OF COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PAR-



### To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

### Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

### Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

### Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang in the Parish Office.

### Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

**\*\*This Schedule is subject to change\*\***

### October

Sun. 15	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	The Family of Nolan Powell
Latin	11:40 AM	Charles Weber+
Mon. 16	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 17	8:00 AM	Philip Andrzejek+
Wed. 18	8:00 AM	Margaret West+
Thu. 19	8:00 AM	Lawrence Monette+
Fri. 20	8:00 AM	Dan Fortin+
Sat. 21	8:00 AM	Margaret West+
	4:00 PM	Eileen Hassing+
Sun. 22	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Ken Lehn+
Latin	11:40 AM	Celebrant's Intention

### Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am-2:30pm
- Tues.-Wed.:8:30am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

### Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55a.m.  
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

### Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am-8:30pm

## Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: [cshadmin@shrmn.org](mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org)



## Faith Formation



### The Bible Timeline:

### The Story of Salvation

Developed by Jeff Cavins

### Session 12: Royal Kingdom-Part 2

**Royal Kingdom-Part 2:** This session God establishes Israel as a kingdom through a covenant with King David, and his son Solomon builds the Temple.

Session 12 on Tuesday October 24 1:00pm or 7:00pm Sessions.

Questions call Bunny: Direct Line: 763-285-6247 contact@shrmn.org

### A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries

After Mass on Saturday, October 21 and after the 8 and 10am

Masses on Sunday October 22, in the Marian Rooms

Session 2: The Wedding Feast at Cana: Have you ever wanted to

grow in your understanding and devotion to the Luminous Mys-

teries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they sit down with professors at the Augustine Institute Graduate School to discuss the biblical roots of the Luminous Mysteries.



## Pre-Baptism Classes



### PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

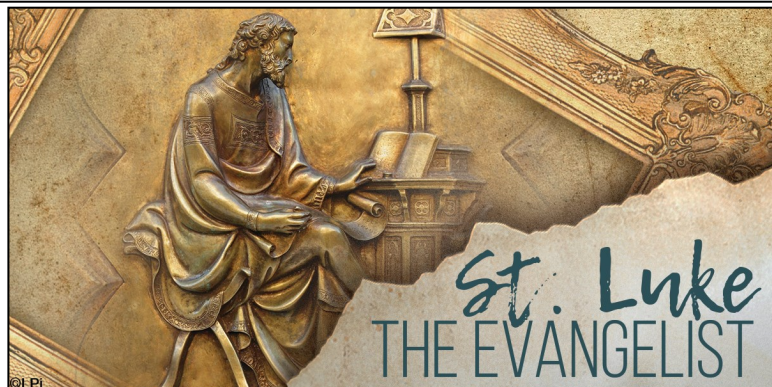
Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday November 14 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office at 763-537-4561.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### The Bible in the Prayer Corner

The children will gather at the prayer table to listen to God's Word. The children come to know that Jesus is the Light of the World. When we read the Bible, Jesus' light is present to us. As Agnes, age 7 responded, "God is like the light. It spreads; it can go everywhere."

**We still have some needs to complete the atrium. You can purchase the following items by clicking on the link and bringing them to the parish office or by writing a check to Sacred Heart and putting the intended item in the memo line. Please notify Morgan Leisgang at 763-285-6246 or [mleisgang@shrmn.org](mailto:mleisgang@shrmn.org) if you have ordered something or written a check.**



## Respect Life Ministry



**40 Days for Life Twin Cities Fall 2023**

**What HOUR will you PRAY?**

**6am to 6pm Daily thru November 5, 2023**

**\*Closing Prayer Vigil – Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St, St. Paul, MN 55114**

Pro-Life Action Ministries invites all to join us at one of the Midwest's largest abortion facilities, in this international movement of **prayer and fasting**, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion.

