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JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- 1st. Annunciation. *(Luke 1: 26-38)*
- 2nd. Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. *(Luke 1: 39-58)*
- 3rd. The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. *(Luke 2: 1-10)*
- 4th. Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. *(Luke 2: 22-40)*
- 5th. Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. *(Luke 2: 41-52)*

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- 1st. Agony of Our Lord in the Garden. *(Luke 22: 39-46)*
- 2nd. Scourging of Our Lord at the Pillar. *(John 19:1)*
- 3rd. Crowning of Our Lord with thorns. *(Matthew 27: 28-29)*
- 4th. Carrying of the Cross to Calvary. *(John 19:17)*
- 5th. Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord. *(Luke 23: 35-49)*

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- 1st. Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus. *(Luke 24: 3-8)*
- 2nd. Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. *(Luke 24: 50-53)*
- 3rd. Descend of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. *(Acts 2:1-4)*
- 4th. Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. *(Faith of the Church)*
- 5th. Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven. *(Faith of the Church)*

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

- 1st. Baptism of Jesus. *(Matthew 3:13-17)*
- 2nd. Wedding Feast of Cana. *(John 2:1-12)*
- 3rd. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God. *(Mark 1:15)*
- 4th. Transfiguration. *(Luke 9:28-35)*
- 5th. Institution of the Eucharist. *(Mark 14:22-25)*

*"The Rosary is The WEAPON against evil."
- St. Pio of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio")*

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"O MY GOD HOW I LOVE THEE"



STATIONS OF THE CROSS and ROSARY

We adore You O Christ, And we bless You
Because by your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world

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HYMNS

GOD OF MERCY (F.2)

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me!
Father! Let me call Thee "Father,"
'Tis thy child returns to Thee.

***Jesus! Lord! I ask for mercy,
Let me not implore in vain!
All my sins I now detest them,
Help me not to sin again.***

By my sins I have deserved,
Death and endless misery,
Hell with all its pains and torments,
And for all eternity.

YES, I SHALL ARISE (F.12)

***Yes, I shall arise and return to my
Father!***

1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
In you, O my God, I place all my trust.
2. Look down on me, have mercy O Lord;
Forgive me my sins, behold all my grief.

AMAZING GRACE (B.39)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

HEAR, O LORD (F.4)

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy.
My soul is longing for the glory of You.
O hear, O Lord, and answer me.

1. Ev'ry night before I sleep
I pray my soul to take,
Or else I pray that loneliness
Is gone when I awake.
2. Why do I no longer feel
Like I've a place to stay?
O take me where someone will care,
So fear will go away.

**I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW
JESUS (N.32)**

1. I have decided
to follow Jesus (3x)
No turning back, no turning back
2. The world behind me,
the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back

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Opening Hymn (p.3) ROSARY Closing Hymn (p. 3)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe in Jesus Christ**, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

GLORY BE

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.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; Hail, 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 towards us; and after this our exile, show onto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us Pray: O God, whose only begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating upon these mysteries in the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women. And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

FATIMA PRAYER

O my loving Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell.
Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy.

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departed loved ones? We cannot cure their grief but we can stand by and let them know we care.

All : Lord, help me to recognize you in the bodies of the victims of violence and oppression and move me to do my part to prevent such suffering.

*Let me mingle tears with thee
Mourning Him who mourn'd for me ~ All the days that I may live*

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Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Laid In The Sepulchre

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : The relatives and friends of Jesus carry His body to the tomb, place it inside, roll a huge stone across the entrance and silently withdraw. There in the tomb they bury not only the shattered body but also their dreams, their hopes and their joy. Yet on the third day He is to rise again and their dreams are to be realized, their hopes fulfilled and their joy restored.

All : Lord, help me never to neglect these positive values of hope and joy, no matter how difficult or gloomy things may seem. Fill me always with hope and joy and may I radiate them beautifully to others. Lord, help me to love and care.

*By the cross with thee to stay
There with thee to weep and pray ~ Is all I ask of thee to give*

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray: Forgive us O Lord, for we have sinned against you and our fellow brothers and sisters by the things that we have done and the things that we have failed to do. Renew us O Lord, by sending forth your Spirit so that we may become new persons in Christ. Be with us Lord and help us to take up our cross and follow you. Give us the strength to love you, by loving and caring for one another as we love and care for ourselves.

Let us pray to God in the words that Jesus taught us. OUR FATHER...
Let us ask Mother Mary to pray for us that we may become more loving and caring persons. HAIL MARY... (3x)... GLORY BE... Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (page 2)

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O COME TO THE THRONE OF GRACE (I.9)

O come to the throne of grace!
O come to the heart most pure!
To Mary our hope of life,
In whom salvation is sure.

**O Queen of the Rosary, hail!
Immaculate Mother of Grace!
O pray for us, help us, today,
Thou hope of the human race.**

Immaculate heart, we kneel!

