

THE SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

We all know the usual way of praying the Rosary. This beautiful practice must never be stopped. Pope Paul VI (now Pope St. Paul VI), however, suggests in his encyclical, *Marialis Cultus*, that all Marian practices be based on the Word of God to deepen the faithful's love for Holy Scriptures. Hence, the original Rosary practice initiated by St. Dominic, which uses mostly the Scriptures in meditating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, can serve as an alternative. After all, this was the original practice of Catholics from 1200 AD until 1900 AD.

Following is a Scriptural Rosary format which can be used as an alternative to the usual praying of the Rosary. It is advisable to pray the four mysteries – Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious, kneeling down so that there is penance offered. The important element of this method, however, is the **meditative aspect** of the Word of God.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

(1) The Annunciation (HUMILITY)

Our Father...

Leader: The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a Virgin, and the name of the Virgin was Mary. (Lk 1:26-27) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Upon arriving, the angel said to Her: "Rejoice O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." (Lk 1:28) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: When she heard him, she was troubled at his word, and kept pondering what manner of greeting this might be. (Lk 1:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And the angel said to her: "Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found grace with God." (Lk 1:30) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Behold you shall conceive in your womb, and shall bring forth a Son; and you shall call His Name Jesus." (Lk 1:31) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and His Kingdom shall have no end." (Lk 1:32-33) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: But Mary said to the angel: "How can this be since I know no man?" (Lk 1:34) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you." (Lk 1:35) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And, therefore, the Holy One to be born shall be called the Son of God." (Lk 1:38) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be... O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(2) The Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Her Cousin Elizabeth (LOVE OF NEIGHBOR)

Our Father...

Leader: Now Mary went into the hill country. And she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (Lk 1:39-40) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby in her womb leapt. And she was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1:41) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And she cried out: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the Fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:42) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And blessed is she who believed because the things promised her by the Lord shall be accomplished." (Lk 1:45) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid." (Lk 1:46-48) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "For behold, henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me. (Lk 1:48-49) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And holy is His Name; and His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him." (Lk 1:49-50) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "He has shown the strength of His arm. He has scattered the proud in their conceit." (Lk 1:51) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "He has put down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly." (Lk 1:52) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty." (Lk 1:53) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(3) The Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (LOVE OF GOD)

Our Father...

Leader: It came to pass while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her Child. (Lk 2:6) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And she brought forth her first born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes. (Lk 2:7) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And she laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Lk 2:7) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And there were shepherds in the same district. And behold the angel of the Lord stood by them. (Lk 2:8-9) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people.” (Lk 2:10) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord.” (Lk 2:11) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “Glory to God in high Heavens, peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests.” (Lk 2:14) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And behold, the Magi came from the East, and entering, they found the Child with Mary, His mother. (Mt 2:1-11) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And falling down, they worshipped Him. And they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Mt 2:11) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. (Lk 2:10) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(4) The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (OBEDIENCE)

Our Father...

Leader: According to the Law of Moses, they took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. (Lk 2:27) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Now there was in Jerusalem a man named Simeon and this man was just and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel. (Lk 2:25) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And it had been revealed to him that he should not see death before he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. (Lk 2:26) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And when they brought in the Child Jesus, he received Him into his arms and blessed God. (Lk 2:27-28) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “Now You can dismiss Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word in peace.” (Lk 2:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “Because my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people.” (Lk 2:30-31) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for Your people Israel." (Lk 2:32) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And he said to Mary: "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted." (Lk 2:34) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And your own soul, a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Lk 2:34) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And they returned to Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong, and the grace of God was upon Him. (Lk 2:39-40) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(5) The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (JOY)

Our Father...

Leader: When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. (Lk 2:42) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents did not know it. (Lk 2:43) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: They returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And after three days, they found Him in the temple. (Lk 2:45) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: He was sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. (Lk 2:47) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Son, why have You done this to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been looking for You anxiously." (Lk 2:48) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Lk 2:49) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them. (Lk 2:50) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Lk 2:52) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men. (Lk 2:52) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be... O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

(1) The Agony in the Garden (TRUE REPENTANCE)

Our Father...

