

Family Rosary Sunday

A Kit for Parishes



Take Home Option



FAMILY ROSARY AT HOME

Invite the families in your parish to pray the rosary at home, and then bring a rose, a card or light a candle the following Sunday to offer to Our Lady after the Mass. We include all you need to invite families to participate, as well as ideas for handling the logistics and celebrating families for praying the rosary together.

VIRTUAL FAMILY ROSARY

Virtual Option

Invite every parish household to join in a virtual rosary event from their own homes! Father can start off the rosary, and a family from the parish can volunteer to lead each decade over Zoom. Provide families with materials to help kids enter into the rosary, and encouragement that the experience does not need to look a certain way.



Parish Event Option



FAMILY ROSARY TAILGATE

Invite the whole parish to a tailgate party to honor Our Lady! Use the church parking lot or an outdoor gathering place for your parish community to enjoy friendship and food together, followed by recitation of the rosary led by persons representing different ages and stages of family life.

Family Rosary at Home

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COORDINATING THE DETAILS

- Put out rosary guides two weeks in advance, inviting families to learn how to pray the rosary.
- Invite parishioners to leave prayer intentions that the parish can lift up in prayer on the Sunday before Family Rosary Day. These intentions could be in a book or box at the back of church or at Mary's feet. You could even start a social media thread for this on your parish's page!
- When encouraging families to pray the rosary, be sure to remind them that the experience may look and feel less than perfect, and even chaotic, but that is normal. The rosary could be split up into a decade a night, or prayed on a family walk if needed. Reassure families that there are many ways family prayer could be done at home.
- After inviting households to pray the rosary together through school and parish channels, set up the celebration on Family Rosary Day, using the ideas on the list below for inspiration!

CELEBRATING WITH FAMILIES

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

- Lead some Marian prayers after Masses to accompany the giving of flowers to Mary, and/or ask the musicians to lead the congregation in singing a Marian hymn.
- Remind the families at the end of Masses that their mission is to bring everyone in their home closer to Jesus, and so that they are truly known as a "domestic church." Encourage them to continue the family rosary!
- Take a photo of the vase(s) with flowers from the families and the candles, and post it on social media and in next Sunday's bulletin, thanking the families for participating.
- If offering donuts or a social after Mass, put out coloring pages on the rosary and rosary making cord for older children. Try to incorporate the color "blue" into the festivities to honor Our Lady!



SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation

Join us for Family Rosary Day!

All parish households are invited to pray the rosary at some point in the next week, either at one time or broken up among several days. *Rosary booklets are available for pick-up that explain how to pray the rosary.* When you come to church next Sunday, be sure to bring a flower to add to the vase in front of Our Lady! If you forget to bring a flower, there will be candles available for you to light instead. This will be a visual reminder of our prayers united as a gift for our Mother in Heaven.



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Thank You

Thank you for praying with us!

Last week we asked every household to pray the rosary at some point during the week, and then bring a flower to offer Mary at Sunday Mass. It was so wonderful to see a full bouquet of flowers for Our Lady by the end of the day! Check out the parish social media to see a photo of the end result. It is even more wonderful to think of all the families who were spending time together praying during the last week. Hopefully, this practice continues to bless your families and draw you closer to Jesus Christ!



