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# Joyful Mysteries

## *The 1st Joyful Mystery*

### ***The Annunciation***

*God sent the Angel Gabriel to a virgin named Mary with the message that she was to be the Mother of God.*

*Let us pray: for mothers considering abortion, that they may learn from Mary's humility and courage, to say yes to life for their children.*

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## *The 2nd Joyful Mystery*

### ***The Visitation***

*Now in those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town of Judah. And she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe in her womb leapt. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out with a loud voice, saying: "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb!"*

*Let us pray: that like Mary, we may go quickly to support pregnant women.*

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## *The 3rd Joyful Mystery*

### ***The Birth of Our Lord***

*And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled and she brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

*Let us pray: for those who mistakenly advocate abortion, who wrongly believe it is a cure for poverty and hunger, that they may learn to trust in God's providence.*

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## *The 4th Joyful Mystery*

### ***The Presentation in the Temple***

*Simeon came by inspiration of the Spirit into the temple and when His parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he also received Him into his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now Thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word, in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory for Thy people Israel."*

*Let us pray: that all children be allowed to be born, baptised and dedicated to the Lord.*

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## *The 5th Joyful Mystery*

### ***The Finding in the Temple***

*And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. Let us pray: that our spiritual and political leaders will be fearless in proclaiming the primacy of the Laws of God.*

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