Leader: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and said: "Stay here while I go and pray." (Mt 26:36-37) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then He said to them: "My soul is sad, even unto death. Wait here and watch with Me." (Mt 26:38) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And going forward a little, He fell on the ground and began to pray. (Mk 14:35) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will but Yours be done." (Lk 22:42) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And there appeared to Him an angel from Heaven to strengthen Him. (Lk 22:43) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And falling into agony, He prayed the more earnestly. (Lk 22:44) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And His sweat became as drops of blood running down upon the ground. (Lk 22:44) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said: "Could you not then watch one hour with Me?" (Mt 26:40) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Mt 26:41) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "The spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak." (Mt 26:41) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(2) The Scourging at the Pillar (PURITY)

Our Father...

Leader: They bound Jesus and delivered Him to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him: "Are You the King of the Jews?" (Mk 15:12) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Jesus answered: "My Kingdom is not of this world but you say I am a King." (Jn 18:36) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "This is why I was born and why I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth." (Jn 18:37) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then Pilate said: "I find no guilt in this man. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him." (Lk 23:14-15) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Pilate then took Jesus and had Him scourged. (Jn 19:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Oppressed and condemned, He was taken away – a Man of suffering. (Is 53:8) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Though He was harshly treated, He submitted like a lamb led to the slaughter. (Is 53:7) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: He was pierced for our offenses; crushed for our sins. (Is 53:4) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: It was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings that He endured. (Is 53:4) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole; by His stripes, we are healed. (Is 53:5) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(3) The Crowning of Thorns (MORAL COURAGE)

Our Father...

Leader: Now the soldiers led Him away into the courtyard, and they stripped off His clothes and put on Him a purple cloak. (Mk 15:16) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand. (Mt 27:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying: "Hail, King of the Jews!" (Mt 27:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And they spat on Him, took the reed, and kept striking Him on the head. (Mt 27:30) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Pilate again went outside and said: "I bring Him out to you, that you may know I find no guilt in Him." (Jn 19:4) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Jesus therefore came forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. (Jn 19:5) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And Pilate said to them: "Behold the man!" But they cried out: "Away with Him, crucify Him!" (Jn 19:15) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept crying out the more: "Crucify Him!" (Mk 15:14) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Shall I crucify your King?" And the chief priests answered: "We have no king but Caesar." (Jn 19:15) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then he handed Him over to be crucified. And so the soldiers took Jesus and led Him away. (Jn 19:16) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(4) The Carrying of the Cross (PATIENCE IN BEARING TRIALS)

Our Father...

Leader: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself." (Lk 9:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And take up his cross daily and follow Me." (Lk 9:23) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And bearing the cross for Himself, Jesus went forth to the place called the Skull. (Jn 19:17) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And they laid hold of a certain Simon of Cyrene and upon him, laid the cross, to bear it after Jesus. (Lk 23:26) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me." (Mt 11:20) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "For I am meek and humble of heart..." (Mt 11:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And you will find rest for your souls; for My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Mt 11:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Now a great crowd was following Him, and women who were bewailing and lamenting over Him. (Lk 23:27) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Jesus, turning to them said: "Do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." (Lk 23:28) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "For if in the case of green wood, they do these things, what is to happen in the case of dry?" (Lk 23:31) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(5) The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus Christ (FINAL PERSEVERANCE)

Our Father...

Leader: And when they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus. (Lk 23:24) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And Jesus said: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." (Lk 23:34) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And one of the robbers crucified with Him said: “Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.” (Lk 23:42) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And Jesus said to him: “Amen, I say to you, this day you shall be with Me in Paradise.” (Lk 23:43) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved, standing by. (Jn 19:26) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And He said to His Mother: “Woman, behold Your son.” Then He said to His disciple: “Behold, your Mother.” (Jn 19:26-27) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And from then on, the disciple took her into his home. (Jn 19:27) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And the sun was darkened, the earth quaked, and the curtain of the temple was torn into two. (Lk 23:45) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said: “Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.” (Lk 23:46) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then He bowed His head and delivered over His Spirit. (Jn 19:30) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

(1) The Resurrection of Our Lord (FAITH)

Our Father...

