

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation

The message of the angel Gabriel presented Mary with a choice. God's plan for her and for the salvation of the world hinged on her response. When Mary accepted God's will, declaring herself the servant of the Lord, she took a tremendous risk. But she trusted in God and His promises and the Father gave us Jesus through her.

Lord, in your mercy, guide all women facing unplanned pregnancies. Give them the courage to follow Mary's example of trust by accepting and protecting the lives of their unborn children.

The Visitation

The Gospel tells us that Mary left "in haste" to seek her cousin Elizabeth. Although less than a week may have passed since the visit of the angel to Mary, Elizabeth is inspired by the Holy Spirit to call Mary the mother of her Lord. The Son of God is already living and present in the womb of Mary.

Holy Spirit, enlighten all people, especially those who promote and perform abortions, that they may realize that human life begins at the moment of conception.

The Nativity

Joseph knew that the child in Mary's womb was not his own, but he believed the message of God given in a dream. He trusted God and he trusted Mary and was rewarded when Mary placed the newborn Jesus in his arms.

Almighty Father, so many men today do not accept the responsibility for their children. They blame the woman for an unplanned pregnancy and sometimes encourage abortion. Grant that all such men may, like Joseph, become caring and protective Fathers.

The Presentation

Simeon had been told by the Lord that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah with his own eyes. Forty days after Jesus' birth, when the infant was taken up to the Temple to be consecrated to God, this promise was fulfilled. The old man recognized in Jesus the long awaited Savior, but also predicted sorrow for the child's mother.

Lord, in memory of the unselfishness of Mary, bestow on all mothers the willingness to sacrifice in order to give life and love to their children.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

When Jesus was twelve years old, His family went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. On their return, Joseph and Mary realized that Jesus was not among the travelers, and immediately went back in search of Him. On the third day they found Jesus in the Temple.

Thousands of children are lost each day because of the sin of abortion. Lost forever are the love, joy, accomplishments and contributions they might have bestowed on their families and communities.

Father, you know that a society which kills its own children is a society in danger of self-destruction. May we increase our prayers and efforts to protect the lives of future generations.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Christ is Baptized in the Jordan

When Jesus is baptized, the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son." All are called to become adopted sons and daughters of God through baptism. We pray that children in the womb may be protected, so that they may be born and welcomed into the Christian community by baptism.

Christ is made known at the Wedding of Cana

Jesus revealed His glory by the miracle at Cana. The new couple was blessed not only with wine, but with faith in Christ. Let us pray for strong marriages, rooted in the Lord, and open to the gift of new life.

Christ proclaims the Kingdom and Calls All to Conversion

"Repent and believe the Good News." Let us pray that these first words of Jesus' public ministry may be heard by all who have committed abortion. May they know that the Lord calls them to conversion, and may they experience life-giving repentance.

The Transfiguration

Christ is transformed on the mountain, and the disciples see His glory. May the eyes of all people be transformed, that they may see each and every human life as a reflection of the glory of God Himself.

Jesus gives us the Eucharist

"This is My Body, given up for you." The Eucharist teaches us how to live and how to love. Let us pray that parents who sacrifice the babies for the sake of themselves may learn instead to put themselves aside for the sake of their babies.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus knew what awaited him. He who had never sinned accepted the burden of the sins of humanity. As followers of Christ today, it isn't easy to watch evil spread like a cancer before our eyes. We feel overwhelmed and powerless in a society which values sexual license more than the lives of its own children.

Lord Jesus, give us the courage to accept the Father's will and never lose heart in our struggle against the Culture of Death.

The Scourging

Pilate knew that Jesus was no criminal, but he ordered Jesus scourged. His action was more about expediency than justice. How many "Pilates" are among us today who find it safer to look the other way, to keep silent, or refuse to take a stand against the unjust slaughter of millions of innocent children?

Holy Spirit, convert the hearts of all people who, by their self-serving indifference, perpetuate the injustice of abortion in this land and around the world.

The Crowning with Thorns

After the scourging was over, as Jesus stood torn and bleeding the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head, mocking and beating Him. The soldiers' cruelty would not have been possible without Pilate's cowardice. Likewise, the evil of abortion would not be possible without the impetus of greed, selfishness, lies and lust.

