

The Rosary According to Scripture

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." *Luke 1:26-38*

The Visitation

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth...and Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home. *Luke 1:39-40, 56*

The Nativity

And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. *Luke 2:7*

The Presentation in the Temple

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." *Luke 2:33-35*

The Finding in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. *Luke 2:46-47*

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Christ

And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him, and lo, a voice from heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *Matthew 3:16-17*

The Wedding at Cana

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him. *John 2:11*

Preaching of Christ on the Kingdom, conversion, and reconciliation

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel." *Mark 1:14-15*

The Transfiguration

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him. *Matthew 17:1-3*

The Last Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." *Matthew 26:26-28*

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." *Matthew 26:37-39*

The Scourging at the Pillar

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. *Mark 15:15*

The Crowning with Thorns

And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. *John 19:2-3*

The Carrying of the Cross

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. *John 19:17*

The Crucifixion and Death

And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." *Luke 22:33-34*

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. *John 20:8-9*

The Ascension

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. *Luke 24:50-51*

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. *Acts 2:1-4*

The Assumption

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me. *Luke 1:46-49*

The Coronation

And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. *Revelations 12:1*