

## **Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary December 19, 2021, 4th Sunday of Advent**

We have with us the Pecoraro family today, Rob and Marleena and their 4 children. As you can see, they particularly know the joy of welcoming a new baby into their family. The scripture readings of these Advent weeks leading up to Christmas and their own recent experience of waiting for the birth and now being able to celebrate this newest gift of God makes Christmas all the more real for the older children especially.

### **Sign of the Cross**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

**Leader:** 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;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

} *Bow*

**Participants:** 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 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.

**Participants:** 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** (pray 3 times for opening prayers and 10 times for each decade)

**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.

**Participants:** Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen

### **The Glory Be**

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

**Participants:** as it was in the beginning Is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer** (pray at the end of each decade)

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead  
all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy  
mercy.

### **REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel from Luke 1:39-45, we hear the beautiful story of the Visitation – our Second Joyful Mystery. Two pregnant women – the elderly Elizabeth and Mary who conceived through the Holy Spirit - experience miraculous conceptions. They have much to share, much to celebrate. Both stories inspire awe for the mystery of God's workings in their lives and so too in our own.

**Leader: First Mystery: The Annunciation**

**Participants:** Our Father  
10 Hail Marys  
Glory Be  
Fatima Prayer

**Leader: Second Mystery: The Visitation**

**Participants:** Our Father  
10 Hail Marys  
Glory Be  
Fatima Prayer

**Leader: Third Mystery: The Birth of Christ**

**Participants:** Our Father  
10 Hail Marys  
Glory Be  
Fatima Prayer

**Leader: Fourth Mystery: The Presentation**

**Participants:** Our Father  
10 Hail Marys  
Glory Be  
Fatima Prayer

**Leader: Fifth Mystery: Finding Jesus in the Temple**

**Participants:** Our Father  
10 Hail Marys  
Glory Be  
Fatima Prayer

### **Closing Prayers**

#### **The Hail Holy Queen**

**Leader:** 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 towards us;  
and after this our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**Leader:** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**Participants:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Leader:** 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 while 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 Christ Our  
Lord. Amen.

#### **Sign of the Cross**