The Joyful Mysteries

Prayed on Mondays and Saturdays
The events surrounding the coming of Our Lord, God made man, are a cause for intense joy. We meditate on these mysteries asking Our Lady to help us discover the secret of Christian joy—the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh.

The Annunciation
The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph...And he came to her and said, “Hail O Favored one, the Lord is with you!” - Luke 1:26-28

The Visitation
In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah...And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb.—Luke 1:39-41

The Nativity of the Lord
And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.—Luke 2:7

The Presentation of the Lord
And when the parents brought in the child, Jesus...he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.” - Luke 2:27-30

Finding Jesus in the Temple
After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed.—Luke 2:45-47

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays
The Passion and death of Our Lord reveal how much God Loves us. We meditate on these mysteries asking Our Lady to help us comprehend this love and to experience its life-giving power.

The Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:39)
The Scourging (Matthew 27:26)
The Crowning with Thorns (Matthew 27:28-29)
The Carrying of the Cross (Matthew 27:31-32)
The Crucifixion (Matthew 27:50-51)

The Glorious Mysteries

Prayed on Wednesdays and Saturdays
In Triumph, Our Lord empowers us to follow Him courageously. We meditate on these mysteries asking Our Lady to intercede for us, that we may always keep in mind the glory of God as we seek to do His will here on earth.

The Resurrection (John 20:8)
The Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:7-9)
The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:3-4)
The Assumption of our Blessed Mother (1Thessalonians 4:14)
The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven (Revelation 12:1)

The Luminous Mysteries

Prayed on Thursdays
The public life. Our Lord reveals what the reign of God’s Kingdom is like—both in the miracles He worked and in His preaching. We meditate on these mysteries asking Our Lady to help us allow His light to shine in our darkness.

The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:16)
The Wedding Feast of Cana (John 2:1-11)
The Preaching of the Kingdom (Mark 1:14-15)
The Transfiguration (Luke 9:29-35)
The Institution of the Eucharist (Matthew 26:26-27)
How to Pray the Rosary

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Pray the Apostle’s Creed while holding the crucifix.

2. Pray an Our Father.

3. Pray three Hail Marys.

4. Pray the Glory Be, announce the first mystery, then pray an Our Father.

5. Pray ten Hail Mary’s (called a decade).

6. Pray the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.

7. Before each decade, announce the next mystery, followed by an Our Father. For each set of ten beads, pray ten Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery.

8. After the five decades are completed, pray the Hail Holy Queen and the concluding Rosary Prayer.

How to Pray the Rosary

Prayers of the Rosary

Apostle’s Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

Hail Holy Queen
HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Concluding Rosary Prayer
O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.