

The Twenty Mysteries

Here is a brief listing and description of all twenty Mysteries.

The Joyful Mysteries

- *The Annunciation:* The Archangel Gabriel "announces" to Mary that she shall conceive the Son of God.
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- *The Visitation:* Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist.
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- *The Nativity:* Jesus is born.
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- *The Presentation:* Mary and Joseph "present" Jesus in the Temple where they meet Simeon.
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- *The Finding in the Temple:* After losing Him, Mary and Joseph find young Jesus teaching the Rabbis in the Temple.

The Luminous Mysteries

- *The Baptism in the Jordan:* The voice of the Father declares Jesus the beloved Son.
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- *The Wedding at Cana:* Christ changes water into wine, his first public miracle.
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- *The Proclamation of the Kingdom:* Jesus calls to conversion (cf. Mk 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him.
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- *The Transfiguration:* The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ.
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- *The Institution of the Eucharist:* Jesus offers the first Mass at the Last Supper with his apostles, establishing the sacramental foundation for all Christian living.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

- *The Agony in the Garden:* Jesus sweats water and blood while praying the night before his passion.
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- *The Scourging at the Pillar:* Pilate has Jesus whipped.
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- *The Crowning with Thorns:* Roman soldiers crown Jesus' head with thorns.
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- *The Carrying of the Cross:* Jesus meets His mother and falls three times on the way up Calvary.
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- *The Crucifixion:* Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies before His mother and His apostle John.
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The Glorious Mysteries

- *The Resurrection:* Jesus rises from the dead.
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- *The Ascension:* Jesus leaves the Apostles and bodily "ascends" to heaven.
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- *The Descent of the Holy Spirit:* The Apostles receive the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire in the upper room with Mary.
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- *The Assumption:* Mary is taken bodily--assumed--into heaven by God at the end of her life here on earth.
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- *The Coronation:* Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.
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Mysteries for Certain Weekdays

the schedule for saying the mysteries is:

Monday - Joyful

Tuesday - Sorrowful

Wednesday - Glorious

Thursday - Luminous

Friday - Sorrowful

Saturday - Joyful

Sunday - Glorious