

## **The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary - Theme: Intercessory Prayer**

Last week our theme was the prayer of petition, prayer for our own needs. This week as we pray the Glorious Mysteries, we will focus on the Prayer of Intercession.

In intercessory prayer, we are doing what Mary did at the Wedding Feast of Cana when she interceded with Jesus on behalf of others. In intercessory prayer, we lift up to God, the needs of others.

### ***First Mystery: The Resurrection of Jesus***

As we meditate on that great moment when Jesus rose from the dead and overcame the forces of evil, we can pray for all who are fighting the forces of evil in our world. We remember all those fighting Covid-19 especially all health care workers. Also, we intercede for all those seeking to find a vaccine for this deadly disease.

### ***Second Mystery: The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven***

As we ponder Jesus physical departure from this world, we intercede for the needs of our parish church family especially those who are ill and stressed out because of Covid-19. We intercede for the ministries of our parish.

### ***Third Mystery. The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Jesus***

As we ponder that great moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, we pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to hear the message he wants us to hear during this pandemic. We intercede with the Holy Spirit that he will show our church leaders how we can best minister to our people during this time of great disruption to our lives.

### ***Fourth Mystery: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven***

As we ponder Mary's physical departure into Heaven, we intercede for members of our family who may have become disconnected from God and our church family during this Covid-19 time. We seek Mary's intercession on their behalf.

### ***Fifth Mystery: Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven***

During this decade of the Rosary, we intercede for all those who have asked us to pray for them. We intercede for all those who have received bad news today that they may have faith, family and friends to care for them.