To consecrate all to thee,
The present, its pain and joy,
The future, all it may be.

MARY IS OUR QUEEN (I.6)

Mary is our queen, O sing to her,
Mary is our mother, trust in her.
Mary is the star that shines at night,
Guiding us to Jesus, our true light,
Mary is the creature of our race,
Whom the Holy Spirit filled with grace
To become the mother of our Lord,
The God whom she adored.

**Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!**

MOTHER DEAR, O PRAY FOR ME (I.7)

Mother dear, O pray for me
Whilst far from heav'n and thee,
I wander in a fragile bark
O'er life's tempestuous sea;
O Virgin Mother, from thy throne,
So bright in bliss above,
Protect thy child and cheer my path
With thy sweet smile of love.

**Mother dear, remember me,
And never cease thy care,
Till in heaven eternally,
Thy love and bliss I share.**

Mother dear, remember me,
Should pleasure's siren lay
E'er tempt thy child to wander far
From virtue's path away;
When thorns beset life's devious way,
And darkling waters flow,
Then Mary, aid thy weeping child,
Thyself a mother show.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OPENING HYMN (page 2)

OPENING PRAYER

God of power and mercy, in love you sent your Son that we might be cleansed of sin and live with you forever. Bless us as we gather to reflect on his suffering and death that we may learn from his example the way we should go. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord. Amen.



First Station: Jesus Is Condemned To Death

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : Pilate knew that justice demanded he released Jesus but he was also aware that if he did, he would face a riot and consequently the displeasure of Rome and possibly demotion. All that mattered then to Pilate was his job, his security, his popularity with the crowd and his boss. So he shirked his responsibility, washed his hands and sacrificed Jesus to the mob as a "scapegoat".

All : Lord, help me to realize that every time I shirk a responsibility, I am doing wrong. Sometimes I know I must prevent or denounce an injustice but do not do it for fear of the consequences it might bring upon myself. Like Pilate, I do wrong and crucify you again. Forgive me, Lord, for the many times I have shirked my responsibilities. Give me strength and courage always to make the right decisions and to act accordingly no matter how much I may have to suffer as a result.

*At the Cross her station keeping
 Stood the mournful Mother weeping ~ Close to Jesus to the last*



Second Station: Jesus Accepts His Cross

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

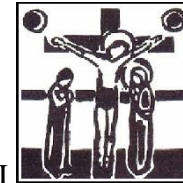
Leader : A heavy and most shameful cross He did not deserve is thrust upon Jesus' shoulder. He lovingly bears it for all our sins according to the will of the Father. People all around us are burdened by heavy

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detained without trial, physically abused, deprived of sleep, brutally interrogated and brainwashed, given electric shocks. We too sometimes inflict milder forms of torture on others – the mocking look, the sarcastic remark, destructive criticism, the "cold" treatment.

All : Lord, help me to fight all forms of torture. May I never nail others to the Cross by my word or actions, either by commission or omission.

*Holy Mother! Pierce me through
 In my heart each wound renew ~ Of my Saviour crucified*



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Twelfth Station: Jesus Is Raised Upon The Cross, And Dies

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : After hanging several hours on the cross, Jesus says "it is accomplished", bows His head and dies. Death is usually seen as the final end but for Jesus, it is only in death that the Father's will is accomplished. Like a candle that burns itself out in giving light to others, our lives too find ultimate fulfillment only when shared fully with one another.

All : Lord, I confess that I fear death. Please give me the courage to face my own death with realism and prepare for it now by living my days well in caring for others.

*Let me share with thee His pain
 Who for all my sins was slain ~ Who for me in torments died*



Thirteenth Station: Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in the lap of his loving mother. It is easy for us to look with pity upon the shattered body of Jesus on the Cross in our Churches but do we recognize Jesus in the bodies of those who have died by violence, in the tiny victims of abortion, in the battered body of the abused child? Can we see something of Mary's grief in all who mourn for their

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Ninth Station: Jesus Falls The Third Time

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : **Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

Leader : Jesus is overwhelmed by the Cross and collapses to the ground a third time. Yet He raises Himself again and struggles on. Sometimes we too feel exhausted, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, when we seem unable to overcome some failure of ours despite our attempts. "Success" seems to elude us and we want to give up in despair.

All : **Lord, when I am discouraged and tempted to give up, remind me of your three falls. Give me the physical, spiritual and emotional strength to get up and keep trying because like you, I too wish to care for the well being of others.**

O thou Mother! Fount of love!

Touch my spirit from above ~ Make my heart with thine accord

X † X

Tenth Station: Jesus Is Stripped Of His Garments

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : **Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

Leader : A man of simple life-style, Jesus is stripped naked of the little that he has. Very often we have more than we need for ourselves – money, talents and time. We cling jealously to our possessions and continue our pursuit for more. We sometimes give a little from what we do not really need and call it charity when in fact it is nothing more than justice.

