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# OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

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### ***OUR PATRONESS***

**Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**, is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in relation to the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7, the anniversary of the decisive victory of the combined Christian fleet in 1571 at the Battle of Lepanto, defeating an Ottoman fleet off western Greece



Pope Pius V had organized a coalition of forces from Spain and smaller Christian kingdoms, republics and military orders, to rescue Christian outposts in Cyprus, particularly the Venetian outpost at Famagusta which, however, surrendered after a long siege on August 1 before the Christian forces set sail. On October 7, 1571 the Holy League, a coalition of southern European Catholic maritime states, sailed from Messina, Sicily, and met a powerful Ottoman fleet in the Battle of Lepanto. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, the holy pontiff, Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory, and led a rosary procession in Rome.

After about five hours of fighting on the northern edge of the Gulf of Corinth, off western Greece, the combined navies of the Vatican, Venice and Spain managed to stop the Ottoman navy, slowing the Ottoman advance to the west and denying them access to the Atlantic Ocean and the Americas. If the Ottomans had won then

there was a real possibility that an invasion of Italy could have followed so that the Ottoman sultan, already claiming to be emperor of the Romans, would have been in possession of both New and Old Rome. Combined with the unfolding events in Morocco where the Sa'adids successfully spurned the Ottoman advances, it confined Turkish naval power to the eastern Mediterranean. Although the Ottoman Empire was able to build more ships, it never fully recovered from the loss of trained sailors and marines, and was never again the Mediterranean naval power it had become the century before when Constantinople fell.

In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the title of the "Feast of Our Lady of Victory" to "Feast of the Holy Rosary". Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the whole of the Latin Rite, inserting it into the General Roman Calendar in 1716, and assigning it to the first Sunday in October. Pope Pius X changed the date to 7 October in 1913, as part of his effort to restore celebration of the liturgy of the Sundays.

*(Excerpts taken from [Wikipedia](#))*



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

### Msgr. Edward House

Dear Brother Knights:

Greetings to you in our Lord Jesus Christ! I thank you for the commitment you have made to the Knights of Columbus and for your dedication and work. His Holiness Pope Francis is preaching each morning at his residence the Casa Saint Martha. His weekday homilies are being sent around the world. Recently he talked about some ways for Catholics to join in “walking the talk” of our faith. Here they are for some pondering in our own lives.

#### 1. LISTEN (PRAY)

He says: “I pray the breviary every morning. Like to pray with the psalms. Then later, I celebrate Mass. I pray the rosary. What I really prefer is adoration in the evening. I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in adoration. I ask myself:

**Reflect:** “What have I done for Christ today? What am I doing for Christ? What should I do For Christ?”

#### 2. SIMPLIFY

Much like his namesake, Pope Francis has chosen a simple lifestyle. Pope Francis has chosen to live in the Vatican guesthouse, explaining: “I need a community...I need to live my life with others.” Clearly, people are more important to him than the additional space and privacy the papal apartment’s offers, and he views material possessions as fleeting.

**Reflect:** “How might I live more simply?”

#### 3. REFOCUS

Pope Francis invites us to think more broadly. Calling for “mercy above all”, he speaks of his own sinfulness and says: “I am drawn to prisoners; I’m human like they are.” He washed the feet of 12 prison inmates on Holy Thursday. Referring to the Church. As a “field hospital” where people come for merciful care, he tells priests to lead with the merciful face of Christ.

**Reflect:** “What judgments keep me from being merciful in thought, word or action?”

#### 4. ENGAGE

Pope Francis engages the world with his genuine smile, humble spirit and desire to rub elbows with us. While busy leading the Church, he makes time for people who make up the Church. We see him posing for a selfie with visitors to the Vatican and inviting a teen with Down syndrome to ride on the pope mobile. Pope Francis would often go out at night in Buenos Aires, not just to find people, talk with them, or buy them something to eat...he would eat with them. This is what he wants from me and us. .

**Reflect:** “Do I make time for the people I encounter each day?”

## 5. EMBRACE

We will long remember the image of Pope Francis embracing the man with the disfigured face. His tweets are often prayers or invitations: “Lord, teach us to Step outside of ourselves.” “Teach us to go out into the streets and manifest your love.” “True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.

