

## 15-MINUTE MEDITATION FOR FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Pray this scriptural rosary of the Joyful Mysteries while contemplating the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This rosary offers a 15 minute meditation on the Joyful Mysteries as part of your First Saturday devotion.

### HOW TO FULFILL THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION



You may wonder how to fulfill the 15 minute meditation on 5 consecutive First Saturdays as told by Our Lady of Fatima to Saint Lucia. This devotion came about when, on December 10, 1925, Our Lady came once again to Lucia, who was at the time a postulant of the Dorothean Convent in Pontevedra. The Virgin Mary appeared to her with the Child Jesus in her arms. She put one hand on Lucia's shoulder and with the other she pointed to her heart, which was surrounded by thorns. Jesus spoke to Lucia. *He said, "Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."* Then the Virgin Mary spoke. *She said, "Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*

Mary is always present with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you come to the adoration chapel on a First Saturday and offer a rosary with a 15 minute meditation on the mysteries you fulfill this part of the request that the Virgin Mary made to Sr. Lucia.

### THE 15-MINUTE MEDITATION IS REPARATION FOR THESE 5 OFFENSES

The Joyful Mysteries contain a beautiful message depicting Mary's role as Mother of God. This rosary is meant to help you contemplate the 5 joyful mysteries as part of your First Saturday Devotion. Your devotion is in reparation for the 5 types of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception
2. Blasphemies against her virginity
3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity and refusing to recognize her as the mother of men.
4. Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference, scorn, or even hatred of the Immaculate Mother.
5. Offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy image.

### CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY by St. Maximilian Kolbe

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you. If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and, "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world." Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against your enemies.

Amen.

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*The Joyful Mysteries are usually prayed on Mondays and Thursdays, and also on Sundays during Advent and the Christmas season.*

## JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

A 15-MINUTE MEDITATION ON THE 5 JOYFUL MYSTERIES AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

### 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.

### OUR FATHER

☩. Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. **R. 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.**

### THREE HAIL MARY PRAYERS

*Pray 3x for an increase in faith, hope, and love*

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

## FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY

### The Annunciation of Our Lord

The Annunciation to Mary inaugurates “the fullness of time”, the time of the fulfillment of God’s promises and preparations. Mary was invited to conceive him in whom the “whole fullness of deity” would dwell “bodily”. The divine response to her question, “How can this be, since I know not man?”, was given by the power of the Spirit: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you.” (CCC 484).

We contemplate in this mystery how Mary’s Immaculate Heart was meek and humble. She shows us what it means to be poor in spirit and how these virtues allow the soul to be in union with the Holy Spirit and perfectly aligned with the divine will of God. The Mother of God, with complete faith and trust, says yes to the calling without hesitation or thought of what it might cost her. She puts herself completely under the divine will of God with total abandonment. This is her fiat. She proclaims that God’s plan must be fulfilled in her according to His wishes. We ponder how we may do the same in our own lives. How might we abandon our own will and say yes to God’s divine will for our lives?



∇. Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. **R. 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.**

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. **Luke 1:26-27**

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And coming to her, he said, “Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. **Luke 1:28-29**

∇. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” **Luke 1:30-31**

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He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” **Luke 1:32-33**

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But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” **Luke 1:34**

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And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." **Luke 1:35**

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And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." **Luke 1:36-37**

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8. And Mary said: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her. **Luke 1:38**

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When [Jesus] Mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. **Matthew 1:18-19**

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Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. **Matthew 1:20,24**

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All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

## SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY

### The Visitation

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.” John was “filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb” by Christ himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people. Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. (CCC 717, 721).



Mary’s Immaculate heart teaches us how to act in accordance with the divine will of God. When Mary is told by God that her cousin is pregnant, she accepts this divine message as a call to action. Her immediate response is to love and serve her cousin. Being in union with the Holy Spirit, Mary acts according to the divine will of God and immediately goes to visit her cousin in need, in an act of generosity and love for her. When Mary arrives to her cousin’s house, she comes to serve and not to be served. She chooses most willfully to commit herself to humble tasks and all the while she praises God. We ponder how we may do the same in our own lives.

How might we abandon the sin of selfishness and say yes to God’s divine will for us and to grow in the virtue of generosity?

