

**Rosary – Scriptural**

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**Joyful Mysteries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Joyful Mystery – The Annunciation**

(Luke 1:26 – 38) (NAB) (26) In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. (28) And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." (29) But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. (30) Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. (32) He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, (33) and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (34) But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" (35) And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. (36) And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; (37) for nothing will be impossible for God." (38) Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mystery – The Visitation**

(Luke 1:39 – 45, 56) (NAB) (39) During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, (40) where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (41) When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, (42) cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. (43) And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (44) For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. (45) Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (56) Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Joyful Mystery – The Birth of Jesus**

(John 1:1 – 18) (NAB) (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with

God. (3) All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be (4) through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; (5) the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (6) A man named John was sent from God. (7) He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. (8) He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. (9) The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. (10) He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. (11) He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. (12) But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, (13) who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. (14) And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (15) John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" (16) From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, (17) because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (18) No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

*See also: (vigil: Matthew 1:1 – 25); (midnight: Luke 2:1 – 14); (dawn: Luke 2:15 – 21)*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery – Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

(Luke 2:22 – 35) *optional* - (36 - 40) (NAB) (22) When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, (23) just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," (24) and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. (25) Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (26) It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. (27) He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, (28) he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: (29) "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, (30) for my eyes have seen your salvation, (31) which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, (32) a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." (33) The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; (34) and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted

(35) (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

(36) There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, (37) and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. (38) And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. (39) When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. (40) The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery – Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple**

(Luke 2:41 – 52) (NAB) (41) Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, (42) and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. (43) After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. (44) Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, (45) but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. (46) After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, (47) and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. (48) When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." (49) And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (50) But they did not understand what he said to them. (51) He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. (52) And Jesus advanced (in) wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

## **Glorious Mysteries**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection of Jesus**

(Matthew 28:1 – 10) (NAB) (1) After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. (2) And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. (3) His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. (4) The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. (5) Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. (6) He is not here,

for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (7) Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." (8) Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. (9) And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. (10) Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

*See also: (Mark 16:1 – 7); (Luke 24:1 – 12)*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Glorious Mystery – The Ascension of Jesus**

(Luke 24:46 – 53) (NAB) (46) And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (47) and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (48) You are witnesses of these things. (49) And (behold) I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (50) Then he led them (out) as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. (51) As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. (52) They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, (53) and they were continually in the temple praising God.

*See also: (Matthew 28:16 – 20); (Mark 16:15 – 20)*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Glorious Mystery – The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

(John 14:15 – 16, 23b – 26) (NAB) (15) "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, (23) "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. (24) Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. (25) "I have told you this while I am with you. (26) The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you.

*See also: (John 20:19 – 23); (John 15:26 – 27, 16:12 – 15)*

### **4<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery – The Assumption of Mary in Heaven**

(Luke 11:27 – 28) (NAB) (27) While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." (28) He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

### **5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery – The Crowning of Mary**

(Luke 1:46 – 55) (NAB) (46) And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; (47) my spirit rejoices in God my savior. (48) For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. (49) The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. (50) His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. (51) He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. (52) He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. (53) The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. (54) He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, (55) according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

### **Luminous Mysteries**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Luminous Mystery – The Baptism of Jesus**

(Mark 1:7 – 11) (NAB) (7) And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. (8) I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the holy Spirit." (9) It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. (10) On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. (11) And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

*See also: (Matthew 3:13 – 17); (Luke 3:15 – 16, 21 – 22)*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Luminous Mystery – The Wedding at Cana**

(John 2:1 – 11) (NAB) (1) On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. (2) Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. (3) When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (4) (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." (5) His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." (6) Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. (7) Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. (8) Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. (9) And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom (10) and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." (11) Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Luminous Mystery – Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**

(Mark 1:14 – 20) (NAB) (14) After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: (15) "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (16) As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. (17) Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (18) Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. (19) He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. (20) Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

*See also: (Matthew 4:12 – 23); (Luke 4:14 – 21)*

### **4<sup>th</sup> Luminous Mystery – The Transfiguration**

(Matthew 17:1 – 9) (NAB) (1) After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. (2) And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (3) And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. (4) Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (5) While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (6) When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. (7) But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." (8) And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. (9) As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*See also: (Mark 9:2 – 10); (Luke 9:28b – 36)*

### **5<sup>th</sup> Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Holy Eucharist**

(Eucharistic Prayer I – Institution Narrative) (Roman Canon) The day before He suffered He took bread in his sacred hands and looking up to heaven, to You His almighty Father, He gave You thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:

***Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is My body which will be given up for you.***

When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave You thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:

*Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of My blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of Me.*

See: (Mt 26:26 – 28; Mk 14:22 – 23; Luke 22:19 – 20 and 1 Cor 11:23 – 25)

## **Sorrowful Mysteries**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden**

(Matthew 26:36 – 50) (NAB) (36) Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." (37) He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. (38) Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." (39) He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." (40) When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? (41) Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (42) Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" (43) Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. (44) He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. (45) Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. (46) Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand." (47) While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. (48) His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." (49) Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. (50) Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sorrowful Mystery - The Scourging of Jesus**

(Matthew 27:2, 11 – 26) (NAB) (2) They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. (11) Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." (12) And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. (13) Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" (14) But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. (15) Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. (16) And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called (Jesus) Barabbas. (17) So when they had

assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, (Jesus) Barabbas, or Jesus called Messiah?" (18) For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. (19) While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." (20) The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. (21) The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" (22) Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" (23) But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" (24) When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." (25) And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." (26) Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus is Crowned with Thorns**

(Matthew 27:27 – 31) (Isaiah 53:4 – 7) (NAB) (27) Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. (28) They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. (29) Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (30) They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. (31) And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. (53:4) Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. (5) But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. (6) We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. (7) Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus Carries His Cross**

(Luke 23:26 – 31) (NAB) (26) As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. (27) A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. (28) Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, (29) for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that



never nursed.' (30) At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' (31) for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus' Crucifixion**

(Matthew 27:33 – 54) (NAB) (33) And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull), (34) they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. (35) After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; (36) then they sat down and kept watch over him there. (37) And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. (38) Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. (39) Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads (40) and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, (and) come down from the cross!" (41) Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, (42) "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. (43) He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" (44) The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way. (45) From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. (46) And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (47) Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." (48) Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. (49) But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." (50) But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. (51) And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, (52) tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. (53) And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. (54) The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

*See also the Passion of Jesus Christ from the Gospels of: ([Matthew 26:14 – 27:66](#)); ([Mark 14:1 – 15:47](#)); ([Luke 22:14 – 23:56](#)) and ([John 18:1 – 19:42](#))*