All : **Lord, as you have given to me so freely, teach me to share not only my excess possessions but myself, until it hurts me so that it may heal others.**

Make me feel as thou hast felt;

Make my soul to glow and melt ~ With the love of Christ Our Lord

XI † XI

Eleventh Station: Jesus Is Nailed To The Cross

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : **Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

Leader : The soldiers brutally drive the cruel nails into the hands and feet of Jesus. In some countries today, governments still inflict torture on their citizens in the name of national security. Political prisoners are

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crosses, the aged and neglected, battered wife, the abused child, the drug addict, the AIDS victim. We scarcely notice them. When we do that, we do not help carrying their crosses but become self-centred.

All : **Lord, teach me not to neglect you in my suffering brothers and sisters. Give me the strength too, Lord, to bear their crosses as well as mine.**

Through her heart his sorrow sharing

All his bitter anguish bearing ~ Now at length the sword has passed



III III

Third Station: Jesus Falls The First Time

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : **Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

Leader : Jesus is weak with fatigue and pain and He admits it. He falls beneath the weight of the Cross but struggles to His feet to continue His Journey. Too often we pretend to have strengths which we do not have, to be holier than we are, cleverer or richer than we actually are. Then we fall. Sometimes, we belittle others when they fail to live up to certain standards imposed by ourselves. Then, we suffer pain.

All : **Lord, help me to be honest with myself and others and to admit the limitations and weaknesses in myself and others. When I fall give me the courage to pick myself up and try again. When others fall, give me a generous heart to lend a helping hand.**

Oh, how sad and sore distressed

Was that mother highly blessed ~ Of the sole-begotten One!

IV † IV

Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : **Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

Leader : In horror, Mary watches her beloved Son being cruelly dragged through the streets towards death. On our T.V. screens and newspapers, we have seen the effects of so many wars and natural disasters that we do not wince any more. Even the faces of starving

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children and the squatters who have had their homes razed to the ground do not move us any more. This same kind of insensitivity can affect our relationships with those who are close to us. We overlook the pain and loneliness of the old people in our community, our parents and elders who are sometimes left alone in their own world.

All : Lord, your mother looked on your suffering with horror and the deepest love. Grant that I may look on the sufferings and loneliness of others with true compassion and reach out to them.

*Christ above in torment hangs
She beneath beholds the pangs ~ Of her dying glorious Son*

V † V

Fifth Station: Simon Helps Jesus To Carry The Cross

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : As Jesus falters under His Cross, the soldiers fear He might die on the way and force a bystander, Simon to help. Can we blame Simon who needed to be forced to help Jesus? When the faces of poverty, war and despair stare at us from the T.V. screen and newspapers, we too look the other way. Who wants to worry about other people's problems? We have enough of our own. If we help the beggar or dadah dependent, it may cause us some inconvenience or involve us with undesirable characters.

All : Lord, like Simon I too do not step forward on my own to care for those in trouble. Help me to be generous enough to share the cross of others who need me.

*Is there one who would not weep
Whelmed in miseries so deep ~ Christ's dear mother to behold?*

VI † VI

Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes The Face Of Jesus

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : As Jesus passes by, Veronica is moved with compassion and steps out to wipe the blood from His face. Often people do not need physical or financial help but they need comfort, advice, a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on. A small gesture on our part might well prevent a suicide or a nervous breakdown. But who wants to be bothered with other people's problem? Is there not sufficient compassion in our hearts to move us out of indifference?

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All : Lord, help me to realize my responsibilities in helping those who need a kind word or a shoulder to lean on.

*Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain ~ In that Mother's pain untold?*

VII † VII

Seventh Station: Jesus Falls The Second Time

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : Despite the help Jesus got from Simon, the cross is just too much for Him and He falls again. We too have fallen more than once but the Father always welcomes us back in his love. We ourselves are sometimes willing to comfort and help good people. But when we meet people who repeat their mistakes we tend to be judgmental and critical, and we stop caring for them.

All : Lord, help us to remember that we have no right to judge, to cast the first stone. Teach us to be more forgiving and to have more perseverance in our caring.

*Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled
She beheld her tender Child ~ All with bloody scourges rent*

VIII † VIII

Eighth Station: The Women Weep Over Jesus

Leader : We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All : Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader : Even in His intense suffering, Jesus takes time to advise the weeping women of Jerusalem. We often bemoan the increasing polarisation in our society and hurl blame at each other for the sad state of affairs. Could we not take another look at our own history with eyes of truth and justice in order to understand the present? Why do we blame others only, and do not examine our own faults?

All : Lord, enlighten my mind and purify my heart that I may moan less and do more to promote inter-communal harmony by seeing the good in others and rooting out prejudice in myself, my family and my community.

*For the sins of His own nation
Saw Him hang in desolation ~ Till His spirit forth He sent*