☩. 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.**

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. **Luke 1:39-40**

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” **Luke 1:41-42**

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." **Luke 1:43-44**

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4. "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." **Luke 1:45**

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And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. **Luke 1:46-48**

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The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. **Luke 1:49-52**

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When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. **Luke 1:57-58**

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When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." **Luke 1:59-60**

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be. **Luke 1: 61-62**

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He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. **Luke 1:63-64**

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All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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## THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY

### The Nativity

The Holy Spirit *prepared* Mary by his grace. It was fitting that the mother of him in whom “the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” should herself be “full of grace.” She was, by sheer grace, conceived without sin as the most humble of creatures, the most capable of welcoming the inexpressible gift of the Almighty. It was quite correct for the angel Gabriel to greet her as the “Daughter of Zion”: “Rejoice.” It is the thanksgiving of the whole People of God, and thus of the Church, which Mary in her canticle lifts up to the Father in the Holy Spirit while carrying within her the eternal Son. In Mary, the Holy Spirit *fulfills* the plan of the Father’s loving goodness. Through the Holy Spirit, the Virgin conceives and gives birth to the Son of God. By the Holy Spirit’s power and her faith, her virginity became uniquely fruitful. In Mary, the Holy Spirit *manifests* the Son of the Father, now become the Son of the Virgin. She is the burning bush of the definitive theophany. Filled with the Holy Spirit, she makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh. It is to the poor and the first representatives of the gentiles that she makes him known. Finally, through Mary, the Holy Spirit begins to bring men, the objects of God’s merciful love, *into communion* with Christ. And the humble are always the first to accept him: shepherds, magi, Simeon and Anna, the bride and groom at Cana, and the first disciples. (CCC 722-725).



Mary’s Immaculate Heart teaches us to accept whatever God, in His divine will, desires for us. In this mystery we witness the lowly way the Son of God came into the world. He was not greeted as King by the world’s standards. There was no palace, no comforts, no familiar faces, no handmaid to assist the Mother of God in the delivery of her Son. Mary accepted all of this without complaint. She accepted the guests who came by way of angelic pronouncement. These were not princes, nor were they priests. They were lowly shepherds. In this moment, she greets her Son and her Savior, and praises God, pondering it all with wonderment. We ponder how we may do the same in our own lives. How might we abandon the sin of pride and say yes to God’s desire for the virtue of humility?

✠. Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. **R. 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.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. They are turned away from the inn; there is no room for them. **Luke 2:1-3**

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And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **Luke 2:4-5**

✠. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:6-7**

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Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. **Luke 2:8-9**

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The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. **Luke 2:10-11**

∇. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” **Luke 2:12**

∇. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” **Luke 2:13-14**

∇. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. **Luke 2:15-16**

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When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. **Luke 2:17-18**

∇. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. **Luke 2:19**

∇. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

## FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

### *The Presentation of Our Lord*

The *presentation of Jesus in the temple* shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its *encounter* with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light to the nations” and the “glory of Israel”, but also “a sign that is spoken against”. The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had “prepared in the presence of all peoples”. (CCC 529).



Mary’s Immaculate Heart teaches us that she remained always in obedience to God’s law. We see her obediently offering her Son to God the Father, as is taught to the people of Israel. She comes to the temple to dedicate Jesus to God, knowing the prophesies about the Messiah and His mission. God responds to Mary by giving her a message from Simeon, one that confirms her fiat will be the cause of great future sufferings. Mary accepts this prophesy without complaint and in total obedience to the divine will of God. She shows us that she is completely united to the sufferings of her Son despite knowing there will be many sufferings as a result. We ponder how we may do the same in our own lives. How might we abandon the sin of disobedience and say yes to God’s desire for the virtue of obedience?

☩. Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. **R. 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.**

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. **Luke 2:21**

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, **Luke 2:22**

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer the sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,” in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. **Luke 2:23-24**

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Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him. **Luke 2:25**

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It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. **Luke 2:26**

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He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, **Luke 2:27**

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He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word," **Luke 2:28-29**

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"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; **Luke 2:30-33**

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and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce)\* so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." **Luke 2:34-35**

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When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. **Luke 2:39-40**

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## FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

### *The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple*

The *finding of Jesus in the temple* is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: “Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s work?” Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but they accepted them in faith. Mary “kept all these things in her heart” during the years Jesus remained hidden in the silence of an ordinary life. (CCC 534).

Mary’s Immaculate Heart teaches us to trust in God in all things. We see how Mary, while searching for Jesus, has 3 days of suffering and separation, a foreshadowing of the time between the crucifixion and the resurrection. Mary’s heart is tested, and her patience is made known. When she sees Him in the temple she shows control over her emotions and when Jesus answers her, Mary’s Immaculate Heart accepts it, despite not understanding what it means. Mary shows us how to have patience and trust in God when we do not understand a situation. We ponder how we may do the same in our own lives. How might we abandon the sin of anger and say yes to God’s desire for the virtue of patience?



☩. 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.**

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. **Luke 2:41-42**

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. **Luke 2:43**

☩. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. **Luke 2:44-45**

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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, **Luke 2:46**

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And all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. **Luke 2:47**

✠. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." **Luke 2:48**

✠. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" **Luke 2:49**

✠. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

But they did not understand what he said to them. **Luke 2:50**

✠. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. **Luke 2:51**

✠. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. **Luke 2:52**

✠. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **℟. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

All: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

✠. Pray for Us O holy Mother of God **℟. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.** Amen.

### CLOSING ROSARY PRAYER

O, God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.