

# MASS JOURNAL 2017-2018



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The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.” “The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day.”

The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 2180-81

- ◇ Sunday Mass is not a show on stage; it is worship, prayer before an altar.
- ◇ Sunday Mass is not what we get out of it, but what we give. The more we put into prayer, the more we get out of it.
- ◇ Sunday Mass takes just one hour out of the 168 hours in a week.
- ◇ Sunday is not the day we should sleep in. We force ourselves to get up on work days and school days. Are money and learning more important than God?
- ◇ Sunday Mass attendance does not depend on the priest, musicians or ushers. We dare not allow any person to stand in the way of our worship of God.
- ◇ Sunday Mass is available on vacation. If we can drive to a vacation spot, we can drive a short distance to go to Mass.
- ◇ Sunday Mass is the focal point of every weekend. Our vacations are possible because God has richly blessed us.
- ◇ Sunday Mass outranks sports tournaments, team travel and athletic practices. There are many Mass times available.

*-The Catholic Spirit*

*September 10, 2017 Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 EX 33: 7-9

READING 2 ROM 13: 8-10

GOSPEL MT 18: 15-20

What stops a person confronting a friend about a way in which the friend has hurt them?

How would you respond to a friend telling you that something you said had hurt them?

Why is it sometimes difficult to say "sorry"?

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*September 17th Twenty fourth Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 SIR 27: 30 - 28.7

READING 2 ROM 14: 7-9

GOSPEL MT 18: 21- 35

In the parable of the unforgiving servant, which character do you identify with? Why?

When have you been forgiven for something you did wrong? What did it feel like to be forgiven?

What gets in the way of forgiving someone when they have hurt you?

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*September 24, 2017 Twenty fifth Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 IS 55: 6-9

READING 2 PHIL 1: 20C - 24, 27A

GOSPEL MT 20: 1-16A

How did the laborers hired first feel when they collected their pay? Were they justified?

How do you think the laborers hired later in the day felt?

What message about the kingdom do you think Jesus was trying to convey in the parable?

What is a situation today where we could apply this parable?

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*October 1, 2017 Twenty sixth Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 EZ 18: 25-28

READING 2 PHIL 2: 1-11

GOSPEL MT 21: 28-32

Why do you think the first son might have said "No" but later did as his father asked?

When have you said "Yes" to someone but not really intended to follow through?

Why do people say "Yes" when they really don't want to do something?

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*October 8, 2017 Twenty seventh Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 IS 5:1-7

READING 2 PHIL 4:6-9

GOSPEL MT 21: 33-43

Why does the landowner in the story keep sending messengers and even his son to the tenant farmers?

In what ways is Jesus like the landowner's son?

What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?

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*October 15, 2017*    *Twenty eighth Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1    IS 26: 6– 10A

READING 2    PHIL 4: 12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL        MT 22:1-4

In the parable, why do you think the original guests refused the call to attend?

What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?

What is a practical way in which you can be more inclusive of others?

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*October 22, 2017 Twenty ninth Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 IS 45: 1. 4-6

READING 2 THES 1: 1-5B

GOSPEL MT 22:15-21

What can we interpret from Jesus' words, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God"?

In today's world, how can we give to God what belongs to God?

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October 29, 2017 Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

READING 1 EX 22: 20-26

READING 2 1 THES 1: 5C - 10

GOSPEL MT 22:34-40

How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?

In your local situation, who are the "neighbors" not loved as we love ourselves?

What actions can you take to better love your neighbor as you love yourself?

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*November 5, 2017 Thirty first Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 MAL 1: 14B—2:2B. 8-10

READING 2 1 THES 2: 7B-9, 13

GOSPEL MT 23: 1-12

How do you respond to someone you feel is not “practicing what they preach”?

In what ways did Jesus model a different style of leadership?

What everyday opportunity do you have to follow Jesus’ style of leadership?

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*November 12th, 2017 Thirty second Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 WIS 6: 12-16

READING 2 1THES 4: 13-18

GOSPEL MT: 25: 1-13

Why would Jesus have used a story about bridesmaids waiting for a groom?

