

Scriptural Mysteries of the Rosary

The Rosary has 59 beads, a crucifix, and a medal, with certain prayers for each of these different pieces. The prayers of the rosary can be divided into three categories: Introductory Prayers, the Decades, and the Closing Prayers.

The **Joyful** Mysteries are prayed on **Mondays, Saturdays**, and, during the season of Advent, on Sundays.

The **Sorrowful** Mysteries are prayed on **Tuesdays, Fridays**, and, during the season of Lent, on Sundays.

The **Glorious** Mysteries are prayed on Wednesdays, and, outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on Sundays.

The **Luminous** Mysteries are prayed on **Thursdays**.

Start by making the **Sign of the Cross**. Then recite the **Apostle's Creed**. Then say 1 "Our Father," 3 "Hail Mary's" for the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity; and then 1 "Glory Be." Before each Mystery say the Bible passage below. After each Mystery say the **Fatima Prayer**. All together this makes up one decade. After the completion of the five mysteries (five decades), recite the **Hail Holy Queen**.

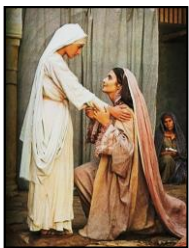
The Joyful Mysteries



The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your word."

—Luke 1: 26-38



The Visitation

Mary set out and traveled to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

—Luke 1: 39-43



The Nativity

While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her first-born Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

—Luke 2:6-7



The Presentation

In the Temple, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His Mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

—Luke 2:22-35



The Finding in the Temple

When Jesus was twelve years old, His parents went up to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. As they were returning home, the boy Jesus remained behind. After three days, they found Him in the temple. Jesus went down with them to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

—Luke 12: 41-52

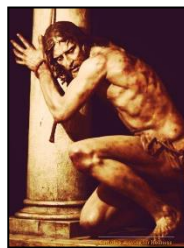
The Sorrowful Mysteries



The Agony in the Garden

They came to a place named Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray. My soul is sorrowful even to death." He prayed to His Father: "Take this cup away from Me, but not what I will but what You will."

—Mark 14:32-36



The Scourging at the Pillar

They bound Jesus, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate. Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed Him over to be crucified.

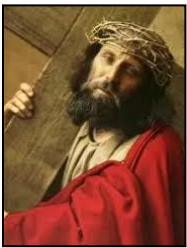
—Mark 15: 1-15



The Crowning with Thorns

The soldiers led Jesus away inside the palace and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed Jesus in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on Him. They began to salute Him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking His head with a reed and spitting upon Him."

—Mark 15: 16-19



The Carrying of the Cross

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. So they took Jesus and, carrying the cross Himself, He went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

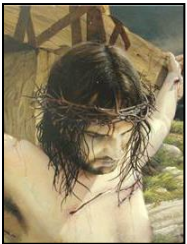
—John 19 16-17



The Coronation of Mary

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

—Revelation 12:1



The Crucifixion & Death

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus. Darkness came over the whole land... Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit.” And when He had said this, He breathed His last.”

—Luke 23: 33-46

The Luminous Mysteries

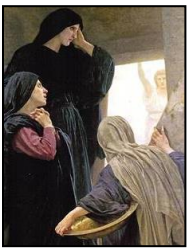


The Baptism in the Jordan

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the Heavens 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.”

—Matthew 3:16-17

The Glorious Mysteries



The Resurrection

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised as He said.”

—Matthew 28:5-6



The Wedding at Cana

... there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee... When the wine ran short Mary said to him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

—John 2:1-11



The Ascension

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven.”

—Acts 2: 1-4



The Proclamation of the Kingdom

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.”

—Mark 1:14-15



The Descent of the Holy Spirit

... they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Acts 2: 1-4



The Transfiguration

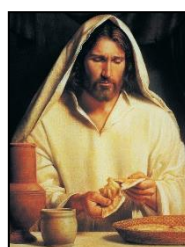
While Jesus was praying His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.”—Luke 9:28-31



The Assumption

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. Thus, we shall always be with the Lord.

—1 Thessalonians 4: 14-17



Institution of 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.”

—John 6:51