Leader: “Amen, amen I say to you, you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy.” (Jn 16:20) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “For I will see you again and your heart shall rejoice.” (Jn 16:22) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: At early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. (Lk 24:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And behold an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven, and drawing near, rolled back the stone. (Mt 28:2) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified.” (Mt 19:26) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “He is not here but has risen. Behold the place where they laid Him.” (Lk 24:6) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: “And behold, He goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him.” (Mt 28:7) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And they departed quickly from the tomb, in fear and in great joy. (Mt 28:8) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, even if he dies, shall live." (Jn 11:25) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." (Jn 11:26) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(2) The Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven (HOPE)

Our Father...

Leader: Now He led them out toward Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. (Lk 24:50) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Saying: "All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me." (Mt 28:18) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:19) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Mt 28:20) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." (Mk 16:16) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "But he who does not believe shall be condemned." (Mk 16:16) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "And behold I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." (Mt 28:20) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And as it came to pass, He blessed them. (Lk 24:51) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And He was taken up to Heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. (Mk 16:19) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(3) The Descent of the Holy Spirit Upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles (ZEAL)

Our Father ...

Leader: When the days of the Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. (Acts 2:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Suddenly, from the sky came a noise like a strong driving wind heard throughout the house.
(Acts 2:2) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. (Acts 2:3) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak of the wonderful works of God.
(Acts 2:4) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Now there were devout Jews from every nation under Heaven, staying in Jerusalem. (Acts 2:5)
Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: And Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them. (Acts 2:14) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Now they who received his word were baptized, and about three thousand souls were added that day. (Acts 2:41) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were performed by the apostles. (Acts 3:43) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful; and enkindle in them the fire of Your love."
(Pentecost Alleluia) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(4) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (GRACE of a HAPPY DEATH)

Our Father ...

Leader: "Blessed are you O daughter, by the Lord, the Most High God, above all the women upon the earth." (Jdt 13:23) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "For He has so magnified your name this day, that your praise shall not depart out of the mouths of men." (Jdt 13:25) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "You are the glory of Jerusalem; you are the joy of Israel; you are the honor of our people." (Jdt 15:9) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "May you be blessed by the Lord Almighty forever." (Jdt 15:10) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Hear O daughter and see; turn your ear. For the King shall desire your beauty." (Ps 45:11-12)
Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: And the temple of God in Heaven was opened, and there came flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. (Rev 11:19) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And a great sign appeared in Heaven: a woman clothed with the sun. (Rev 12:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And the moon was under her feet; and upon her head, a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: All glorious is the King's daughter as she enters; her raiment is threaded with spun gold. (Ps 45:14) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wondrous deeds. (Ps 98:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(5) The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth (The GIFT OF LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL)

Our Father ...

Leader: Who is she that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun? (Sng 6:10) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Like the rainbow appearing in the cloudy sky; like the blossoms on the branches in springtime. (Sir 50:7-8) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Wisdom sings her own praises, before her own people she proclaims her glory. (Sir 24:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Like a fair love tree in the field, like a plane tree growing beside the water. (Sir 24:14) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Come to me, all you that yearn for me, and be filled with my fruits." (Sir 24:18) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "You will remember me as sweeter than honey; better to have than the honeycomb." (Sir 24:19) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "So now, O children, listen to me; instruction and wisdom do not reject!" (Prov 8:32-33) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Happy are those who keep my ways, watching daily at my gates." (Prov 8:33-34) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "For he who finds me, finds life; and wins favor from the Lord." (Prov 8:33-34) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: "Hail, O holy Queen of Mercy, protect us from the enemy." (Queenship of the BVM) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: Glory be...

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THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

(1) The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus (OPENNESS to the HOLY SPIRIT)

Our Father ...

