

September: Mary, the Rosary, Memorial Mass and Communion of Saints – Pt. 4

“Then I saw an angel come down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain. He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the Devil or Satan, and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss, which he locked over it and sealed, so that it could no longer lead the nations astray until the thousand years are completed.” – Rev. 20: 1-3a



Jacques de Louterbourg - The Angel Binding Satan ca. 1797

In this series I've written about the Memorial Mass, the Communion of Saints, Mary, and finally in September, the Rosary. I saved the Rosary for last because in my mind the Rosary pulls together all of the other elements of this series into a beautiful crescendo. Our enemy the devil, who, after tricking untold generations of mankind, finally gets his just reward and gets locked up, and I'm sure St. Michael isn't very friendly about it either, thank you.

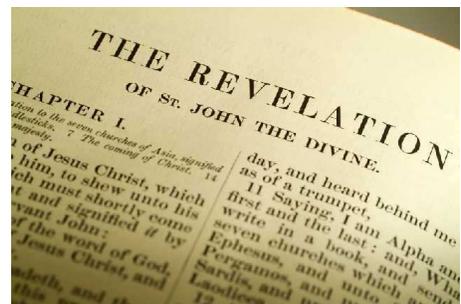
I love the imagery of the passage from Revelation, Chapter 20 and the icon from de Louterbourg. They help me focus on the events that will take place at the end of time. We know who wins the war if we read the back of the book, such knowledge is reassuring; it gives me great hope.

To pray the Rosary is to pray the Scriptures as each mystery is a beautiful meditation on specific events in the life of our Lord taken directly from the Bible. Additionally, each mystery is a frustrating loss for our enemy, the devil, in the battle for our souls. How? Each mystery is a learning moment for us. Every time someone is drawn closer to Jesus through meditation and prayer, the devil loses another soul. Heck, is that all we have to do? No, but it's a great beginning.



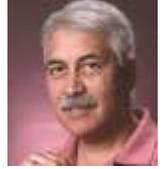
Another beautiful thing is that the Rosary is prayed on a chain. At the head of the Rosary is a crucifix, the key to the prayer, its beginning and end. For us, the crucifix is the key to victory. For our enemy, the devil, it is the chain that binds him and key to his own destruction. It's the key that locks him in the dungeon with all the other foolish souls that choose to be with him. Are you a link in this chain of prayer?

The Rosary is a meditative chain of prayer directed to Jesus through Mary from us, Mary's children, the Communion of Saints. There is great power in the Rosary.



In this way Catholics pray to and with Mary. In this way we win battles. In this way we save souls, including our own. We aren't afraid to turn to our mother for help and guidance. Our mother wears combat boots, do we?

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The September business meeting is on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00pm. The second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, September 13th at 5:45pm. The Respect Life Rosary begins at about 6:30; please go! Don't forget to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually.

Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him in prayer. Pray for the men and women who serve in law enforcement and the military. Pray that politicians have a conversion of heart. Pray for strong families. Above all, pray that Holy Mother Church around the world can withstand the buffets of her enemies. Pray for our priests and for our Holy Father Pope Francis.