

## **The October Rosary**

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On Friday, October 18, 2019, members of the TEGSA community gathered together to honor Our Lady by reciting the Holy Rosary.

As usual, members seemed happy to meet & greet one another. Grace was said by Joaquim Menezes and then everyone enjoyed a plate delicious snacks.

The Rosary commenced with Sheilah D'Souza carrying a lovely statue of Mother Mary to the beautifully decorated altar, while members sang "Immaculate Mary". This statue is very special because it belonged to Sheilah's great grandmother and has been carried around to several countries/continents throughout the world.

Loretta D'Sylva lead the Rosary and said a meaningful prayer for each of the Mysteries. Each Joyful Mystery was said by various members—Lucy D'Souza, Rose Madeira, Babsie Rodrigues, Rita Britto and Paul Madeira. Fatima Lawson lead the Litany to our Blessed Mother, followed by the Memorare—A big thank you to them all! Loretta gave several women a single flower, which were from the bouquet offered at the altar to Our Blessed Mother---This was a very lovely touch!!! The Holy Rosary concluded with everyone honoring Our Blessed Mother by singing "Gentle Woman".

Many thanks to Loretta and her team for organizing a very special and devout evening to honor Our Blessed Mother.