Why wouldn't the wise bridesmaids give their spare oil to the others?

In what ways is this story a parable of the Kingdom of God?

What message comes out of this gospel for a modern audience?

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November 19, 2017 Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 PRV 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

READING 2 1 THES 5: 1-6

GOSPEL MT 25: 14-30

Why did the servant who received one talent hide it in a hole instead of investing it?

Why was the master so angry with the servant who received one talent?

How is a measure of money like a special natural ability?

What talent do you have that you could use to make a difference in other people's lives?

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*November 26, 2017 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

READING 1 EZ 34:11-12, 15-17

READING 2 1 COR: 15: 20-26, 28

GOSPEL MT 25: 31-46

Why do you think Jesus used the image of sheep and goats to represent the virtuous and the neglectful?

Why does Jesus banish the people who say they didn't recognize him in need?

When have you helped someone in need? What happened and how did it make you feel?

When have you ever failed to help someone in need? Why did you not help?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

READING 1 IS 63: 16B –17, 19B, 64: 2-7

READING 2 1 COR 1: 3-9

GOSPEL MK 13: 33-37

In what ways does our society need a call to “Stay awake”?

How is it possible to challenge attitudes of complacency in society?

How can you demonstrate that faith is an important aspect of life?

How do you nurture your spirituality and faith?

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December 10, 2017 *Second Sunday of Advent*

READING 1 IS 40: 1-5, 9-11

READING 2 2PT 3: 8-14

GOSPEL MK 1: 1-8

Why would John have gone out into the wilderness to conduct his ministry?

What do you think people found attractive about John's baptism of forgiveness?

How can we continue to prepare the way for the Lord?

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December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

READING 1 IS 61: 1-2A. 10-11

READING 2 1 THES 5: 16-24

GOSPEL JN: 6-8, 19-28

In what ways is John the Baptist portrayed as a “witness” to Christ?

Is there someone you know who witnesses to their faith through their actions? How do they do it?

How can you be a witness?

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December 24, 2017      Fourth Sunday of Advent

READING 1    2SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

READING 2    ROM 16:25-27

GOSPEL       LK 1: 26-38

What was Mary's initial reaction to the appearance of the angel?

Why do you think Mary accepted God's will so readily?

Who do you know who has tried to live their life in response to God?

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December 25, 2017

Nativity of the Lord Christmas

READING 1 IS 52: 7-10

READING 2 HEB 1: 1-6

GOSPEL JN 1: 1-18

What words or phrases from the passage appear to be particularly significant? Why?

How might Mary and Joseph have felt about their situation for having their baby?

Does a close reading of this passage change your picture of the birth of Jesus in any way?

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January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

READING 1 NM 6: 22-27

READING 2 GAL 4: 4-7

GOSPEL LK 2: 16—21

What might Mary have been thinking as she pondered all that was happening?

What might have happened when the shepherds told their friends about what they'd seen?

In what ways can Mary be an example for young people today?

How could you be more "peaceful" in your life?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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January 7, 2018 Epiphany of the Lord

READING 1 IS 60: 1-6

READING 2 EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6

GOSPEL MT 2: 1-12

God sent the Magi a message and they rode their camels across half the known world. What would cause you to put forth effort like that?

What in your life points you towards Jesus? Do you follow?

What made the search worth it for them? For you?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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January 14, 2018      2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

READING 1    1SM 3: 3B - 10, 19

READING 2    1 COR 6:13C—15A, 17-20

GOSPEL        JN 1: 35-42

Why do you think the two disciples asked Jesus where he lived?

What might have made the disciples realize that Jesus was the Messiah?

To follow Jesus, what did the disciples have to give up or leave behind?

How can you respond to Jesus' invitation to "Come and See"?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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*January 21, 2018 Third Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 JON: 3: 1-5,10

READING 2 1 COR 7: 29-31

GOSPEL MK 1: 14-20

Why might Jesus have chosen fishermen as some of his first disciples?

How difficult would it have been for Simon and Andrew to leave their trade?

