

## **The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary –**

This week we reflect on the Mysteries of Light – a set of Mysteries created by Pope John Paul II. He created these mysteries upon realizing that none of the other three sets of mysteries focused on the Public Ministry of Jesus.

The Joyful Mysteries focus on the birth and childhood of Jesus. The Sorrowful Mysteries focus on the Passion and Death of Jesus. The Glories focus on the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus and the Assumption of Mary.

### ***First Mystery: Baptism of Jesus***

This mystery focuses on the beginning of the Public life of Jesus. John's baptism was for sinners, Jesus, the sinless one, was baptized as a sign of solidarity with sinful humanity. During his baptism, he received the Holy Spirit who would empower him in his Public Ministry, empower him to be obedient to the Will of his Father. During this decade, we pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to be more aware of what it means to be baptized into Christ Jesus and help us to be more faithful to our baptismal commitment.

### ***Second Mystery: The Wedding Feast of Cana***

This was Jesus first miracle and he did it at a wedding party. How interesting. It shows Jesus' concern for the institution of Marriage. During this decade, we pray for all engaged and married couples. We especially pray for married couples for whom this is a difficult time that they will have the grace and fortitude to endure through the tough times.

### ***Third Mystery. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the call to conversion***

In this mystery, Jesus calls us to repent and believe in the Gospel.

Sin is something most of us prefer not to focus on. But of course, all of us are sinners. Sometimes we are in denial or blind to our sins. At this time, we as a nation are focusing on the sin of racism. During this decade, we pray for all who are peacefully inviting us to see how the sin of racism exists in our nation. We also pray for any of us or all of us who are in denial about the sin of racism.

### ***Fourth Mystery: The Transfiguration***

On Mount Tabor, Jesus, Peter, James and John got a glimpse of Jesus' resurrection. This experience of the Resurrection, would give Jesus and the Apostles hope during the dark days ahead. During this decade, we remember and pray for all for whom this is a dark and painful time. We also remember all who have asked us to pray for them.

### ***Fifth Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist***

The Eucharist is at the center of our lives as Catholics. Yet we know that many Catholics have not received the Eucharist since March. Again, we are grateful that modern technology does allow us to do online Mass each Sunday. We pray for all searching for a vaccine for Covid-19.