

The Worldpriest Global Apostolate

HOLY ROSARY

*ROSARY RELAY FOR PRIESTS
THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
JUNE 19, 2020*

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Father Phalan

We thank our brothers and sisters at the prayer location of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner, South Dakota, USA

We invite you to join with us as we take up the Global Relay on this Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, praying the SORROWFUL Mysteries of the Rosary. NOW WE COME TO A PARTICULARLY PRIVILEGED MOMENT OF THIS DAY AS WE UNITE OURSELVES WITH THE CHURCH OF ROME, PRAYING FOR OUR BELOVED HOLY FATHER, FRANCIS. Bishop of Rome, Successor of Peter and Vicar of Christ, he is a living symbol of the unity of the Body of Christ. From the first moments of his Pontificate he has shown himself to be a great Apostle of Mercy, not only for the Church but beloved by all people of Peace and Good Will. We pray for him as he calls, leads and challenges all priests to live their vocation of incarnate holiness, united with the Lord and Christ whom they represent – particularly as the ship of the Church traverses stormy seas with the whole world during this global pandemic.

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests is organized and coordinated by the Worldpriest Global Apostolate. I am Father James Phalan of the

Congregation of Holy Cross, National Director of the Family Rosary in the United States.

Wherever in the world you are located, please join us in prayer on this special day of prayer for our Priests.

Pope Francis each year imparts his Apostolic Blessing on Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests and those who pray for it. NOW, WE, IN TURN, RETURN THIS BLESSING UPON HIM, as thousands of the faithful who look to him for wisdom and guidance in a very complex world:

✠ **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

**WE PRAY FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER**

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

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GLORY BE to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The First Sorrowful Mystery

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

As we see Christ in the garden with our mind's eye, we hear these words from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Is 53: 5):

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

Father, through the intercession of your Holy Mother, continue to give Pope Francis the strength to unite himself with Christ, the Servant who takes on our sin and our pain in order to heal this wounded world and our hurting hearts. Give us the strength to to unite all our sufferings with your Crucified Son.

... The decade is prayed

The Second Sorrowful Mystery

THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

As we see Christ's scourging with our mind's eye, hear these words from the Gospel according to Saint John (John 15:12-13):

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Father, through the intercession of our Holy Mother, continue to grant Pope Francis the FORTITUDE AND WISDOM he needs to call the Church and the world to self giving, self sacrificing love, in the face of forces that promote pride and thrive on using others.

... The decade is prayed

The Third Sorrowful Mystery

THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

As with our mind's eye we see Christ crowned, we hear from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt 11: 28-29):

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

O Lord, Pope Francis has been so faithful to you by insisting that we cherish the humble and the weak of this world. Give him and all the Church the grace always to be your hands and feet reaching out to those in need by words and actions that are at once humble and strong.

... The decade is prayed

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery

JESUS CARRIES THE CROSS

As with our mind's eye we see Christ carrying his cross, we hear from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 13: 4-7):

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Father, keep filling the heart of Pope Francis and our hearts too with the Spirit of your Son so that we may always live MERCY and show MERCY.

... The decade is prayed

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (Gal 6: 14-17):

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

Father, with the faith of the Mary, Mother of the Church who stood at side of the Cross, keep making Pope Francis and the whole Church a great light that to see Christ's Paschal Journey as the way our world must come to embrace always, but especially now as we traverse the difficult terrain of the global pandemic we now suffer.

... The decade is prayed

FATHER PHALAN CONTINUES (- TILL THE END)

Let us pray in the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

LORD JESUS CHRIST,

eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.

Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests.

Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with a pure heart and clear conscience.

Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Rosary Relay next year will be prayed on Friday June 11, 2021.

We now pass the Rosary Relay from Lourdes to Saint Bernadette Parish Church, Gabarone, Southern Botswana.

The Lord be with you...

**May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Our Lady, Protectress of the People of Rome, Pray for us

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.