**Introductory Rite**

Friends, on behalf of family names, I want first to welcome you and also to thank you for coming to this Rosary service for N:. This is a Catholic service, but hope everyone feels very welcome here, whether you are Catholic or not.

We have come together today to renew our trust in Jesus Christ who, by dying on the cross, has freed us from eternal death and, by rising, has opened for us the gates of heaven.

The Catholic Church professes our belief in the communion of Saints and recognizes the spiritual connection of between the living and the dead. In the 2nd book of Maccabees, we read about the value of praying for the dead and we hope in turn that they will pray for us after we’ve passed.

So, with that, together we will pray the rosary. The rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of our Catholic Church. It is an ancient prayer, dating almost 1500 years. During the recitation of the Rosary, the prayerful are invited to meditate on the saving mysteries of our Lord's life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother. The Hail Mary prayer is based on Scripture, starting with the message delivered by the angel Gabriel to Mary: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.” Then we hear the words Elizabeth used to greet Mary during the Visitation: “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” It concludes with a request for intercessory prayer, calling to mind our Blessed Mother’s intercession at the Wedding Feast of Cana.

As Catholics we don’t pray to Mary but rather with her – much the same way if you would ask a friend to pray for you or a loved one. Bishop Fulton Sheen said

“God Who Made the Sun, Also Made the Moon. The Moon Does Not Take Away from The Brilliance of The Sun. All It's Light Is Reflected from The Sun. The Blessed Mother Reflects Her Divine Son. Mary is like the moon; Christ is the light and Mary reflects that light of her Son.”

Before we start the rosary, let us take a moment in silent prayer; to pray for N: and to pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the gift of His loving consolation.

In the rosary today, we will meditate on various mysteries of Christ, their relationship to a sacrament, and N:’s sacramental journey.

**Start with the Sign of the Cross**

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

**Recite the Apostles**’ **Creed**

**Deacon:** 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.

**All:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Recite the Lord**’**s Prayer**

**Deacon:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

**Recite Hail Mary**

**Deacon:** For Faith Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Deacon:** For Hope Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Deacon:** For Love Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Recite Glory Be**

**Deacon:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The First decade**

**Deacon:** The First Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus. (Matthew 3:17) Jesus is baptized by water and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him and the voice of the Father declares Him His Son.

On Baptism Date, Parent’s Names took their son/daughter, N: to Church Name in City, State to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Freed of original sin, N: becomes a beloved child of God and a member of the Living Body of Christ.

Let our intention be that N:, having received the sacrament of baptism, has opened the gates of Heaven for his/her soul.

**Recite The Lord**’**s Prayer**

**Recite Hail Mary 10 times**

**Recite Glory Be**

**Recite Fatima and Eternal Rest Prayers**

**Deacon:** **O my Jesus,**

**All:** Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

**Deacon:** Eternal rest grant untoN:, O Lord.

**All:** And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

**Deacon:** May he/she rest in peace.

**All:** Amen.

**The Second decade**

**Deacon:** The Fifth Luminous Mystery: *The Institution of the Eucharist (*John 13:1) At the Last Supper, Jesus gives us the gift of His body and blood under the signs of bread and wine and testifies to His everlasting love for each of us by sharing this Sacrament of the Eucharist. On First Eucharist Date, N: first received the Body of Christ in her first communion at St. Patrick’s in City, State. The Eucharist gave him/her nourishment for her spiritual journey.

In life, N: frequently received the Eucharist. Let our intention be that we too, may continue to frequent this sacrament and be in union with him/her, and all the saints in Heaven.

**Recite The Lord**’**s Prayer**

**Recite Hail Mary 10 times**

**Recite Glory Be**

**Recite Fatima and Eternal Rest Prayers**

**Deacon:** **O my Jesus,**

**All:** Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

**Deacon:** Eternal rest grant untoN:, O Lord.

**All:** And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

**Deacon:** May he/she rest in peace.

**All:** Amen.

**The Third decade**

**Deacon: The Third Glorious Mystery: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit***

On Confirmation Date, N: was confirmed at Church Name in City, State. The sacrament of Confirmation seals the gifts of the Holy Spirit, received at our baptisms, in each of us. N: received wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, and these were confirmed.

Having received the sacrament of confirmation, N: received the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, and in turn shared them with all he/she met. Let our intention be that we too, may share those gifts with one another in the coming days, weeks, and months.

**Recite The Lord**’**s Prayer**

**Recite Hail Mary 10 times**

**Recite Glory Be**

**Recite Fatima and Eternal Rest Prayers**

**Deacon:** **O my Jesus,**

**All:** Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

**Deacon:** Eternal rest grant untoN:, O Lord.

**All:** And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

**Deacon:** May he/she rest in peace.

**All:** Amen.

**The Fourth decade**

**Deacon: The Second Luminous Mystery: *The Wedding at Cana***

(John 2: 1-12) – Jesus, at the request of his mother, Mary, changes water into wine at the wedding of Cana; and gives His blessing and dignity to this Sacrament of Matrimony. On Marriage Date, N: was united to Spouse in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony, at Church Name in City, State. In this sacrament N: & Spouse invited Christ to be part of their relationship, relying on His blessings to strengthen their marriage. From this union they were blessed with # amazing sons/daughters/children: children’s names.

Let our intention be for these children of N:, that they and their families in this time of grief, that they might be healed, each according to their need.

**Recite The Lord**’**s Prayer**

**Recite Hail Mary 10 times**

**Recite Glory Be**

**Recite Fatima and Eternal Rest Prayers**

**Deacon:** **O my Jesus,**

**All:** Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

**Deacon:** Eternal rest grant untoN:, O Lord.

**All:** And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

**Deacon:** May he/she rest in peace.**All:** Amen.

**The Fifth decade**

**Deacon: The 1st Glorious Mystery...The Resurrection of Our Lord**

On Anointing Date, N: received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick by Father Priest Name at location in City, State*.* These last sacramental rites prepared his/her soul for the final journey to her eternal home. The angel spoke: Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, but He is not here. He has been raised as He promised. As Christians we believe in the resurrection of Christ and in the resurrection of all the faithful… that at the end of time, through a miraculous action of God, N:’s soul will reunite with his/her glorified body and will forever be in the Kingdom of God.

Let our intention be that N:’s soul, will rest in the arms of our Blessed Mother until he/she presents N: to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Recite The Lord**’**s Prayer**

**Recite Hail Mary 10 times**

**Recite Glory Be**

**Recite Fatima and Eternal Rest Prayers**

**Deacon:** **O my Jesus,**

**All:** Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

**Deacon:** Eternal rest grant unto N:, O Lord.

**All:** And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

**Deacon:** May he/she rest in peace.

**All:** Amen.

**Concluding prayers**

**Deacon:** Hail Holy Queen.

**All:** 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 towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Deacon:** O God,

**All:** Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Deacon:** Eternal rest grant untoN:, O Lord.

**All:** And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

**Deacon:** May he/she rest in peace.

**All:** Amen.

**Deacon:** May his/her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

**All:** Amen.

✠ **Deacon (Sign of the Cross):** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.