

They then made of fun of Him. Let's never be like those soldiers but instead have respect for everyone we meet and never make fun of another person.

The Carrying of the Cross

Jesus didn't carry His cross alone. Simon of Cyrene helped Him carry it. We can be like Simon when we help other people when they are having a hard time.

The Crucifixion and Death

Even though He was in great pain, Jesus forgave those who treated Him so badly. We can be like Jesus when we forgive others for treating us badly.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (JESUS'
RISEN LIFE)

The Resurrection

Three days after Jesus died on the cross, He came back to life. Even though death makes us very sad, we know that one day all of us will rise again just like Jesus!

The Ascension

Jesus walked and taught on the earth for 40 days after He came back to life. He then went back to Heaven to prepare a place for us. I can't wait to see what it's like!!

The Assumption

Jesus loved His Mother very much and wanted her to be with Him in Heaven. Jesus and Mary want us to be with them in Heaven. If we follow Jesus and

the Church we too can be in Heaven forever with Jesus and Mary!

The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

We all have an earthly mother but we also have a heavenly mother. Mary loves us very much. She is our Queen and she always teaches us about her Son, our King, Jesus.

By Mary Dixon Thayer

Lovely Lady dressed in blue
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
Tell me what to say!

Did you lift Him up, sometimes,
Gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way
Mother does to me?

Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things -----
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels' wings

Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me -----for you know.

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THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES (JESUS' EARLY LIFE)

The Annunciation

The archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary to ask her to be the mother of Jesus. Mary said, "yes". You and I can say, "yes" to God by doing God's will in the little things. Each time we avoid sin, listen and obey our parents, or treat others with kindness, we are being like Mary and saying, "yes" to God.

The Visitation

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with St. John the Baptist. Mary gives us a good example of service. God wants us to serve one another with love. This means looking for ways to do things for others without being asked and without expecting anything in return.

The Nativity

During this mystery of the rosary we think about Christmas, Jesus' birthday! We think about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the stable, the star, the wise men, and more. Jesus is God the Father's gift to us. We give gifts to God by going to Mass, not complaining, and following the Ten Commandments.

The Presentation of the Lord

After Mary and Joseph received Jesus at the Nativity, they offered Jesus back to God. It's like when you get a big basket of candy for Easter and you are happy to share it with your family. This mystery teaches us to be generous with others and God. You can't beat God in a generosity contest!!

The Finding in the Temple

Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was with His friends so they didn't realize He was missing until they were almost home. They knew ex-

actly where to find Jesus, in the Temple. The Temple was like our Parish Church. We will always find Jesus there waiting for us in the Tabernacle.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES (JESUS' ADULT LIFE)

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

Many of us don't remember our baptism because we were babies. Baptism washes away all of our sins and makes us children of God. God the Father spoke at Jesus' baptism saying, "*this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*" He says the same thing about you and me because we are now His children. Let's remember our baptism each time we bless ourselves with Holy Water.

The Wedding at Cana

Jesus changed ordinary water into extraordinary wine. He can change the ordinary things in our life into awesome things. When we listen to Mary as she says, "*Do, whatever He tells you*", great things can happen. Jesus can take our ordinary things like schoolwork and chores and make them into great blessings for our family!

The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Jesus wants all of us to be with Him in His heavenly kingdom. To do that we have to turn away from sin and follow Jesus. The best way to turn away from sin is to go to Confession often. If you are too young to go to Confession, tell Jesus you are sorry for any bad things you have done, you love Him, and can't wait to be with Him in His Kingdom!!

The Transfiguration

At the transfiguration Peter, James, and John get to see Jesus as He looks in Heaven. I'm sure it changed them and made them excited to go to Heaven. Have you ever been excited to go somewhere after your parents told you about it or showed you pictures? Now you know how Peter, James, and John felt!

The Institution of the Eucharist

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the Apostles their First Holy Communion. Jesus wanted to stay with us in a special way here on Earth and so He gave us the Mass and His Body & Blood in Holy Communion. Let's take time each day to thank Jesus for these great gifts!!

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (JESUS' TIME OF SUFFERING)

The Agony in the Garden

"Not my will, but your will be done." This is the prayer Jesus prayed when he was alone and afraid in the Garden. It's a good prayer for us to pray when we are starting something new, scared, or afraid. If we pray this prayer with all of our heart, God the Father will comfort us.

The Scourging at the Pillar

Jesus was whipped and beaten even though He had done nothing wrong. Sometimes things will happen to us that are not fair. We should imitate Jesus and offer our suffering to the Father.

The Crowning with Thorns

The soldiers made a painful crown of thorns and put it on top of Jesus' head.