

## **The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary**

### **American Saints and Holy People**

#### ***First Mystery: The Resurrection of Jesus – Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1820)***

Opened first Catholic school and established first Catholic orphanage. She did all this while raising five children. Quote: “The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God.”

#### ***Second Mystery: The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven – Blessed Solanus Casey***

The son of Irish immigrants who grew up on a farm in Wisconsin. Born in 1870 and died 1957. Because he had problems with his studies in a German speaking seminary, he was ordained a priest but not allowed to preach or hear confession. His main priestly ministry was as doorman at his monastery listening and praying for people from all walks of life.

#### ***Third Mystery. The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Jesus – Venerable Augustus Tolton.***

Born in Missouri in 1854. His parents were slaves. He was the first black Roman Catholic to be ordained a priest. He was ordained in Rome because no American Seminary would accept him. He lived his priesthood in Chicago where he endured much racial persecution. Fr. Tolton died suddenly during a retreat at the age of 43.

#### ***Fourth Mystery: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven – Dorothy Day, Servant of God [1897-1980]***

After the birth of her child, Dorothy converted to Catholicism. She founded *The Catholic Workers* newspaper through which she promoted the social justice teaching of the church. In her fight for justice, she was arrested several times. In 2000, Dorothy was named Servant of God, the first step in the canonization process. In his speech to Congress in 2015, Pope Francis named Dorothy Day as one of four great Americans who gave us a way of seeing and interpreting reality. The other three were Thomas Merton, Abraham Lincoln, and Dr. Martin Luther King.

#### ***Fifth Mystery: Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven – Fr. Vincent Capodanno, Maryknoll priest and Navy Chaplain***

Born 1929 and died 1967. Fr. Vincent was shot dead while rushing to administer the Last Rites to a U.S. Marine during an enemy ambush in Vietnam in 1967. He received the Medal of Honor posthumously in 1969. Since his death, there have been numerous reports of favors granted following intercessory prayers to him.