



**The  
Joyful  
Mysteries**

# THE ANNUNCIATION

## **We begin with the Sign of the Cross...**

Today we pray the first Joyful Mystery – the Annunciation

## **Scripture: Luke 1:26-38**

*In the town of Nazareth in the north of Israel (the district called Galilee) there lived a girl named Mary. She was just an ordinary girl. She helped her mother bake the bread and spin the wool and fetch the water like the other girls. When she was old enough her parents arranged with her to marry Joseph, the town carpenter. But then, one day, something quite extraordinary happened.*

*Mary was busy with the day's jobs as usual, her mind full of the coming wedding, when she looked up and saw a stranger standing watching her. Be-*

*fore she could say a word, the man spoke:*

*'I am Gabriel, one of God's messenger-angels,' he said. 'I have a message for you from God.'*

*Mary could hardly believe her ears. She felt scared,*



*and she wondered what the angel could mean.*

*‘Don’t be frightened,’ the angel went on. ‘God knows all about you and he loves you. He has sent me to tell you that he’s chosen you for a very special honour. You are to be the mother of God’s promised King. The baby will be God’s own Son.’*

*‘But I don’t understand,’ Mary said. ‘I’m not even married yet...’ Her head was buzzing with questions.*

*‘This is something God will do. Nothing is too hard for him. You remember your cousin Elizabeth? Everyone thought she could never have children. But now she is expecting a baby. You see, there is nothing God cannot do.’*

*When Mary heard this, she knew that she could trust God to do whatever he said. She did not have to understand it all.*

*‘I will do whatever God wants,’ she said.*

*The Word of the Lord*

## **Our Father**

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And lead us not into temptation,  
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Amen*

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## **Finish with the Sign of the Cross**



# THE VISITATION



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Today we pray the second Joyful Mystery –  
**THE VISITATION**

**Scripture: *Luke 1:39-56***

## *Mary's Visit*

*Mary got up and went quickly to a town in the mountains of Judea. She went to Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the unborn baby inside Elizabeth jumped. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She cried out in a loud voice, "God has blessed you more than any other woman. And God has blessed the baby which you will give birth to. You are the mother of my Lord, and you have come to me! Why has something so good happened to me? When I heard your voice, the baby inside me jumped with joy. You are blessed because you believed what the Lord said to you would really happen."*

## *Mary Praises God*

*Then Mary said,*

*"My soul praises the Lord;*

*my heart is happy because God is my Saviour.*

*I am not important, but God has shown his care for me, his servant girl.*

*From now on, all people will say that I am blessed, because the Powerful One has done great things for me.*

*His name is holy.*

*God will always give mercy to those who worship him.*

*God's arm is strong.*

*He scatters the people who are proud and think great things about themselves.*

*God brings down rulers from their thrones, and he raises up the humble.*

*God fills the hungry with good things,  
but he sends the rich away with nothing.  
God has helped his people Israel who serve him.  
He gave them his mercy.  
God has done what he promised to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his children forever.”  
Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months  
and then returned home.*

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# THE NATIVITY

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Today we pray the third Joyful Mystery –  
The Nativity



## **Scripture: Luke 2:1-7**

### *The Birth of Jesus*

*At that time, Augustus Caesar sent an order to all people in the countries that were under Roman rule. The order said that they must list their names in a register. This was the first registration<sup>1</sup> taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own towns to be registered.*

*So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. This town was known as the town of David. Joseph went there because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary because she was engaged to marry him. (Mary was now pregnant.) While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son. There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed.*

*The Word of the Lord*

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# THE PRESENTATION

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The Presentation



## Scripture: Luke 2:22-38

### *Jesus Is Presented in the Temple*

*The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the law of Moses taught about being made pure.<sup>1</sup> They took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. It is written in the law of the Lord: “Give every firstborn male to the Lord.<sup>1</sup> Mary and Joseph also went to offer a sacrifice, as the law of the Lord says: “You must sacrifice two doves or two young pigeons.” Simeon Sees Jesus*

*A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man and very religious. He was waiting for the time when God would help Israel. The Holy Spirit was in him. The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Christ promised by the Lord. The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to do what the law said they must do. Then Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God: “Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace as you said.*

*I have seen your Salvation<sup>1</sup> with my own eyes.*

*You prepared him before all people.*

*He is a light for the non-Jewish people to see.*

*He will bring honour to your people, the Israelites.”*

*Jesus’ father and mother were amazed at what Simeon had said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, “Many in Israel will fall and many*

*will rise because of this child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept. The things they think in secret will be made known. And the things that will happen will make your heart sad, too.”*  
*Anna Sees Jesus*

*Anna, a prophetess, was there at the Temple. She was from the family of Phanuel in the tribe of Asher. Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. Then her husband died and she lived alone. She was now 84 years old. Anna never left the Temple. She worshiped God by going without food and praying day and night. She was standing there at that time, thanking God. She talked about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem.*

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## **Finish with the Sign of the Cross**

# THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE



## **We begin with the Sign of the Cross...**

Today we pray the fifth Joyful Mystery – The Finding in the Temple

### **Scripture: Luke 2:41-51**

#### *Jesus as a Boy*

*Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. When Jesus was 12 years old, they went to the feast as they always did. When the feast days were over, they went home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Joseph and Mary travelled for a whole day. They thought that Jesus was with them in the group. Then they began to look for him among their family and friends, but they did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there. After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple with the religious teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and wise answers. When Jesus' parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you."*

*Jesus asked, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is!" But they did not understand the meaning of what he said.*

*Jesus went with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. His mother was still thinking about all that had happened.*

*The Word of the Lord*

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## Finish with the Sign of the Cross



# The Prayers of the Rosary

## **The Sign of the Cross**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

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. 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 Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Fatima prayer**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

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

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor, banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.



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