

October 7th: The Virgin of the Rosary

Gospel text (Lk 1,26-38): In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth. He was sent to a young virgin who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the family of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, «Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Do not fear, Mary, for God has looked kindly on you. You shall conceive and bear a son and you shall call him Jesus. He will be great and shall rightly be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the kingdom of David, his ancestor; he will rule over the people of Jacob forever and his reign shall have no end» (...).

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Today we celebrate the Virgin under the advocacy of the Rosary. So many times has She appeared with the “rosary in her hands”! She likes it! The reason is this: although it may seem that the prayer of the Rosary is a manifestation of Marian piety (of course, it is!), however its substantiation is Christological, Jesus himself. The protagonist of the Holy Rosary is Jesus Christ, the Son of God born of Mary Most Holy! The different mysteries of the Rosary —joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous— are like “photographs” of emblematic moments in the life of Jesus as seen with Mary’s eyes.

—The mysteries are mysteries of Christ. With good reason, Blessed Pope Paul VI said of the Rosary that «it is a compendium of the Gospel». In addition, to the “Hail Mary” —repeated around each one of these mysteries— it contains in its very heart the name of Jesus. Mary is blessed among all women because the fruit of her womb is blessed: Jesus!