

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and 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 rose again. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From thence he shall come 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.

The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation of Our Lord (Luke 1:31-32)

Leader: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

All: 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.

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. (repeat ten times)

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation (Luke 1:42-45)

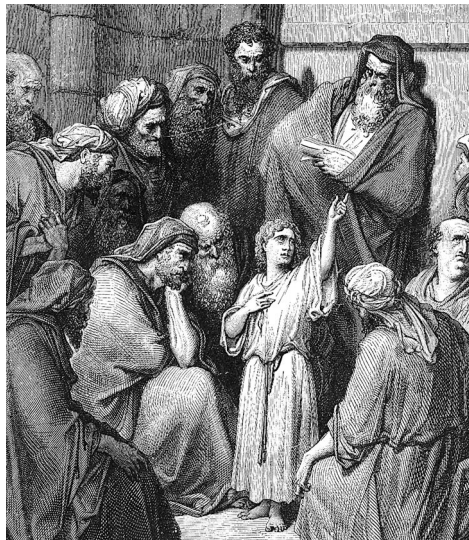
The Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of Christ (Luke 2:6-7)

The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22)

The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:46-47)



Visit to St. Elizabeth, by Mariotto Albertinelli, 1474-1515



Jesus questioning the Jewish doctors of the law, by Gustave Doré, 1855-1885

Concluding Prayers

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine 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 O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and Resurrection hath purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that meditating on 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.

St. Michael, the archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, prowling throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.