**Reflect:** “what fears must I overcome to become merciful?”

**GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:**

Brother Knights:

I want to thank the Brothers who responded to the invitation from Holy Rosary School to assist with their “welcome back to school B-B-Q”. This was a great opportunity for us to show our support to the school. I am sure that they will keep us in mind when they need a helping hand in the future.

On that same note, I want to thank all who assisted with the “Parish Welcome Back Sunday”. Our Council was responsible for the refreshments; I never knew that we had so many cookie bakers. Thank you all.

We took the opportunity to show case our Council on this Sunday, and I am happy to report that some parishioners showed interest in joining us. To use a sales phrase, we now have to “close the deal” and get prospective members to sign on the dotted line.

We just finished the Special Olympics “bottle drive”. A fantastic success. I will report on the actual result at our meeting on Tuesday. Special thanks to our Program Chairman, Brother Ken Fleming and his committee. A very special thank you to Brother Aeneas Mac Isaac for making his trailer available; it made the collection a breeze. Thanks Aeneas.

October is a Special Month for our Council. It is the feast day of our Patroness – Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. In fact her feast day is on our Meeting night. Monsignor House will be celebrating Mass in Her honour before our meeting. Please arrive before 7:00 to prepare for Holy Mass.

Don Prescott  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

*October 7*  
*The feast of Our Lady*  
*Of the Most Holy Rosary*

Oct. 7 – Business Meeting  
Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving

Nov. 4 – Business Meeting  
Nov. 8 – CWL Bell Bazaar

## *November 28*

### *Annual Turkey Roll*

Dec. 2 – Business Meeting

*December 4 & 5*  
*Food Drive at Longo’s*  
*For the Good Shepherd*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to:

*Bro. Vincent and*  
*Arlene Iantomasi*  
*October 10 – 33 years*

## PRAYER NETWORK



In charity, we pray for:

Concetta Iantomasi, mother of  
Brother Vincent

Andrew Pennachetii, Nephew of  
Brother Lou

### *Prayer for Healing*

*Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from me all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit, so that in my renewed health, I may bless and serve you, now and forever more.*

To be included in the Prayer Network, contact Bro. Vic Lefebvre at 905-336-3056 or by e-mail at [kofcholyrosary@outlook.com](mailto:kofcholyrosary@outlook.com)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**STAN SEMENIUK  
OCTOBER 4**

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## THE BELL BAZAAR

**Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Rosary Church  
287 Plains Road East Burlington**

Join us for this annual event from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre of Holy Rosary Church. We have the best tea room in town—good food and great prices. Featuring costume jewellery, crafts, knitting, Penny Sale, Country Kitchen and FREE admission. Lucky Dips and Santa for the kids and major draw cash prizes too.

Please join us for this community event sponsored by Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League. For further information, contact Bev Taylor 905-577-0470.

# Special Olympics



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO

The Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics have a longstanding relationship. The Knights are truly dedicated to the athletes, families and mission of Special Olympics.



### COUNCIL 15920 BOTTLE DRIVE

On the weekend of October 4th and 5th, Council 15920 of the Knights of Columbus held a bottle drive in support of the Ontario Special Olympics.

Last year 51 Councils and Districts in Ontario raised over \$16,000 for this worthy cause.

Special Olympics Ontario has declared October as Knights of Columbus Month and this will be our first Special Olympics event for October. It also coincides with Supreme Council asking us to dedicate our community service work during the 1st week of October to Pope Francis and his message of encouraging us with our Works of Charity.

### NATIONAL AND WORLD GAMES

National Games are held every two (2) years on a rotating basis (Summer & Winter). Athletes are selected from the National Competition to advance to World Games also held every two years on a rotating winter and summer basis as well.

The 2014 Canadian Special Olympics were held in July in Vancouver where over 2000 athletes, coaches and officials competed in 11 sports and were awarded 2214 medals. Ontario Provincial games will be held this coming January in Sudbury. The world games will be held in Los Angeles in August 2015.

For more information on National or World games respectively, please visit [Special Olympics Canada](#) or [Special Olympics International](#)

Special Olympics competitions are structured to provide opportunities for increasingly challenging competitions. This means that recreational and competitive athletes will have the opportunity to compete at a community level with the opportunity to advance to Regional, Provincial, National or even World competitions based on qualifying criteria.