### Cemetery of the Innocents

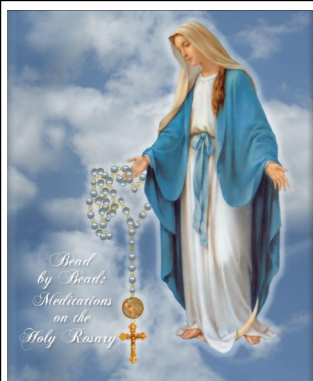
**HELP IS NEEDED** to set up the pink and blue flags for the "Cemetery of the Innocents" at Sacred Heart on west Broadway, to commemorate Respect Life Month.

**Sunday, October 15th at 11:00am** (right after 10am mass)

**Many hands make light work-should take one hour or less.**



## NCCW/ACCW



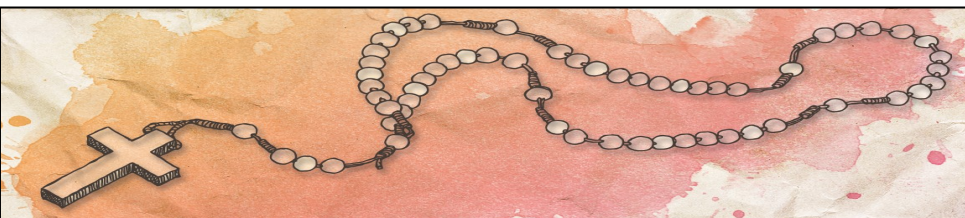
### OCTOBER: ROSARY

October 7 marked the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto, 1571, that was altering in history to aid the course of the Catholic Church; Pope Pius V credited the Lord and the intercession of our Blessed Mother in the dual roles of Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of the Rosary. Centuries later in 1917, at the time of World War I, a beautiful lady appeared at Fatima Portugal to three shepherd children over several months time with messages from heaven **asking them to pray five decades of the Rosary every day "in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war. For She alone will be able to help."** On October 13 of that year, she identified herself as "the Lady of the Rosary," and the people witnessed the Miracle of the Sun performed in order for them to believe.

## Sacred Heart Cenacle

**Sacred Heart Parish is forming a Prayer Group, meeting on the First Saturday of the Month.**

We will be praying for the conversion of our loved ones, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Come join us in community on November 4th at 8am Mass followed by the Rosary in the St. Joseph Room, to petition the Lord our God and ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Children are welcome. Father Pedersen will be hearing confessions from 9-9:30am in church.



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, October 15– 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

**Monday, October 16–St. Hedwig, 1243 (Trad.)  
Columbus Day**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
8:00 AM Communion Service  
Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, October 17– St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, 1690 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
Morning Prayer to follow Mass

**Wednesday, October 18– Feast of St. Luke, 84 (Trad.)  
M.E.A Break-No school through Friday**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
Morning Prayer to follow Mass  
10:00 AM Treasure Hunt Drop Off Day until 8:00PM

**Thursday, October 19– St. Peter of Alcantara, 1562 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
Morning Prayer to follow Mass  
Adoration following Mass till 8:30 PM  
2:00 PM Treasure Hunt Pre-Sale Event until 6:00PM  
(\$5 at the door)

**Friday, October 20– St. John of Kanty, 1473 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
Morning Prayer to follow Mass  
9:00 AM Treasure Hunt Sale until 6:00PM

**Saturday, October 21– St. Hilarion, 371 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
Morning Prayer to follow Mass  
9:00 AM Treasure Hunt \$5 Bag Day until 12PM  
3:00 PM Confessions till 3:45 PM  
4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
5:00 PM Adult Ed– The Luminous Mysteries  
5:15 PM Vespers

**Sunday, October 22– 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Coffee & Donuts after 8am and 10am masses**

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
9:00 AM Adult Ed-The Luminous Mysteries  
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
11:00 AM Adult Ed– The Luminous Mysteries  
11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen



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**Sacred Heart Church Council of Catholic Women**

**Activities Building, Door #8, 4087 West Broadway, Robbinsdale**

# ***Treasure Hunt***

*(aka Rummage Sale)*

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 - Drop Off Day, 10:00am - 8pm

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 - Pre-Sale Event, 2 - 6 pm  
\$5 at the door (children free)

Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 - Sale, 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 - \$5 Bag Day, 9 am - Noon



***What  
treasures will  
YOU find?***

# The 15 Promises of the Holy Rosary

Tradition tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary made fifteen promises to St. Dominic, which she extends to anyone who prays the Rosary, including our families. Here are her promises along with a brief explanation.

