

# Rosary Buddy



***“To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate the face of Christ with Mary.” St. John Paul II***

# WHAT IS ROSARY BUDDY?



The **Rosary Buddy** ministry is an innovative way to include more people in the daily prayer of the Holy Rosary. It recognizes that not everyone can participate in in-person Rosary prayer groups due to various reasons. Obstacles such as physical limitations, mental health issues, time constraints, and transportation difficulties affect one's ability to develop a daily habit of praying the Rosary. By offering a one-on-one experience through alternate means of communication, the **Rosary Buddy** ministry can help bring the mysteries and prayers of the Rosary to individuals wherever they are.

Additionally, this ministry provides an opportunity for parishioners to give back to their community by volunteering as **Rosary Buddy Leaders**. Volunteers can choose the days and times they are available to pray the Rosary and can use various communication methods, such as cell phone or FaceTime. The **Rosary Buddy** program is an inclusive way to ensure that everyone who wants to participate in Rosary prayer has the chance to do so.


## **MISSION**

To help all Catholics meditate on the mysteries of our faith through praying the Holy Rosary.

## **VISION**

To meet people where they are in their prayer life by providing resources and assistance in the daily practice of praying the Holy Rosary.

*“The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth. In the prayer we repeat many times the words that the Virgin Mary heard from the Archangel, and from her kinswoman Elizabeth.” St. John Paul II*



# HOW DOES IT WORK?

The **Rosary Buddy** ministry offers a one-on-one experience for parishioners to pray the rosary in a way that meets their needs. Alternate means of communication including a phone call, FaceTime, and WhatsApp allows people who are new to praying the Rosary (**Rosary Buds**) the opportunity to strengthen their love for Jesus through Mary in a way that is comfortable.

1

Parishioners will volunteer to be a **Rosary Buddy Leader** and sign up using a Google Form. The role of a **Rosary Buddy Leader** is to pray the Rosary with another parishioner (**Rose Bud**) who desires to pray the Rosary but cannot do so in person. **Rosary Buddy Leaders** may also be required to teach and demonstrate how to pray the Rosary. Resources will be available for all participants to aid in learning about the Rosary.

2

There are various communication methods including cell phones, FaceTime, and WhatsApp. A **Rosary Buddy Leader** chooses his/her preferred communication method.

3

Schedules and time commitments differ with each person. A **Rosary Buddy Leader** chooses the times of day and days of the week he/she is available to pray the Rosary.

4

Parishioners who need a **Rosary Buddy** will also sign up via a Google Form. Those parishioners are signing up to be a **Rosary Bud**. Then, **Rosary Buddy Leads** and **Rosary Buds** are matched according to preferred communication methods and time availability.

5

It is time to pray the Rosary! Participants will be notified of their matches and **Rosary Buddy Leaders** and **Rosary Buds** will coordinate and begin their prayer journeys.

*“To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.” St. John Paul II*

# HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Anyone can be a **Rosary Buddy**! A goal of this ministry is to meet parishioners where they are in their prayer journey. **Rosary Buddy Leaders** can be adult men and women over 18 years of age. We are not looking for experts on praying the Rosary, but people with a servant's heart. Resources are available on how to pray the Holy Rosary.

[REGISTER TO BECOME A ROSARY BUDDY LEADER](#)

1

Anyone can also be a **Rosary Bud**! All one needs is an open mind and a desire to get to know Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary. The "Rosary is a scripture-based prayer" (USCCB) that allows us to contemplate the life of Jesus Christ and that of his mother Mary.

2

Parishioners who desire to be become a **Rosary Buddy Leader** will be given the link to a Google Form. On this form, people will indicate their preferred communication methods and times of availability. Participants will receive communication from the **Rosary Buddy** ministry coordinator and will be provided with resources about the Holy Rosary.

3

Next, parishioners who need a **Rosary Buddy** to pray the Rosary with them will sign up to become a **Rosary Bud**. Then, **Rosary Buddy Leaders** and **Rosary Buds** are matched according to preferred communication methods and time availability. Each participant will be contacted and given the name and information of their new Rosary Buddy.

[REGISTER TO BECOME A ROSARY BUD](#)

4

The next step is for Rosary Buddy Leaders and Rosary Buds to connect, coordinate, and begin praying the Holy Rosary together. Rosaries and Rosary prayer guides are available free of charge and will be given to Rosary Buds and anyone who needs them.

*"The Rosary is the storehouse of countless blessings." St. John Paul II*



# ROSARY BUDDY RESOURCES

Christians are called to evangelize and spread the Good News. Meeting parishioners where they are may mean that some may not know how to pray the Rosary. Rosary Buddy Leaders may be asked to demonstrate how to pray the Holy Rosary. Moreover, Rosary Buds may have the desire to learn about the history of the Holy Rosary. Feel free to share these resources!

## **Websites**

[Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II - Vatican](#)

[How to Pray the Rosary - Rosary Center & Confraternity](#)

[History of the Rosary - Dynamic Catholic](#)

[How to Pray the Rosary - USCCB](#)

[Prayers of the Rosary - USCCB](#)

## **YouTube Videos**

[How to Pray the Rosary \(Video\) - USCCB](#)

[Pray With Us: The Holy Rosary \(Video\) - Ascension Presents](#)

[How to Pray the Rosary - For Beginners and Those Who Forgot \(Video\) - Rosary Army](#)

[How to Pray the Rosary \(Step by Step Guide\) for Beginners \(Video\) - My Catholic Prayers](#)



Thank you for support of this ministry! May the Lord continue to inspire us to become closer to Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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