What would be your equivalent of being called to abandon fishing to follow Jesus?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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*January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 DT 18: 15-20

READING 2 1 COR 7: 32-35

GOSPEL MK 1: 21-28

What is meant by teaching with authority?

Why is the unclean spirit able to recognize Jesus as the "Holy One of God"?

How can the message of Jesus "free" people today?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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*February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time*

READING 1 JB 7: 1-4, 6-7

READING 2 1 COR 9: 16-19, 22-23

GOSPEL MK 1: 29-39

Why might healing have been such an important part of Jesus' ministry?

Why might the gospel writer have portrayed so much happening in such a short time?

Why did Jesus go away by himself to pray?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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February 11, 2018      *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

READING 1      LV 13: 1-2, 44-46

READING 2      1 COR 10: 31 - 11:1

GOSPEL          MK 1: 40-45

Why was it such a brave move for someone with leprosy to approach Jesus?

Why was Jesus so moved by the man?

Who are the people in your community that are treated as “outcasts”?

What would a “Jesus-like” response to these people be?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

READING 1 GEN 9: 8-15

READING 2 1 PT 3: 18-22

GOSPEL MK 1: 12-15

Why was it necessary for Jesus to go out into the wilderness before he began his public ministry?

What times of your life would you describe as “desert times”?

What does it mean to you to know that Jesus was capable of being tempted?

How can you use Lent as a time to respond to the call to “Repent and believe the Good News”?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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February 25, 2018 *Second Sunday of Lent*

READING 1 GN 22: 1-2, 9A, 10-13,15-18

READING 2 ROM 8: 31B-34

GOSPEL MK 9: 2-10

Why might Jesus have only taken three of his disciples up the mountain with him?

Why were the disciples frightened by what they saw?

Why was it important for Jesus and the disciples to go back down the mountain?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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March 4, 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

**READING 1**    **EX 20: 1-17**

**READING 2**    **1 COR: 11 - 25**

**GOSPEL**        **JN 1: 13-25**

What aspects of this gospel passage do you find confronting or challenging?

Have you ever seen something that you knew to be unjust? What did you do?

How can you work against injustice in your local community?

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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

READING 1 2 CHR 36:14-16,19-23

READING 2 EPH 2: 4-10

GOSPEL JN 3: 14-21

Why might the Israelites have turned away from God in the time before the coming of Jesus?

In what way did Jesus coming into the world bring "light" to the darkness?

In what ways have you sometimes "tested the boundaries" with those who care about you?

How might you reassure those you love that you do love them?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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March 18, 2018      *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

READING 1      JER 31: 31-34

READING 2      HEB 5: 7-9

GOSPEL          JN 12: 20-33

How is the image of the grain of wheat relevant to Jesus' life and mission?

What are some of the "trappings" or "things" of this world that people find difficult to let go of?

Do you know anyone who has put other people's needs before their own comfort and status?

What do you need to "let go of" in your life to really flourish and 'produce a harvest'?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

READING 1 IS 50: 4-7

READING 2 PHIL 2: 6-11

GOSPEL MK 14: 1-15, 47

What is different about today's Mass?

What spoke to you in Matthew's Passion Narrative?

How did you feel taking the role of the crowd in the Passion?

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March 29, 2018 Holy Thursday

READING 1 EX 12 : 1-8, 11-14

READING 2 1 COR 11: 23-26

GOSPEL JN 13: 1-15

What is different in tonight's Mass?

Why did Jesus wash his disciple's feet?

Who's feet do you need to wash? How can you become more humble and live Jesus' example of servanthood?

What spoke to you in the homily today?

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March 30, 2018     *Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

READING 1     IS 52: 13-53, 12

READING 2     HEB 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

GOSPEL        JN 18 : 1-19, 42

What was different in today's service?

Why do we venerate the cross?

What emotions or feelings did venerating the cross bring up inside you?

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April 11, 2018 Easter

Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

READING 1 ACTS 10: 34A, 37-43

READING 2 COL 3: 1-4

GOSPEL JN 20: 1-9

In Colossians we are told that we, too have been raised up with Christ. This new life requires a new way of living, what will you do differently now in your new life?

