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What did Jesus ask John to do? Who won the battle in heaven?

Read more about it in Revelation 12

A Good News Story

## Michael Battles a Dragon

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**J**ohn had been exiled to the Greek island of Patmos because he was a Christian.

He was worshipping one Sunday when he heard a loud voice behind him. He turned and saw Jesus, whose face shone as bright as the sun.

Jesus gave John messages to give to the seven Christian churches in Asia.

When Jesus finished, John saw an open door to heaven.

“Come up here and I will show you what must happen afterwards,” Jesus said.

John was taken up to heaven. There was thunder and lightning, as well as four living creatures, 24 elders and many angels surrounding the throne of God. Everyone in heaven worshipped God continually.

John was given many visions. One of them was of a pregnant woman. She was clothed with the sun, had 12 stars in a crown on her head and had the moon under her feet.



### Bible Trivia

What does Michael the archangel's name mean?

Who is like God?

John also saw something very evil. It was a red dragon — Satan — that wanted to destroy the woman's child.

The woman gave birth to a son who was to rule the world. He was caught up into heaven to the throne of God. The woman fled to the desert, where she was protected from the dragon.

Then a great war broke out in heaven.

Michael the archangel and all of his angels started to battle against the

dragon. The dragon had angels of his own, and they all fought back against Michael and his friends.

But Michael and his angels were much stronger than the dragon and his angels. At the end of the battle, the dragon and his angels were defeated. They were thrown out of heaven and down to earth.

The victory against the dragon caused much rejoicing in heaven.

But a loud voice also gave a warning. “But woe to you, earth and sea, for the Devil has come down to you in great fury, for he knows he has but a short time,” the voice said.

When the dragon realized he had been kicked out of heaven, he tried to hurt the woman who had given birth to the child, but she was protected from harm.

So instead, the angry dragon turned his wrath toward those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.

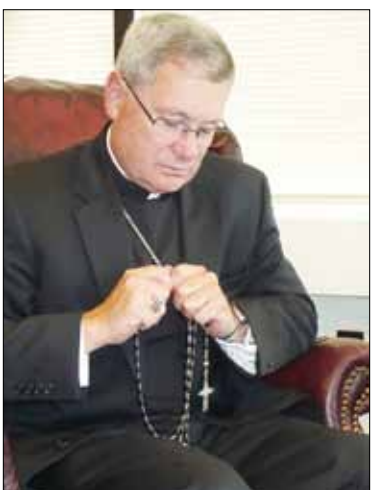
October is the Month of the Rosary

## Join Bishop Malloy in Praying the Rosary

October has been celebrated as the Month of the Rosary in honor of Mary for many years. Now it is also the Month for Life.

Saying a decade of the rosary after school this month is a way you can honor the Blessed Mother and pray that God will protect all of His children, born and unborn.

Pope Francis wants us



(Observer photo by Sharon Boehlefeld) Bishop David Malloy prays the rosary.

to say the rosary. He said, “Let us join spiritually together in this act of trust in our Mother, and let us receive from her hands the crown of the rosary. The rosary is a school of prayer, the rosary is a school of faith!”

Bishop David Malloy of the Rockford Diocese has recorded each decade. To say the rosary with him, ask an adult to help you go to the website <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/decade-a-day>. There you can click on the name of the mystery to pray it.

Most of the prayers are ones you already know, so the instructions here will be easy to follow.

A decade is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer.

Four groups of five mysteries are the basis of the rosary. Each mystery tells of an important story in Jesus's life.

October starts on a

Thursday this year, so you may start with the Joyful Mystery about the Presentation in the Temple and continue to say a decade Monday through Friday, as

shown in the chart (above).

Think about each mystery as you pray it.

When you finish, start over and you'll be on your way to a new prayer habit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Joyful Mysteries</b> <b>The Annunciation</b> Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.	<b>The Visitation</b> Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.	<b>The Nativity</b> Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.	<b>The Presentation in the Temple</b> Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God.	<b>The Finding in the Temple</b> Jesus is found in the Temple discussing His faith with the teachers.
<b>Luminous Mysteries</b> <b>The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan</b> God proclaims that Jesus is His beloved Son.	<b>The Wedding Feast at Cana</b> At Mary's request, Jesus performs His first miracle.	<b>Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God</b> Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.	<b>The Transfiguration</b> Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.	<b>The Institution of the Eucharist</b> Jesus offers His Body and Blood at the Last Supper
<b>Sorrowful Mysteries</b> <b>The Agony in the Garden</b> Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before He dies.	<b>The Scourging at the Pillar</b> Jesus is lashed with whips	<b>The Crowning with Thorns</b> Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns	<b>The Carrying of the Cross</b> Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify Him.	<b>The Crucifixion</b> Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.
<b>Glorious Mysteries</b> <b>The Resurrection</b> God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.	<b>The Ascension</b> Jesus returns to His Father in heaven.	<b>The Descent of the Holy Spirit</b> The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.	<b>The Assumption</b> At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.	<b>The Coronation of Mary</b> Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Rosary reflections are from <http://www.loyolapress.com/mysteries-of-the-rosary.htm#sthash.36TcB2UE.dpbs>