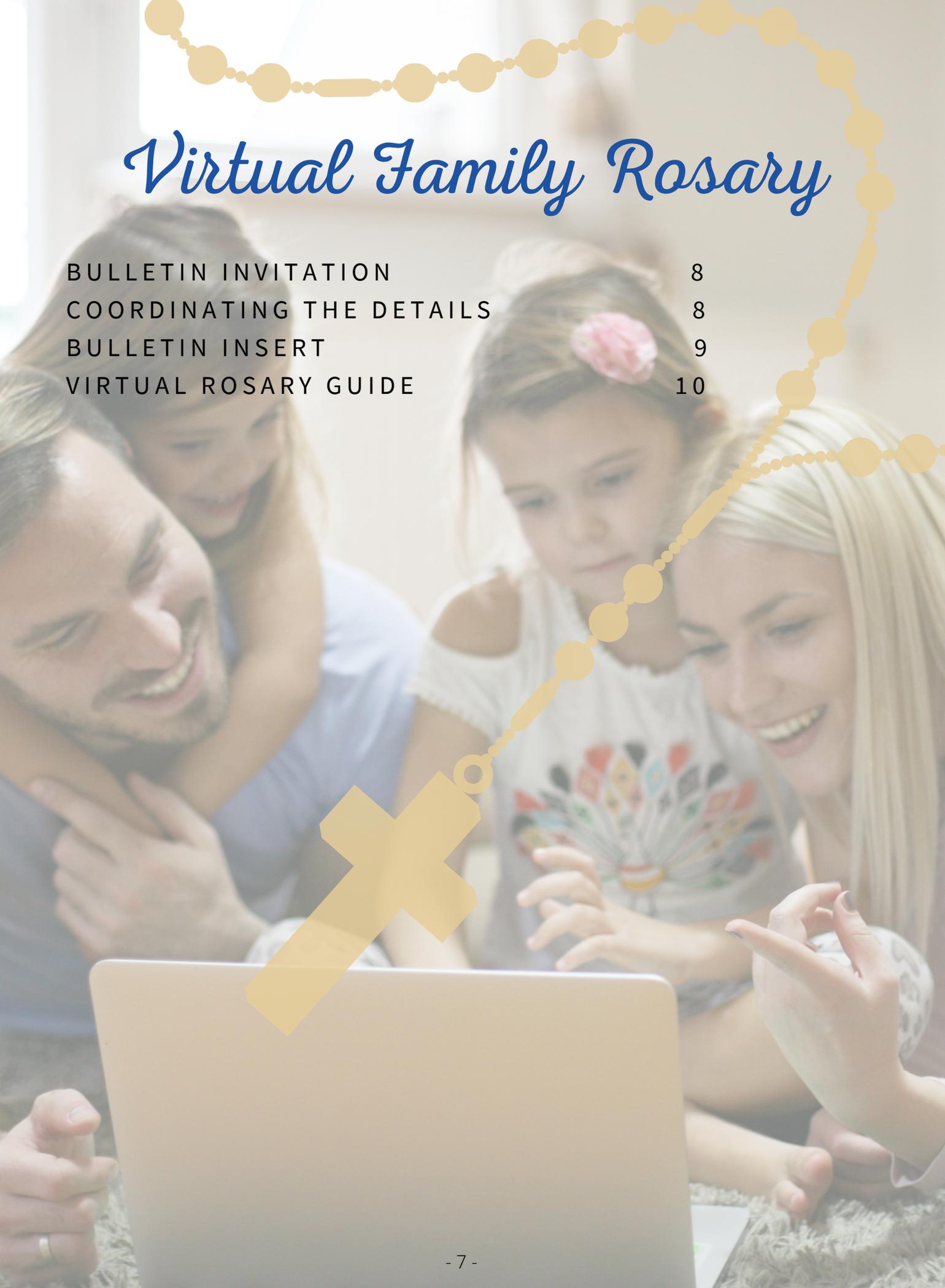


You're invited!



CELEBRATE FAMILY ROSARY DAY!

Join our parish in honoring Mary as our Mother for Family Rosary Day next Sunday! This week, pray a rosary with your household, then bring a flower to Mass with you on Sunday to add to the vases we will have in front of the statue in our church.



Virtual Family Rosary

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SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us for Family Rosary Day!

All parish households are invited to pray the rosary with us on Sunday, [date], via Zoom at [time]. Even if your family can only join for one decade, please stop by to pray with us and join your household with the rest of our parish family! Information for joining the virtual rosary can be found below:

[Sign up here to join the event!]



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COORDINATING THE DETAILS

1. Choose a time and an "emcee" for the event.
2. Create a registration link where households can sign up to receive the Zoom link to the event.
3. Begin promotion. Customize the promotional elements of the toolkit for your parish!
4. Invite some families to lead a decade. Assign all five households a decade and let them know their cue to begin leading their decade.
5. The day before Family Rosary Sunday, send an email to those registered with the Zoom link for the virtual event. Do the same a few hours before the event, including the PDF of the Virtual Rosary Guide that will be used.



Virtual Family Rosary

Pray together as a parish family!



When: [date] at [time]

Where: On Zoom from your home

**Sign up to have
the link sent to you!**

VIRTUAL ROSARY GUIDE

Meditation Guide for the Rosary with Scriptures and Images

Download the slideshow or PDF linked here for images and Scriptures to go along with the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Whoever is hosting the virtual rosary event can share their screen and advance the slides for the group. The host can decide whether to read the Scriptures for each decade for the group. This is a wonderful way to engage attendees in meditation on each mystery! This slideshow can also be sent out to families ahead of the event.



[Click here to download the slideshow or PDF](#)