Do I appreciate the significance in my life of the resurrection of Jesus?

Do I recognize the wonder of God in all human life?

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April 8, 2018    *Second Sunday of Easter*    *Divine Mercy Sunday*

READING 1    ACTS 4: 32-35

READING 2    1 JN 5: 1-6

GOSPEL        JN 20: 19-31

Why were the disciples in hiding at the start of this passage?

Why do you think Thomas was reluctant to believe what his friends told him about the Risen Jesus?

How do you respond to disbelief and doubt within yourself or others?

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April 15, 2018    *Third Sunday of Easter*

READING 1    ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19

READING 2    1 JN 2: 1-5A

GOSPEL        LK 24: 35-48

Why were the disciples so reluctant to believe that Jesus had risen?

How does the gospel writer emphasize the “physical” nature of Jesus’ resurrection.

Why is it important to “understand” the scriptures, not just literally?

In what ways is a literal interpretation of scripture attractive for some people?

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April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

READING 1 ACTS 4: 8-12

READING 2 1 JN 3: 1-2

GOSPEL JN 10: 11-18

What message does the image of Jesus, the good shepherd, hold for you?

What contemporary image might convey the same message as the image of the good shepherd?

Have you ever had an experience of being cared for by someone you could call "a shepherd"?

Who do you need to "shepherd"?

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*April 29, 2018*     *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

READING 1     ACTS 9: 26-31

READING 2     1 JN 3: 18-24

GOSPEL        JN 15: 1-8

In what ways can Jesus be compared to a grape vine?

In what ways are we like the branches of a vine?

What is some of the "fruit" that you bear (talents, skills, positive actions)?

What aspects of your life need a little "pruning" so that you might bear more fruit?

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## TAPP into PRAYER

**T**hank and praise God for the good things you have been given and the good people in your life

**A**dmit the things you may have done wrong or the opportunities to help others that you may have ignored

**P**etition God for your needs, and intercede for the needs of others. But remember that there is a difference between what you want and what you need

**P**onder what God has to say to you. Practice pausing long enough to listen.

## Lectio Divina

Translated as "holy reading", lectio divina is four step method of praying with the Bible. I suggest taking one of the daily readings from the liturgy and follow the four steps:

1. Read-- Take the passage and get a sense of what is being said.

2. Reflect-- Read through the passage a second time. This time go slowly. Use your brain during this part and reflect on the text. To guide your reflection, you might ask, "What does the passage say about God? What does this passage mean to me?"

3. Respond-- Pay attention to your heart and your feelings. The operative question during this step is, "Now that I reflected and gained some meaning into the passage, what do I want to pray for?" You may be prompted to offer prayers of thanksgiving. You may need to pray for someone else. Perhaps you realize you should pray for a change in behavior.

4. Rest-- I find this to be the hardest step. It is very easy for me to talk to God. However, this final step is a time for us to listen for God's quiet voice deep within us. If nothing else, it is a time to sit and rest in God's loving presence.

## Meditation Steps

There are 4 steps when you are meditating

### **You place yourself in God's presence**

While the best place to do this is in church, you can easily do it at home as well. After all God is everywhere, not only in church. You simply think yourself as being watched over by God at all times.

You imagine him being right there with you. You know that he is with you and he is only waiting for you to go to Him. You are not alone. Knowing this puts yourself in His presence. This step has the benefit of clearing the mind in preparation for the meditation.

### **You ask for God's help**

Once your mind is clear and you know your purpose, you ask Him to guide you through the meditation by keeping away bad thoughts and bringing you only good ones.

While some people are also focusing on angels (I am of the opinion that everybody has their own guardian angel with them at all times protecting them) and other saints, I prefer to speak directly to God. After all this is my private time with Him.

### **The actual meditation**

Once you know that God is there with you and you have asked him for help and guidance, you are ready to meditate. You can start the meditation in several ways but always by imagining the scene you want to focus on during your meditation.