Almighty Father, you alone can stem the tide of evil which threatens to destroy us. You ask only that we imitate the example of Jesus and cooperate with Your will.

The Carrying of the Cross

Pilate condemned Jesus to death because he was more concerned with protecting his position than adhering to moral principles. Our society today is full of leaders seeking power at any cost. When Jesus accepted his cross, he gave us an example of unselfishness which puts to shame the worldly "wisdom" of politics.

Lord, make us faithful in carrying the burdens of discipleship. Give us the strength to stand alone, if necessary, in defending the sanctity of human life.

The Crucifixion

Jesus chose to demonstrate the depths of God's love by painfully surrendering His very self to be crucified. Nothing more was possible and nothing less was sufficient. Jesus gave up His life not because life isn't precious, but because it is!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, restore to our nation a respect for life at every stage of development. Make us see that all human life is precious because it is redeemed by the power of the cross.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection

Christ is Risen! By his Resurrection, He has destroyed the power of death, and therefore the power of abortion. The outcome of the battle for Life has already been decided: Life is victorious!

Lord Jesus, You won the victory over sin and death through the power of Your resurrection. Extend Your victory to safeguard the lives of the innocent unborn.

The Ascension

After 40 days, Jesus took His disciples to a mountaintop and ascended into Heaven before their eyes. Sorrowful, yet amazed, they just stood there. But they were rebuked by the angels. There was work to be done to prepare the Kingdom for the Master's return. Like the disciples before us, we are called to get to work, to spread the Kingdom by word and example.

Almighty God, make us instruments of conversion and courageous supporters of the message of life.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, descended upon the followers of Jesus. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, filled with courage, fervor and faith. The modern world is filled with the spirit of self. Our

desires, pleasures, vanities are the Gods of our heart. We kill our unborn babies, we murder the old and the sick, and we justify our evil with self-righteous rhetoric!

Holy Spirit, descend upon this world as once You did upon the early Church. Replace the idolatry of self with the healing love of Jesus Christ.

The Assumption

God granted Mary the honor of being the first to experience the full power of the redemption of Jesus; He took her, body and soul, into Heaven. One day, all the faithful will share this privilege. The same bodies conceived in our mothers' wombs will gaze upon the Face of Divinity; therefore, everybody so conceived is sacred in the eyes of God!

May the knowledge of our physical resurrection promote within us a sincere respect for human life.

The Coronation

Mary is the Queen of the Universe. The Church teaches that she is the greatest creature, second only to God Himself. In her heavenly coronation we see the promise of the victory of the Church. The Church defends the dignity of women. We pray that people will understand that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that to be pro-woman demands that we be pro-life.

Jesus, You are the Conqueror of sin and death! In response to the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, restore to all people, especially the unborn, the weak, and the persecuted—the protection of life under the law.

Father, I come to this place as to a new Calvary. I wish to stand here with Mary and those others who by the Cross of Jesus the day he sacrificed Himself for us sinners. I firmly believe the sorrowful scene before my eyes is nothing less than a reenactment of Jesus' suffering and death, already anticipated in the massacre of the innocents of Bethlehem and repeated in the slaughter of these least brethren of His, the tiny children brought here today for killing.

O Father, I realize that I cannot stop the killing of most of these children, any more than Mary could have the slaying of her Child that day. I unite my heart to hers in faith and grieving love and humbly adore your divine purpose in allowing such bloodshed. I offer you the blood of Jesus and mingled with it, the blood of these little ones, the abortionists, and our whole society. Please remember Jesus' own prayer from the Cross with its echo in Mary's heart: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

But perhaps the hour has not yet come for some of them. Once you told Joseph to take the Child and his mother far from those seeking the Child's life. I offer myself to you as St. Joseph's helper, ready to do everything I can for my beloved Jesus and Mary in the person of any child and mother you entrust to my care.

Dear Father, accept my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted (name the baby _____) who is in danger of abortion.

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704-372-5981

www.prccharlotte.com

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(after abortion support & counseling)

866-482-5433

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PRAYER AT THE ABORTION CHAMBER