

A SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

“In order to supply a Biblical foundation and greater depth to our meditation, it is helpful to follow the announcement of the mystery with the proclamation of a related Biblical passage...”

(Bl. John Paul II, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 30)

Note: In addition to providing a Biblical passage for each mystery, we have included short passages to be read aloud immediately before each Hail Mary.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The First Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation

In the Beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. (Jn 1:1-2 JB)

1. In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth... (Lk 1:26)
2. ...to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David and the virgin's name was Mary. (Lk 1:27)
3. Gabriel went in and said to Mary, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Lk 1:28)
4. Mary was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean. (Lk 1:29)
5. But the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour." (Lk 1:30)
6. "Behold! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)
7. Mary said to the angel, "But how can this come about since I have no knowledge of man?" (Lk 1:32)
8. The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and called Son of God." (Lk 1:35)
9. Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word." (Lk 1:37)
10. The Word became flesh, he lived among us and we saw his glory, the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)

The Second Joyful Mystery

The Visitation

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. (Lk 1:39)

1. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. (Lk 1:39)
2. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1:41)
3. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:42)
4. "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?" (Lk 1:43)
5. "Yes blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1:45)
6. And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." (Lk 1:46)
7. "...my spirit rejoices in God my saviour..." (Lk 1:47)
8. "...he has looked on the lowliness of his handmaiden..." (Lk 1:48)
9. "Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed." (Lk 1:48)
10. "The Almighty has done great things for me." (Lk 1:49)

The Third Joyful Mystery

The Birth of Jesus

So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and traveled up to Judaea, to the town of Bethlehem since he was of David's house and line, in order to be registered together with Mary his betrothed who was with child. (Lk 2:4-5)

1. Now it happened that, while they were there, the time came to have her child. (Lk 2:6)
2. Mary gave birth to a son, her first-born. (Lk 2:7)
3. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes... (Lk 2:7)
4. ...and laid him in a manger... (Lk 2:7)
5. ...for there was no room for them in the inn. (Lk 2:7)
6. In the countryside close by, there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night. (Lk 2:8)
7. An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified... (Lk 2:9)
8. ...but the angel said, "Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by all the people." (Lk 2:10)
9. "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Lk 2:11)

10. As for Mary, she treasured all these things, and pondered them in her heart. (Lk 2:19)

The Fourth Joyful Mystery ***The Presentation in the Temple***

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (Lk 2:22)

1. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. (Lk 2:26)
2. ...when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God. (Lk 2:27-28)
3. ...he said, "Now, Master, you are letting your servant go in peace as you promised... (Lk 2:29)
4. ...my eyes have seen the salvation which you have made ready in the sight of the nations... (Lk 2:30-31)
5. ... a light of revelation for the gentiles and glory for your people Israel. (Lk 2:32)
6. ...the child's father and mother were wondering at the things been said about him. (Lk 2:33)
7. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel... (Lk 2:34)
8. ...destined to be a sign that will be opposed... (Lk 2:34)
9. ...and a sword will pierce your soul too, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Lk 2:35)
10. As the child grew to maturity, he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. (Lk 2:40)

The Fifth Joyful Mystery ***The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple***

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go up to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, he went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the child Jesus stayed behind without his parents knowing it. (Lk 2:41-43)

1. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him... (Lk 2:44)
2. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. (Lk 2:45)
3. It happened that three days later they found him in the Temple... (Lk 2:46)
4. ...he was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:47)
5. All who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. (Lk 2:47)
6. [His parents] were overcome when they saw him... (Lk 2:48)
7. ...his mother said to him, "My child, why have you done this to us?" (Lk 2:48)
8. "See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you." (Lk 2:48)
9. Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49)
10. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with man. (Lk 2:50)