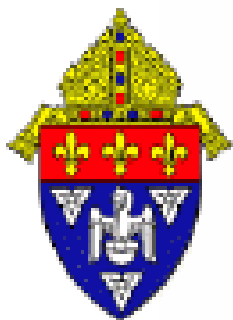


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## *THE VERCELLIAN*



SPRING IS IN THE AIR.

Recently we celebrated Easter. Our Savior Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. Spring is that time of year for new beginnings. The foliage which was dormant is now alive. Festivals are being enjoyed by many throughout the State. In the month of May we celebrate Mother's Day not only our own mothers but also Mary, Jesus's mother. One must think of the love that mothers have for their children. Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable, she raised a son who was without sin, she witnessed her only son being executed on a cross. She lived and felt the sorrow of Christ's brief time on earth. She is the mother of our church; she is the ideal model for every one of our mothers. It amazes me to realize the love that mothers have for their children. Mothers may be neglected by their children but, just as Mary does, their love remains ever flowing. I ask you to pray the rosary this month of Mary in thanksgiving for all that she has done and to add to your prayers the sacrifices that our own mothers gave us in demonstrating their love. I am reminded of the Wedding at Cana. Christ's first miracle, turning water into wine, was performed at His mother's request, an act of love. I note that to get things done it is best to go through our mothers and have them intercede on our behalf.

May is a time when we recognize our Armed Forces, Veterans and we celebrate Memorial Day. In experiencing these additional holidays let us continue to say the rosary and pray for peace, allowing Mary to intercede for us and remember all those that gave their lives for our freedoms.

Vince Petreikis  
President  
Archdiocese of New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies

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# ROSARY DRIVE



## **RADIO ROSARY 77st Anniversary**

**ROSARY DRIVE ENVELOPES ARE  
AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT  
BOB RAUCH AT 831-343488 OR  
722-9422**

**Deadline: March 31, 2024**



“Dear children! I am calling all of you to be carriers of the peace and joy of the risen Jesus for all those who are far from prayer; that the love of Jesus, through your lives, may transform them to a new life of conversion and holiness Thank you for having responded to my call. ”



## *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING*

All Holy Name Society members are encouraged to attend our monthly executive board meeting held on the third Tuesday of every month. Come and bring your ideas and be a part of our renewal plans and future success!

**Our next meeting is  
May 16, 2023 at 12:00 pm.  
at St. Clement of Rome  
4317 Richland Ave. Metairie, La.**

# **COME JOIN US!!**

The continued success of our society is greatly dependent on our members attending and supporting the decisions made at these meetings. Your attendance will help us to continue bringing new and innovative ideas to our members.

Our website address is

[www.noauhns.org](http://www.noauhns.org)

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Please notice that the website includes an icon to make donations to the Holy Name Society and the Rosary Drive.

**Website Highlights**

**9 day Novena to Blessed John of Vercelli**

**Video clip of the rededication of the Shrine of Blessed John of Vercelli at St. Dominic Church**

**Holy Name Society Monthly Newsletter**

**Holy Name Society Radio Rosary Schedule**

**Memorial list of deceased members and families**

**Please take advantage of the many benefits of our website!**

**Please send in information on any activities taking place in your parish! This will make it possible to send it out to all of the other Holy Name Societies!**  
**Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 or email me at [anthonys2029@gmail.com](mailto:anthonys2029@gmail.com)**

**The 2023 RADIO ROSARY SCHEDULE has been emailed to each parish if you have not received it please contact me at 504-481-3407.**

**The National Holy Name Societies website address is NAHNS.COM**

**You can also like us on facebook! The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/hnsnola>**

## 7 Ways to Better Engage the Mind and Heart While Praying the Rosary



If there were a show of hands of distracted people during the praying of the rosary, my hand would be the first to go up. The familiarity of the Hail Marys feels like a permission slip for my mind to roam. I often find myself stopping to re-start because I've lost my place or got distracted.

Even with the challenge to stay focused, I don't plan to give up the rosary because its prayers have been the life preservers of grace many times in my life. What better way to honor Our Lady of the Rosary -- the one whom 'all ages will call blessed' (Luke 1:48) -- than to recommit to praying the rosary more wholeheartedly. As we hold her hand and meditate upon the mysterious of the life of Jesus, she takes our prayers to Him, 'Who refuses her nothing' (John 2:1-12).

