



4th Sorrowful Mystery ~ The Carrying of the Cross

Pilate again tried to release Jesus.. Then he brought Him outside and sat on the judges chair and said to the Jews "Here is your King!" They cried out "Away with him!.. Crucify him!..We have no King but the Emperor" So Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, And bearing the cross for Himself, He went forth to The Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. (John 19,17) Jesus fell three times under the weight of the cross and the soldiers forced a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross for Jesus, so He wouldn't die from His wounds, before they could crucify Him.



5th Sorrowful Mystery ~ The Crucifixion

The soldiers stripped Jesus of His clothes and divided it among themselves. Over His head they put the charge "This is the King of the Jews." They crucified Jesus with two bandits, one on the right and one on the left. They taunted Him, along with those standing by saying "He saved others but he cannot save himself." Jesus said "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." He cried out in a loud voice "Father into your hands I commend my spirit" and with that He breathed His last. The Centurion proclaimed, "truly this man was the Son of God." The soldiers pierced His side with a lance and out flowed blood and water. After His death, they took Him, wrapped Him in linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever been laid. (Matthew 32, John 16)



4th Joyful Mystery ~ The Presentation of the Child Jesus

And when the days of her purification were fulfilled according to the Law of Moses, they took baby Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Simeon a righteous man, on whom the Holy Spirit rested, came to the temple.. Upon seeing Jesus he knew at once he was the promised Saviour, as the Lord had told him he would one day behold the face of the Saviour. He proclaimed "Master, now I may die in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation, a light to the Gentiles and your people Israel." (Luke 2, 22)



5th Joyful Mystery ~ The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Every year, Mary and Joseph would take Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, this year he was twelve years of age. After the festival had ended his parents left, but Jesus stayed behind. They travelled a day's journey when they realised he was missing. They searched for him first among their friends and relatives, and then not having found him they returned to Jerusalem. On the third day they found him in the temple, among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, they were all astonished at his answers. His parents asked him "Why have you treated us like this?" He replied "Didn't you know I would be in my Father's house?" They did not understand His meaning. After this they returned to Nazareth and Jesus was obedient to his parents. (Luke 2, 41)

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES



1st Sorrowful Mystery ~ The Agony in the Garden

Jesus went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives to prayer. He said to the disciples "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then He withdrew from them, knelt down, and prayed "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him and gave Him strength. In His anguish He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat became as drops of blood running down upon the ground. And rising from prayer He came to the disciples, and found them sleeping. (Luke 22, 44)



2nd Joyful Mystery ~ The Visitation

After Mary conceived Jesus, she left to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the baby in her womb leapt for Joy! She cried out "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Who am I? That the mother of My Lord should come to me? Blessed are you, for believing in the word, spoken by the Lord would come true." (Luke 1, 39)



3rd Joyful Mystery ~ The Nativity

Mary and Joseph travelled all the way to Bethlehem to be registered. While they were there it came time for Mary to have her baby, the Son of God. There was no room for them, so the baby was born in a stable. They named him Jesus, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. All of Heaven rejoiced! A great

Angel and a whole Multitude of the heavenly host sang "Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to people of good will." They came to share the good news with the shepherds, the Saviour has come! It is the very first Christmas Night.

(Luke 2)

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES



1st Joyful Mystery ~ The Annunciation

An Angel of the Lord came to Mary; "Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with You. You have been chosen to bear God's son." Mary was very perplexed. The Angel said, "Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favour with God, you will conceive, and bear a son and you will name him Jesus. He will be King and called Son of the Most High." Mary Trusted God and said yes to His Holy Will. The Holy Spirit came down upon her and His power overshadowed her, Jesus was conceived in her womb. (Luke 1, 26)



THE MYSTERIES
OF THE ROSARY



2nd Sorrowful Mystery ~ The Scouring at the Pillar

The Jews turned Jesus over to Pilate to be tried, but Pilate said "I find no case against him.. You have a custom that I release someone for you at passover, do you want me to release the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, 'Not this man, but Barabbas!' Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged." (John 18, 39)



3rd Sorrowful Mystery ~ The Crowning with Thorns

They stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on Him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on His head. They put a reed in His right hand and knelt before Him and mocked Him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the face. After mocking Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him. They they led Him away to crucify Him. (Matthew 27, 27)