



## 46 ROSARIES IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

A popular Mexican Tradition:

For more than a century, each year from October 28 the tradition of the 46 rosaries in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe is performed. It is a traditional spiritual preparation for the focal date which is the 12th of December. Worshipers gather to pray the rosary for 46 days in Chapels/temple, churches and homes; but especially in the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They pray one rosary for each star that can be appreciated on the mantle of this important advocacy.

The origin of this ancient devotion goes back to the XIX century. The number 46 is significant because it represents the number of stars of the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This devotion is still carried today: as an encounter of faith. It is a practice that is pleasing to God and through this devotion many favors have been granted.

This venerable tradition links the month of October, which is dedicated to the Holy rosary, from October 28th to Dec 12th which is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ( La Virgin Morena).

 [Image Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)

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The rosary is prayed for each one of the stars that appeared in her mantle. One of the psalms says that God “counts the stars” and the 46 rosaries in honor of Our Lady Of Guadalupe!

It is not scientifically known why there are 46 stars on the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe! There are many accounts of this particular finding: It is said that God wants to tell us something with this number.

The number 46 is found in the Bible in the dialogue of Jesus with the Jews when he said to them: **“Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”** They replied: **“It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?”** ( Jn 2; 20)

The original litanies to honor our lady are also 46 and it is 46 chromosomes that we need to exist: 23 from the man and 23 from the woman. Could it then be said that Mary presents herself in this manner as if saying: ***I bring to you the Giver of Life... I personally will care for your life?***

She is the **Mother of Life** , she will show us all her love during our fragile and ephemeral existence.

Hopefully, those who participate with fidelity of this divine and Marian event will experience during these 46 days of friendship, life and prayer will form a true community of faith, prayer, love and solidarity of service capable of transforming inhumane realities to make a society that is more united, dignified, just and fraternal.