

NCCW Rosary Meditations
Joyful Mysteries
September 13, 2021

Apostles' Creed
One Our Father
Three Hail Marys
Glory Be

We pray for peace in the world and for conversion of sinners.

First Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her she would be the Mother of the Son of God. Mary declared herself to be the handmaid of the Lord. An Angel also appeared to Joseph, telling him not to be afraid to accept Mary as his wife.

This was the beginning of the Holy Family, but it was a rocky and dangerous beginning—travel to Bethlehem in late pregnancy, birth in a cave that was a stable, later fleeing to Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod, returning much later to Nazareth where Jesus could grow up in relative safety and obscurity, and then just the day-to-day life in that small town. Mary and Joseph answered the call of the angel in spite of the difficulties and dangers they encountered.

Lord, we know that many families today are suffering from the stress for more than a year due to the pandemic, grief for family members who have died, loss of jobs and income. There are many families in which members are estranged from each other, sometimes for months and even many years. The pandemic has only heightened the sorrow and made it more difficult for families to reconcile. Your Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, asked us to pray for the renewal of Christian family life and peace in the world. May we take her message to heart, proclaim God's love for families, knowing that peace in our families can lead to peace in the world. Let us be true servants of the Lord, and may Our Lady of Fatima bless in our work.

One Our Father
10 Hail Marys
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Fatima Prayer

Second Joyful Mystery

The Visitation

Luke 1:41-42 states *“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”*

The traditional greeting Our Lady would have given to St. Elizabeth would have been “Shalom” which means peace. We pray through the intervention of Mary, Our Mother and St. Elizabeth that we too bring peace to those we meet.

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Third Joyful Mystery

The Birth of Jesus

In the days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Joseph went up from Galilee to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child. She gave birth to her first born* son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them at the inn.

In that region there were shepherds out in the field keeping watch over their flock at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear, but the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.”

“Glory to God in the highest/ and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”
[Luke 2:1-14]

Jesus, you lovingly accepted poverty when you were placed in the manger in the stable although You were our God and Redeemer; grant that I may have the spirit of poverty.

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Fourth Joyful Mystery

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

“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, just as it is written in the law of the Lord.” [Luke 2: 22-23]

Mary and Joseph’s loving obedience is a sign that they trusted in God’s promise of salvation. What’s more, Simeon prophesies to Mary that she will experience sorrows as she follows her Son. The actions of Joseph and Mary teach us to always trust in our Lord’s promises regardless

of the challenges we face. In our obedience, may we offer up whatever trials and tribulations we may face for the sake of peace and healing in our world.

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Fifth Joyful Mystery

Finding Jesus in the Temple

After three days, Mary and Joseph found young Jesus in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. His parents were astonished and Mary said: “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” [Luke 2:46-48]

In troubling and uncertain times, we may find it difficult to enter God’s house to worship, to pray, to praise and to trust. As a result, we search—wandering through life—in hopes of discovering something better than what we have. Without our Lord to guide us, we will most likely feel lost.

Therefore, to grow in wisdom and favor before our Lord, we must seek our Lord where we know we will find him. “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” [Luke 2:49] At Mass, we are in our Father’s house and we present ourselves to God. Are we opening the door to our heart and soul so that Christ can enter our lives to renew and replenish us with healing graces? Like Mary, by giving our consent, our souls can proclaim the greatness of our Lord. Our spirit can rejoice in God our Savior.

Mary, you were filled with sorrow at the loss of Jesus and overwhelmed with joy on finding Him surrounded by Teachers in the Temple; obtain for me the virtue of piety.

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Hail Holy Queen
Concluding Prayer