Leader: Then Jesus appeared. He came from Galilee to the Jordan, to be baptized by John. (Mt 3:13) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: John tried to dissuade Jesus, with the words, 'It is I who need baptism from You, and yet You come to me!' (Mt 3:14) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being,' (Mt 3:15) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'It is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that uprightness demands.' (Mt 3:15) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then John gave in to Jesus. (Mt 3:15) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And when Jesus had been baptized, He at once came up from the water... (Mt 3:16) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: ...and suddenly the Heavens opened... (Mt 3:16) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: ... and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down upon Him. (Mt 3:16) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And suddenly there was a voice from Heaven. (Mt 3:17) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'This is My Son the Beloved; My favor rests in Him.' (Mt 3:17) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(2) The Wedding at Cana (To JESUS through MARY)

Our Father ...

Leader: On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The Mother of Jesus was there; and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited. (Jn 2:1-2) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the feast had all been consumed... (Jn 2:3) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And the Mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, what do you want from Me? My hour has not yet come.' (Jn 2:4-5) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: His Mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever He tells you.' (Jn 2:5-6) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each jar could hold twenty or thirty gallons. (Jn 2:6) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. (Jn 2:7) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: Then Jesus said to the servants, 'Draw some out now, and take it to the steward of the feast.' (Jn 2:8) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: They did this. The steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, the steward of the feast called the bridegroom ... (Jn 2:9) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: ... and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' (Jn 2:10) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: This was the first of Jesus' signs: it was at Cana in Galilee. He revealed His glory, and His brothers and His disciples believed in Him. (Jn 2:11) Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(3) Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (TRUE REPENTANCE and TRUST in GOD)

Our Father ...

Leader: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There He sat down and was joined by His disciples. Then He began to speak. (Mt 5:1-2) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'How blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.' (Mt 5:3) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Blessed are the gentle; they shall have the earth as their inheritance.' (Mt 5:4) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted.' (Mt 5:5) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness; they shall have their fill.' (Mt 5:6) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Blessed are the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.' (Mt 5:7) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

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Leader: 'Blessed are the pure of heart; they shall see God.' (Mt 5:8) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be recognized as children of God.' (Mt 5:9) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness; the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.' (Mt 5:10) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on My account.' (Mt 5:11) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(4) The Transfiguration (DESIRE FOR HOLINESS)

Our Father ...

Leader: Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain. (Mt 17:1) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: There in their presence, Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as dazzling as light. (Mt 17:2) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with Jesus. (Mt 17:3) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here.' (Mt 17:4) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'If You want me to, I will make three shelters here, one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (Mt 17:4) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Peter was still speaking when, suddenly, a bright cloud covered them with a shadow. (Mt 17:5) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And suddenly from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is My Son, the Beloved; He enjoys My favor. Listen to Him.' (Mt 17:5) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. (Mt 17:6) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: But Jesus came up and touched them, saying: 'Stand up; do not be afraid.' (Mt 17:7) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus. (Mt 17:18) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...

(5) The Institution of the Holy Eucharist (LOVE of JESUS in the BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Our Father...

Leader: When evening came, Jesus was at table with the twelve disciples. (Mt 26:20) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: And while they were eating, Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray Me.' (Mt 26:21) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: The disciples were greatly distressed and started asking Jesus in turn, 'Not I, Lord, surely?' (Mt 26:22) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Jesus answered, 'Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with Me will betray Me.' (Mt 26:23) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Judas, who was to betray Jesus, asked in his turn, 'Not I, Rabbi, surely?' (Mt 26:25) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread and when He had said the blessing, He broke it and gave it to His disciples. (Mt 26:26) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: 'Take it and eat,' Jesus said, 'this is My Body.' (Mt 26:26) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He handed it to them... (Mt 26:27) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: ... saying, 'Drink from this, all of you, for this is My Blood, the blood of the Covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Mt 26:28) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: From now on, I tell you, I shall never again drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the Kingdom of My Father.' (Mt 26:29) *Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ...*

Leader: Glory be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...