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE ANNUNCIATION

"In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and

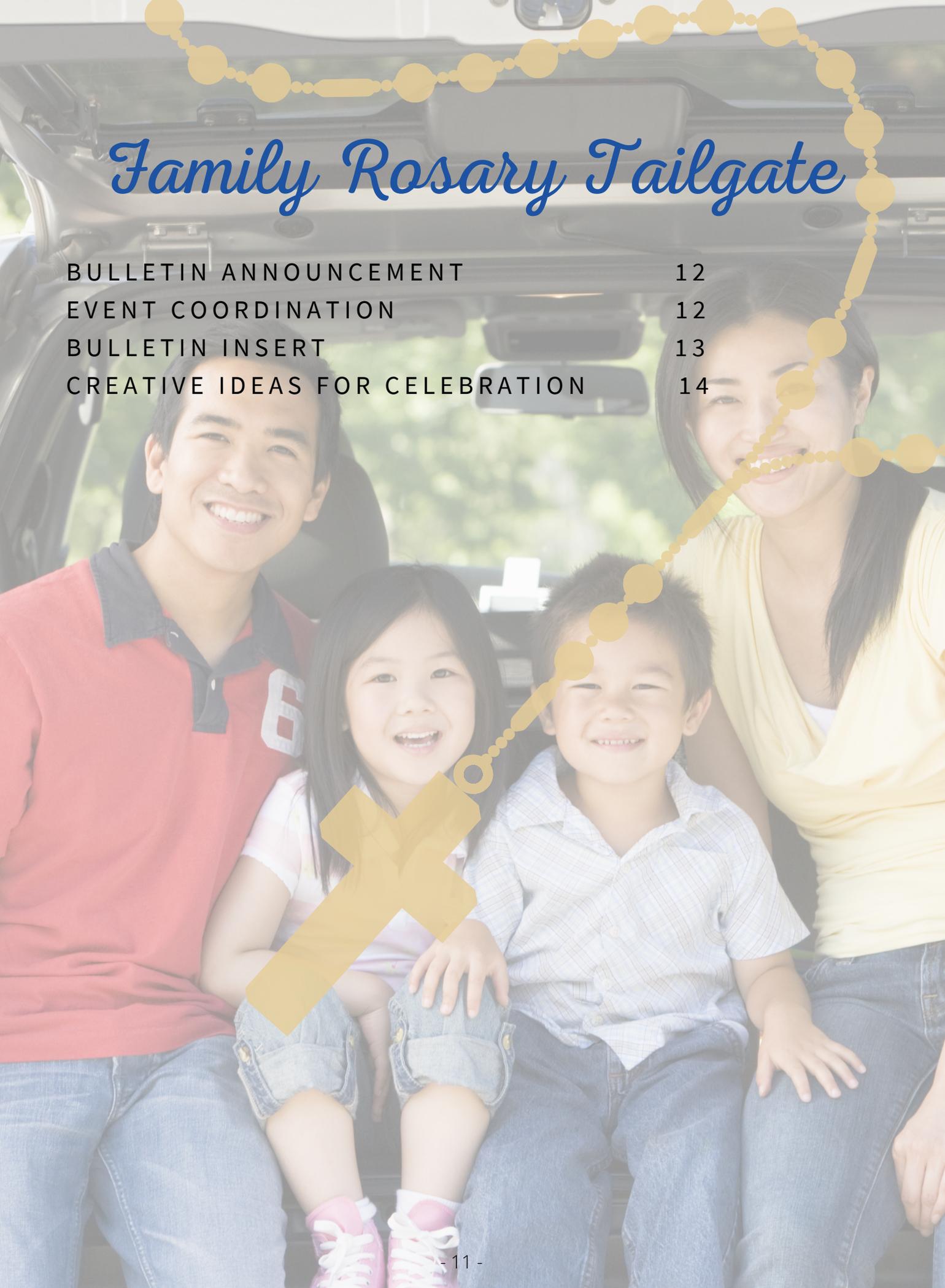
THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE NATIVITY

"And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."
Lk 2:4-7

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

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

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.



Family Rosary Tailgate

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SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us for a Family Rosary Tailgate!

All parishioners –along with their families, friends and neighbors – are invited to show your (Holy) **Spirit** and enthusiasm for our **Alma Mater** (Our Blessed Mother) at a parish tailgate on October 17! Bring your own food, drinks and lawn chairs (no grills, please!), and sport your **Colors** (blue and white for Mary). Gather in the Church parking lot at [time] for friendship and food. At [time], we'll pray the Rosary together.



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EVENT COORDINATION

Pre-Event

1. Choose a time and an outdoor location for the event.
2. Decide whether the event will include food - drinks and snacks, family picnic, pot luck, or grilled main course - and what the parish will provide.
3. Recruit volunteers to make the event enjoyable for everyone: set up/take down crew, individuals to safely direct cars to a parking space, an emcee to welcome attendees and facilitate the event, individuals/families to lead the rosary, and an audio person to ensure everyone can hear.
4. Begin promotion! You can ask the Marriage and Family Life Office to customize the promotional elements of the toolkit for your parish.

On Family Rosary Day

1. Orient volunteers and set up space for the tailgate, including clear directions to parking, the restrooms, and water.
2. Set up and test the sound system.
3. Invite families to set up their tailgate around their parking space.
4. Celebrate together!
5. At the arranged time, announce the start of the rosary. Facilitate the leading of each decade by pre-arranged individuals/families over the microphone.
6. Thank those who have attended and send them off with a blessing.



Family Rosary Tailgate



Sunday, [date] [time]

Bring rosaries, folding chairs, and snacks

Don't forget to wear blue & white to celebrate Our Lady!

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR CELEBRATION

HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL IDEAS:

- Ask families to bring their own food, drinks, and snacks. After the rosary, treat participants to dessert from an food truck.
- Ask cars to decorate their car in honor of Our Lady. You can even make it a contest!
- Invite a parish musician to lead the congregation in songs of praise of Our Lady.
- Have a statue of Our Lady present for the event on a decorated table.
- Provide activities for families such as coloring sheets or rosary making.
- Create a large set of rosary beads made of log segments or paving stones laid in sequence on the lawn for children to follow.
- If limiting exposure is a concern, ask families to stay by their cars to offer prayers and song in honor of Our Lady. Afterwards, provide people with bags of food and drink so they can continue the celebration at home with their family.

