

The 5 JOYFUL Mysteries

Pray on Mondays and Saturdays. They remind us of the happy times that Jesus and Mary shared together.



1. The Annunciation:

Because Mary was a very special person, God sent an angel to ask her to be the Mother of Jesus. She said “Yes,” even though she was a little bit afraid. The angel told her to name the baby Jesus.



2. The Visitation:

Mary was told by the angel that her cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby, too. Mary went to visit Elizabeth to help her. Elizabeth became the mother of John the Baptist, who preached about the coming of Jesus.



3. The Nativity:

Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem. When He was born, Mary and her husband Joseph were very happy and promised to take care of Him.



4. The Presentation in the Temple:

After He was born, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. At the Temple, they presented Jesus to God and thanked God for giving them a Son to love and cherish.



5. The Finding in the Temple:

When He was a little older, Jesus went to a service at the Temple with Mary and Joseph. After the service, He stayed to talk to the teachers. Mary and Joseph thought He was lost, and were very glad to find Him there.

The 5 LUMINOUS Mysteries

Pray on Thursdays. They help us to see and understand the public life of Jesus.



1. The Baptism in the Jordan:

Jesus stepped into the Jordan River and was baptized by John. Overhead, the heavens opened up and God the Father said that Jesus is His Son who He loves very much. The Holy Spirit came down to Jesus so that God could save all people from sin.



2. The Wedding at Cana:

At the wedding, Jesus changed water to wine because His Mother, Mary, asked Him to help. Mary was one of the first people to believe in Jesus. The disciples saw this miracle and they started to believe in Jesus, too.



3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God:

Jesus came to Galilee preaching the good news of God. He told the people that the Kingdom of God was near. He told everyone to ask for forgiveness and pardoned the sins of all who believed in Him.



4. The Transfiguration:

The Apostles were on Mount Tabor with Jesus. They saw the glory of God shining from Jesus. And then, God the Father said, "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him."

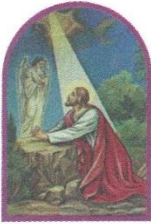


5. The Institution of the Eucharist:

At the Last Supper, Jesus offered His body and blood, under the signs of bread and wine. Then He washed the Apostles' feet. He already knew that Judas had betrayed Him. Then Jesus showed each of us how much He loves us by sharing the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The 5 SORROWFUL Mysteries

Pray on Tuesdays and Fridays. They help us to remember the sadness that Mary felt and pain that Jesus suffered to save us.



1. The Agony in the Garden:

Jesus knew that one of His friends had betrayed Him. After He ate His last supper, He went to a garden to pray to God His Father for strength. He was afraid but found the courage to die for each of us so that we could be saved.



2. The Scourging at the Pillar:

The Roman leader, Pilate, ordered the soldiers to whip and beat Jesus. The soldiers did as Pilate had told them, and Jesus quietly accepted this pain because He loves each of us so much.



3. The Crowning with Thorns:

After they whipped Jesus, the soldiers took His clothes and placed a scarlet cloak around Him. They put a crown made of thorns on His head and made fun of Him by calling Him “the King of the Jews.”



4. The Carrying of the Cross:

Even though Jesus was hurt, He had to carry the heavy, wooden cross to Calvary, where He would die. On the way there, He saw His Mother, Mary, and His friends. They were all crying because they were so sad.



5. The Crucifixion and Death:

As Mary watched and cried for Him, Jesus was nailed to the cross and died. Just before He died, Jesus asked God to forgive everyone, and then He gave His spirit to God.

