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#### On the first three beads:

Pray the Our Father three times in honor of the Holy Family, <u>preceded by the aspiration:</u> "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us."

### On the twelve beads:

Pray the Hail Mary twelve times in honor of the twelve years of Our Lord's Childhood, preceded by the aspiration: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us."

## On completing the chaplet say:

"Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us."

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