Some techniques to keep focused, or at least to re-center, when distracted:

### 1. Pray Out Loud, Vary the Speed

Praying out loud helps with staying on track. Alternating between varying speeds may also do the trick. Try praying out loud S-L-O-W-L-Y, then do the next Hail Mary at regular speed. Faster than normal speed is not better for me but it may help others.

A companion to vocalize the prayers and keep track of where you are is found on [www.comepraytherosary.org](http://www.comepraytherosary.org), which has recordings of all the mysteries playing in a loop.

### 2. Read Scripture Verses . Add a Reflection

Before starting the decade, read the scripture verse that relates to the mystery. One can easily find online the verses that correspond to each mystery. Along with scripture, there are books and online resources (both to read or watch) with reflections that set the tone and offer an application.

Here is one example from Regnum Christi for the Second Joyful Mystery, The Visitation:

Luke 1:42-44. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...The moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy.

Reflection: One of the wonders of God's plan is that he chooses to associate souls, one to another, so that they help each other on their journey. As cousins, Mary and Elizabeth share a bond of kinship. But they also share a spiritual kinship because of how the Holy Spirit is acting in their lives, fashioning the Messiah and his prophet deep inside their wombs. During those months, Mary and Elizabeth don't just sit around waiting. They are working, preparing for Elizabeth's baby, quietly conversing, and praying. Together, they are like a little monastic community. In our lives too, God gives us spiritual friendships and soul-mates who help us grow closer to him. Sometimes he links our lives together for a larger purpose that will reveal itself with time. In this mystery, ask Mary to help you and your spiritual friends to listen carefully for God's voice in your lives, so that you can walk with him and with each other.

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### 3. Pray with Images

Gazing upon sacred art is a favorite way to engage the mind. There are beautiful images of milestones in Jesus' life that stir the heart and offer a focal point. This practice can be combined with scripture passages and a reflection.

### 4. Offer Each Decade/Rosary for Someone

During a decade or for the entire rosary, visualize a person who has asked for or needs prayers. Picture the person; perhaps God is comforting or healing them. Ask Jesus through Mary to help this person or their situation.

### 5. Contemplation using the Imagination

St. Ignatius experienced God speaking to him through his imagination, as well as, through his thoughts and memories. This 500-year-old tradition (based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola), called contemplation, includes praying with the imagination. A method of contemplation is to place oneself in the bible scene, becoming a character in it. Imagining what the character would say and do, as well as listening for the sounds, and noticing the smells, is an active way of praying that engages the mind and the heart.

During the 3rd Joyful Mystery, the Nativity, I imagine myself at the manger as one of the Magi attendants. I am gazing upon the Holy Family, sitting on straws of hay. The air is crisp and I can smell the fresh hay. The Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and of course baby Jesus, are there.

Then the Mother smiles at me and asks if I want to hold baby Jesus and I reach my arms out to hold Him. I'm always sad at the end of this mystery when I hand baby Jesus back to Mother Mary. One of these days, I will silently ask our Holy Mother if I can carry baby Jesus with me to the next mystery, which is the Presentation of Our Lord, where Simeon and Anna are waiting.

### 6. Sing

The most popular prayer using rosary beads, aside from the rosary, is the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There is a version of this Chaplet that is sung and it's a beautiful, moving format. With the same idea in mind, sing the rosary; find a version online or use a tune to a familiar song. If you are musical, play an instrument and compose your own tune.

### 7 Write it Down

It's gentler to gaze upon distraction, acknowledge it, then move on, than it is to yell, 'Cut, Cut! Out, Out!' Rather than banishing the distraction, write down the random thought, and then continue. Later, go back and read your list. You never know, your distractions may contain some insights from the Holy Spirit.

Praying the rosary calms me down when I'm anxious or nervous. It helps me feel closer to the Apostles and Saints. It encourages me to carry my cross, especially during the Sorrowful Mysterious; it strengthens my bond with our Lord and develops a desire to keep Him company in His agony.

Through the rosary, I've discovered the tenderness of a Mother who stays with us during this life's journey, as she did her Son's. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!



A Mother's love is something no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away,  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters.

On this special day for all our mothers, the Archdiocesan Holy Name Society executive board would like to wish each of our mothers a happy, blessed and joyful Mother's Day!! God Bless!!



**HOLY NAME NEWSLETTER  
ADS AND MEMORIALS**

**IF YOU WISH TO PLACE AN AD PLEASE EMAIL YOUR  
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The cost for and ad is used to defer the administrative cost to publish the newsletter. **We would appreciate it if those parishes that haven't taken an ad please speak to your members about taking out and ad.** We have lowered the cost to make it possible for more parishes to afford to take an ad and support our efforts. Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 about renewing your ad if you haven't done so already. Thanks to those parishes that have supported us.

