

Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries (Said on Mondays and Saturdays, the Sundays of Advent and from Epiphany to Lent.)

- The Annunciation**—Mary learns from the Angel Gabriel that God wishes her to be the mother of God and humbly accepts. (Lk 1:26-38)
- The Visitation**—Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth and is praised by her as "blessed among women." (Lk 1:39-56)
- The Nativity**—Mary gives birth to Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem. (Lk 2:1-20)
- The Presentation**—Mary and Joseph present Jesus to His Heavenly Father in the Temple of Jerusalem forty days after His birth. (Lk 2:22-39)
- The Finding of the Child Jesus**—After searching for three days, Mary and Joseph find the twelve-year-old Jesus sitting in the Temple discussing the law with the learned doctors. (Lk 2:42-52).

The Sorrowful Mysteries (Said on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year; and daily from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday.)

- The Agony in the Garden**—The thought of our sins and His coming suffering causes the agonizing Savior to sweat blood. (Lk 22:39-44).
- The Scourging**—Jesus is stripped and unmercifully scourged until His body is one mass of bloody wounds. (Mt 27:26)
- The Crowning with Thorns**—Jesus' claim to kingship is ridiculed by putting a crown of thorns on His head and a reed in His hand. (Mt 27:28-31)
- The Carrying of the Cross**—Jesus shoulders His own cross and carries it to the place of crucifixion while Mary follows Him sorrowing. (Lk 23:26-32)
- The Crucifixion**—Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies after three hours of agony witnessed by His Mother. (Mt 27:33-50)

The Glorious Mysteries (Said on Wednesdays, and the Sundays from Easter until Advent.)

- The Resurrection**—Jesus rises from the dead on Easter Sunday, glorious and immortal, as He has predicted. (Mt 28:1-7).
- The Ascension**—Jesus ascends into Heaven forty days after His resurrection to sit at the right hand of God the Father. (Lk 24:50-51)
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit**—Jesus sends the Holy Spirit in the form of fiery tongues on His Apostles and disciples. (Acts 2:2-4)
- The Assumption of Mary**—Mary's soul returns to God and her glorified body is taken up into heaven and reunited with her soul. (Rv 11:19)
- The Coronation**—Mary is crowned as Queen of heaven and earth, Queen of angels and saints. (Rv 12:1)

The Luminous Mysteries (Said on Thursdays.)

- The Baptism**—After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the Heaven were opened for him and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to Him. And a voice came from Heaven saying "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:16-17)
- The Miracle at Cana**—On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there... When the wine ran short Mary said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother told the servers, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:1-11)
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**—After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)
- The Transfiguration**—While Jesus was praying His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white. And behold two men were conversing with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." (Lk 9:28-31)
- The Eucharist**—"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (Jn 6:51)