Imagine the actual environment, the surroundings, the people, how they are dressed, their activities. Imagine any sounds, background noises that are present. Make this image as real as you can do it.

As soon as you have the scene real in front of your inner eyes, in your mind, be there. Place yourself in that scene as when you belong there.

Interact with the people, talk to them, listen to anything wise that they have to tell you. Ask the questions that you want to ask from them and hear their reply. Remember these replies as you will need them later.

### **Give thanks**

When you have received the answers from your meditation, it is time to give thanks to God for helping you with your meditation session. Also thank him for giving you guiding answers for your life and for giving you advice that you will follow.

If you want, you can also give thanks to everyone who has helped you during this meditation, everyone who has given you all the valuable answers.

### How to Say the Rosary

1. We begin the rosary by blessing ourselves with the crucifix. Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the 1st bead, say 1 Our Father.
3. On the next 3 beads, say Hail Mary.
4. Next say 1 Glory Be. Then announce and think of the first Mystery and say 1 Our Father.
5. Say 10 Hail Mary's and 1 Glory be to the Father.
6. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group or decades is said.
7. At the end of the rosary, the Hail Holy Queen and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin may be recited.

### The Prayers of the Rosary

#### The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### The Apostles' 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, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is 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 life everlasting. Amen.

#### The 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.

#### The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### Glory Be to the Father

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.

#### The Hail, Holy Queen

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.

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promise of Christ.

#### Let Us Pray

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 those mysteries in 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.

## **Mysteries of the Rosary**

The Church has used three sets of mysteries for many centuries. In 2002 Pope John Paul II proposed a fourth set of mysteries—the Mysteries of Light, or Luminous Mysteries. According to his suggestion, the four sets of mysteries might be prayed on the following days: the Joyful Mysteries on Monday and Saturday, the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Friday, the Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday, and the Luminous Mysteries on Thursday.

### **The Joyful Mysteries**

1. The Annunciation Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.
2. The Visitation Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.
3. The Nativity Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
4. The Presentation Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.

### **The Mysteries of Light**

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son.
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana At Mary's request, Jesus performs his first miracle.
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.
4. The Transfiguration of Jesus ,Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.
5. The Institution of the Eucharist Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

### **The Sorrowful Mysteries**

1. The Agony in the Garden Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar Jesus is lashed with whips.
3. The Crowning With Thorns Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify him.
5. The Crucifixion Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.

### **The Glorious Mysteries**

1. The Resurrection God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.
2. The Ascension Jesus returns to his Father in heaven.
3. The Coming of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.
4. The Assumption of Mary At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.
5. The Coronation of Mary, Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

## CONFIRMATION DATES 2017-18

August 30th	Kick Off Youth/ Parent Meeting	6PM – 8PM
September 6th	Class	6PM – 8PM
September 20th	Class	6PM – 8PM
October 4th	Class	6PM – 8PM
October 18th	Class	6PM – 8PM
November 1st	Class	6PM – 8PM
November 15th	Class	6PM – 8PM
December 6th	Class	6PM – 8PM
<i>December 10th</i>	<i>10 Commandment Reflection</i>	<i>6PM – 8:30PM</i>
January 10th	Class	6PM – 8PM
<i>January 21st</i>	<i>Confirmation Meeting PARENT AND YOUTH</i>	<i>2:30 – 4:30</i>
January 24th	Class	6PM – 8PM
<i>January 28th</i>	<i>Rite of Enrollment</i>	<i>4:30 – 6</i>
February 7th	Class	6PM – 8PM
February 21st	Class	6PM – 8PM
March 7th	Class	6PM – 8PM
<i>March 11th</i>	<i>Sacrament Reflection</i>	<i>6PM – 8:30PM</i>
April 4th	Class	6PM – 8PM
April 18th	Class	6PM – 8PM
May 2nd	Class	6PM – 8PM
<i>May 11th – 13th</i>	<i>Confirmation Retreat</i>	
<i>May 18th</i>	<i>Confirmation Rehearsal</i>	
<i>May 19th</i>	<i>Confirmation</i>	<i>10AM</i>