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anthonys2029@gmail.com**

**If any updates need to be made on your ad please contact us at 481-3407**





## **WVOG – 600 AM LIVE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST**

**The live Radio Rosary broadcast has resumed as of this month. Please refer to your schedule for your assigned night.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: We are being charged \$50.00 by the radio station everytime a parish does not keep their scheduled night to pray the Rosary. It is extremely important that you have someone available on your scheduled night, even if it is only one person to call in from their home and recite the Rosary!!**

**If you have any questions please call Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407.**

# parish reports

**St. MATTHEW -BILL SEIGEL REPORTED RADIO ROSARY TOMORROW.**

**RERPETUAL HELP -JACK REPORTED 4 MEMBERS AT CONVENTION. MEMBERS HELPING TO REHAB PARISH FACILITY.**

**MARIA GORETTI- LESTER THOMAS REPORTED CHURCH HOSTED CONVENTION ON SUNDAY 27 members.  
RADIO ROSARY 14 HNS HELPED WITH CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONDUCTED MOVIE NIGHT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**ST CHRISTOPHER-- BOB REPORTED 5PEOPLE FOR ROSARY, 4 AT CONVENTION**

**ST. CLEMENTOF ROME -LARRY HAD NO REPORT TO GIVE**

**MOST HOLY TRINITY. - VINCE REPORTED NO RADIO ROSARY, PARISH HELD DEANORY RECONCILIATION  
EVENING AT PARISH. EASTER SUNDAY HOLY NAME PLEDGE RECITED AT 8;45 AM CHURCH FULL OF PARISHIINERS.  
HOLY NAME MEMBERS AMONG THEM. CHOIR SANG' HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME.**

**Our Lady of the Rosary— 5 members attended the monthly Mass. The Holy Name Society sponsored the parish coffee and doughnuts after our monthly Mass. 8 members recited the Rosary in the parish's Mary's garden. 3 members participated in the Live Radio Rosary. 5 members attended the monthly meeting.**

**Christ the King— We had 4 members that attended the HNS convention. No meeting in April because of the convention.**

Minutes April 18, 2023, Archdiocese of New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies

Executive Committee Meeting

St Clement of Rome Parish Center.

Members not present Benny Harris, Anthony Smith, Joe Simon, Wayne Roberts, Audie Nero.

The meeting started at 12:00 noon.

Rosary recited, Pledge of Allegiance, Holy Name Pledge and Opening prayers recited.

Treasurer's Report provided by Bill Siegel.

Call to order President, Vince Petreikis

Larry Lagarde led group with prayer of Thanksgiving for food. Luncheon break.

Parish Reports provided, Info to be found in next newsletter.

Old Business

Radio Rosary: We have resumed saying the Radio Rosary. Use either with the APP or calling the station using our smart phones or Androids.

New Business:

State Convention: Compliments to St. Marie Goretti's church and members for making our state convention successful even thou our number of attendees was only between 45 and 50 Holy Name members.

It was suggested in the future we communicate more to our membership to increase the number of attendees.

The reason for the light turnout to our executive committee due to convention only two days before the meeting.

Closing prayers recited; the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

# HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTION PRAYER LIST

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In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Smith  
Amelia Kandalaft  
Lee Le Blanc  
Georgia Le Blanc  
Audrey Ledet  
Vicky Ledet  
Jerry Hymel  
Conchetta & Peter Seleci  
Vincent Seleci  
Gasper Seleci  
Theresa & Douglas Haskins  
“In Memory of Our Deceased HNS Members –  
Our Lady of the Rosary Church”  
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Vergel Duplessis  
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Jean Darnall  
Richard Hoffman  
Donald Mossy  
Frank Connelly  
Carroll Le Blanc  
Carol Le Blanc  
Joyce Kurtich  
John Calico  
Joseph Warr  
Rhodes Family  
DiFranco Family  
Hope Vignes  
Lucille Zitzmann

Lois Zitzmann  
Henry Dupaquier  
Roy Phelps, Sr.  
Clifton Meaux  
Joyce Gautreaux  
Tom Norton  
Bonnie Schlotterer  
William Mc Clain  
Jules Albert

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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Kenner, La.

**IN MEMORIUM**

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bend in heaven, on earth and below the  
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