**1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.**

**Explanation:** What are "signal graces"? They are little signs that God will give you that you are headed in the right direction so you can make good decisions.

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

**Explanation:** Mary is a channel of God's graces to us. She has a special place in her heart for those who pray the Rosary. They receive her special attention and protection.

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

**Explanation:** Praying the Rosary will not take away your will. You still have the power to make your own choices, but praying the Rosary will naturally make it easier to make virtuous choices because the hold of sinful habits decreases as habits of faith increase.

**4. The Rosary will cause virtue and 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.**

**Explanation:** The last promise was about helping us to resist sin. This promise is about helping us to grow in virtue. We won't just "not be bad"; we will become more holy as we increase in virtue.

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

**Explanation:** You won't go to hell if you pray the Rosary. That doesn't mean you won't go to purgatory.

**6. Whoever 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.**

**Explanation:** When we meditate on the Mysteries while praying the Rosary, Mary ensures that we will never fall into despair about any misfortunes we experience, because she will send us the graces we need to handle them. We will all suffer on earth, but through a devotion to the Rosary, our suffering will be more bearable.

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

**Explanation:** If you have a true devotion to the Rosary, then Mary will ensure you receive last rites before you die. The graces of this sacrament help you endure suffering without losing hope and faith; this sacrament also absolves you of any unconfessed sins.



**8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.**

**Explanation:** This is one of the most amazing promises. Mary is promising that if we pray the Rosary faithfully, we will participate in the treasures of heaven like the saints do. This makes sense. When we make a habit of praying the Rosary, our actions and our hearts become purified so that we are able to experience the light of God. Of course, that we are able to attain these merits comes only through grace and the superabundance of merits earned by Christ on the cross.

**9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.**

**Explanation:** AH! Remember, Mary promised in #5 that you won't go to hell if you pray the Rosary, but you may experience purgatory either here on earth or after death. Some of us will still need some cleansing before we enter heaven, even if we have generally led holy lives. However, Mary promises to "get us out" of purgatory quickly! She is our greatest Advocate.

**10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.**

**Explanation:** This promise makes sense in light of the Church's teaching that "spiritual progress tends toward ever more union with Christ" (Catechism, paragraph 2014). The more holy you are, the higher will be your place in Heaven. Praying the Rosary merits us a higher place in Heaven because we will become more holy.

**11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.**

**Explanation:** This isn't like making a wish while rubbing a genie bottle, then POOF, you get your wish. Mary is our advocate and she mediates between her Son and us. She will ask Jesus for all that we ask, provided it's good for our salvation and doesn't violate God's perfect will for us.

**12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.**

**Explanation:** This means that when you tell others about the Rosary, including teaching your children to pray it, Mary will take special care to ensure you have what you need both spiritually and physically.

**Explanation:** The entire celestial court! Mary promises that if we encourage others to pray the Rosary, the angels in heaven will be interceding for us not only during our lives, but when we die.

**14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.**

**Explanation:** When we recite the Rosary, we are the children of Mary, and Jesus is our brother. We are part of the Holy Family.

**15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.**

**Explanation:** Praying the Rosary is a SIGN that you are on your way to heaven, but of course it's not a guarantee. You have to respond to God's invitation and grace. Praying the Rosary is a sign that you love Mary, and you are precious to her. She will ensure you have the graces you need to obtain salvation, but it's still up to you to respond and to act in love and obedience.

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