

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- **The First Joyful Mystery is the Annunciation of Our Lord:**

The angel said to Mary, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son; you are to name Him: Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and His kingdom will never end." We adore You, Oh Christ, in the Mystery of the Annunciation. Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary, for the virtue of humility.

- **The Second Joyful Mystery is the Visitation:**

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, as she said, "Blessed are you among women! And blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" We adore You, Oh Christ, in the Mystery of the Visitation. Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary, for the virtue of love for others.

- **The Third Joyful Mystery is the Birth of Our Lord:**

She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in clothes and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Suddenly, there was a multitude of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." The shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. And seeing the child, they understood the word that had been spoken to them. We adore You, Oh Christ, in the Mystery of Your Birth. Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary, for the spirit of poverty.

- **The Fourth Joyful Mystery is the Presentation in the Temple:**

Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord. They took Him to the temple to offer a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And behold, Simeon, a man that was just and devout, took the child in his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now dismiss your servant, Lord, according to your word. My eyes have seen your salvation, a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel." Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "This child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." We adore You, Oh Christ, in the Mystery of the Presentation. Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary, for the virtue of obedience.

- **The Fifth Joyful Mystery is the Finding in the Temple:**

After three days, they found Him in the Temple, sitting with the teachers and asking them questions. All that heard Him were amazed at His wisdom. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." Jesus answered, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be about my father's work?" He went with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. Mary kept all of these things in her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom and age, and grace with God and men. We adore You, Oh Christ, in the Mystery of the Finding in the Temple. Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary, for the virtue of love of God.