

Out of the Upper Room - 03

The Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries



This week we will be focusing on the newest set of Mysteries...the Luminous Mysteries.



A brief history of the Rosary ...we believe that Mary gave the Rosary as a form of prayer to St. Dominic (1179-1221), founder of the Dominican order of monks. During the Middle Ages monasteries would substitute 150 "Our Fathers" for the 150 psalms of the Divine Office for those who did not know how to read. counting them on a ring of beads known as the crown or "corona." With the growth of popularity of Marian devotion in the twelfth century, the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary" developed now substituting 150 "Hail Marys" in place of the "Our Fathers." The 150 "Hail Marys" were divided into fifteen decades with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary.

In the 1400s the decades were further divided into 3 Mysteries.. Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious. Dominican pope, St. Pius X helped spread the practice of praying the Rosary so much so that it became one of the most popular devotions of Christians. In 1569, St. Pius X officially approved the Rosary in its present form with the Papal Bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*. This is how the Rosary remained until 2002 when St. Pope John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries.

The Luminous Mysteries (prayed on Thursdays) are events in Jesus' public life from his Baptism by John to the night before his Passion showing how Jesus is the light of the world.

The Baptism of Jesus— Jesus starts his public ministry by being baptized by John. When he came out of the water the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and rested upon Jesus. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3: 16-17)

Fruit of the Mystery: *Openness to the Holy Spirit*

The Wedding Feast at Cana— the first public miracle of Jesus. Mary brought the needs of a newlywed couple to Jesus, knowing he would take care of their needs abundantly. "When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come. His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." [...] "the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." (John 2: 3-8, 10)

Fruit of the Mystery: *To Jesus through Mary*

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God -when Jesus spoke about God, and the Kingdom of God he perplexed people; turned their perceptions upside down, he was not who they were expecting as the Messiah, and yet that is exactly who he is. “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1: 15)

Fruit of the Mystery: *Repentance, Trust in God.*

The Transfiguration— Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain away from the others and transfigures before them— giving them a glimpse of the resurrection. Peter, misses the point (oh how I relate to Peter!). We hear again the voice from heaven saying, “This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!” (Mark 9: 7)

Fruit of the Mystery: *Desire for Holiness.*

The Institution of the Eucharist— The Last Supper
“And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” (Mark 14: 22-25) Jesus gave us the greatest gift in the Eucharist. He gave us His very self.



Fruit of the Mystery: *Eucharistic Adoration, Active Participation at Mass.*

“Certainly the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the “light of the world” (John 8:12). Yet this truth emerges in a special way during the years of his public life. When he proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom.” - *St. Pope John Paul II*

DON'T MISS OUT!

This month we will once again be encouraging our parishioners to pray the Rosary and we are marking the occasion!

This Sunday there will be a table set up in the Welcome Area with:

- **Rosary Cards**
- **Colouring pages**
- **a box for special intentions**
- **a jar for a draw-prize at the end of the month.**

Whenever you or your family prays a decade of the Rosary write your name down and enter it in for a prize! You can also drop a note at the office or email your name to us as well.



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