

Explanation of Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation The angel announces that Jesus is to be born...
2. The Visitation Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. The baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy when Mary who is pregnant with baby Jesus visits her...
3. The Birth of Jesus [The Nativity] Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem...
4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple Jesus is presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem in accordance with Jewish Law...
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple At the age of 12, Jesus was lost then found in the temple in Jerusalem teaching the high priests...

Luminous Mysteries

1. The Baptism of Jesus
Jesus is baptized by His cousin John the Baptist in the River Jordan.
2. The Wedding at Cana
Jesus performs His first public miracle by changing water into wine at a wedding feast. He was asked to do so by his Mother, Mary.
3. Proclaiming the Kingdom
Jesus goes about preaching and proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God, forgives sinners and asks all to convert their hearts back to God.
4. The Transfiguration of Jesus
Jesus takes Peter, James and John up to Mount Tabor. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. Jesus' clothes change into dazzling white.
5. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist
At the Last Supper, Jesus turns bread and wine into His body and blood and shares it with his Apostles, the first priests.

Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden The night before He dies, Jesus prays in the Garden of Olives. His agony is so great, His sweat becomes drops of blood...
2. The Scourging at the Pillar Jesus is scourged before He is crucified...
3. Crowning with Thorns The cruel Roman soldiers make a mockery of Jesus and crown Him with a painful crown made of thorns...
4. Carrying of the Cross Jesus carries His cross through the streets to the place where He will be crucified...
5. The Crucifixion Jesus is crucified and dies for our sins...

Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection of Jesus - Three days after Jesus is crucified, He raises gloriously from the dead.
2. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven - After promising to send a Helper, Jesus ascends into heaven upon a cloud.
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit - The promised Helper, descends on the apostle and Mary and appears as tongues of fire on the first Pentecost.
4. The Assumption - Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul.
5. Coronation of Mary - Mary is crowned by Jesus as queen of heaven and earth.