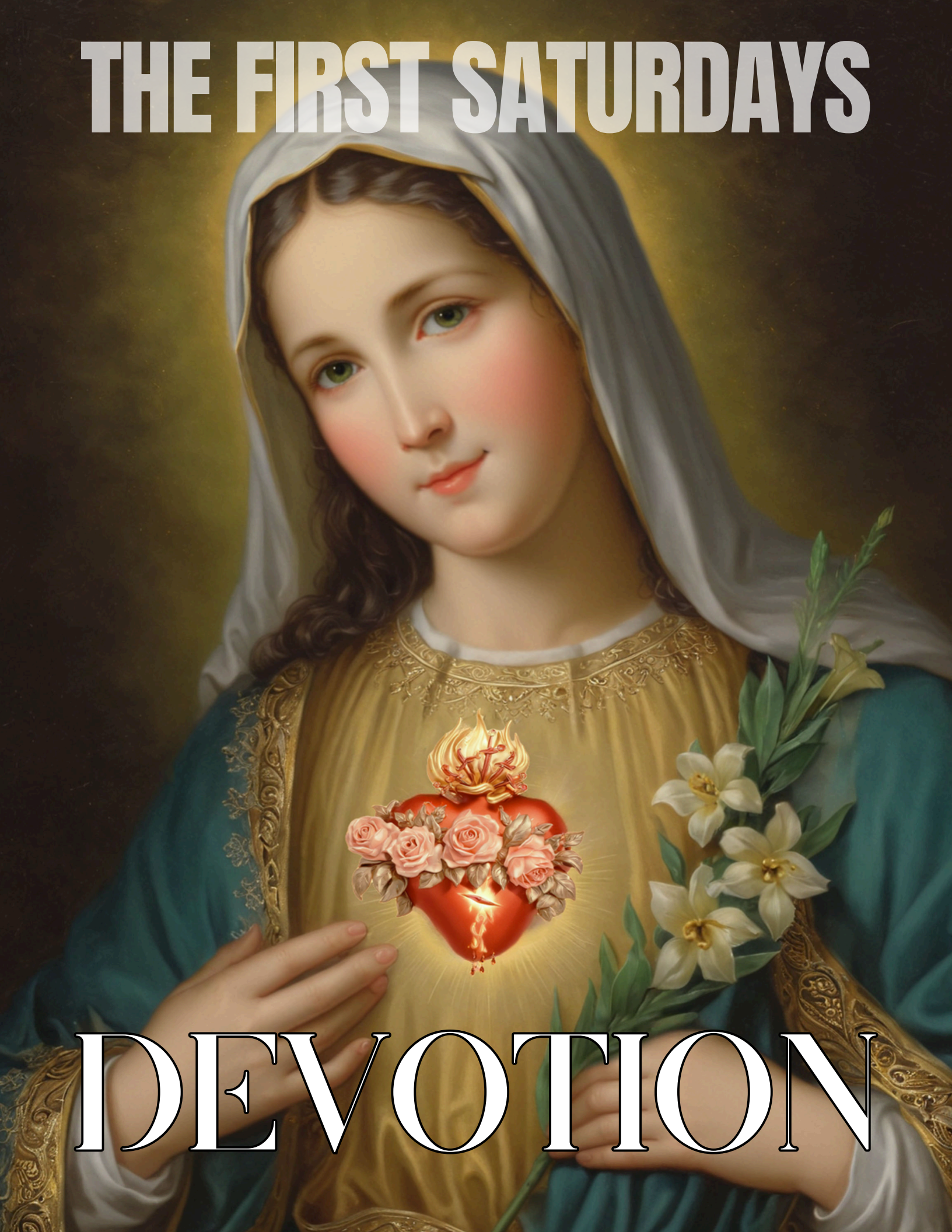


THE FIRST SATURDAYS



DEVOTION

“ARE YOU SUFFERING A GREAT DEAL?”



*Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you.
My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and
the way that will lead you to God.*

Our Blessed Mother's words at Fatima, Portugal

1917

“Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, chose the incomparable Virgin Mary from among all creatures to be His Mother and condescended to be nourished and governed by her. In His infinite goodness He also gave her to us to be our Queen, our Mother and our sure Refuge in all our needs. He therefore wishes us to honor her as He honors her and to love her as He loves her.

According to the Apostle St. Paul, Christ is the Head of His Mystical Body, the Church, and we are the members (1Cor. 12:27, Eph. 5:30). We must therefore be animated by His Spirit; we must follow His inspirations, walk the path He has traced, and continue, as it were, His life on earth by practicing the virtues which were His own. It follows that our devotion to His Holy Mother must be a continuation of His devotion to her. We must be filled with the sentiments of respect, submission and affection which He entertained for her on earth and still entertains in heaven. Mary always held and will hold forever the first place in the Sacred Heart of her Divine Son; she always was and will never cease to be the first object of His love after the Eternal Father; and so He wishes that, next to God, she should be the principal object of our devotion. For this reason, after the adoration we owe to the divine majesty of God, we cannot render a greater service to Jesus Christ or do anything more pleasing to Him than to serve and honor His most worthy Mother.”



SAINT JOHN EUDES

1601-1680

“Have compassion on the
Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns,
with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment,
and there is no one to make an act of reparation
to remove them.”

Our Lord Jesus to Sister Lúcia of Fatima

December 10, 1925



One evening a father went shopping for a birthday present for one of his children. He visited several stores before finding the perfect gift. He brought it home, carefully wrapped it himself, and then attached a card: “I love you always! Love, Papa.” He tip-toed into the bedroom where his child slept, leaving it right next to the bed so it would be seen first thing upon awakening. How do you think that father felt when his child did not acknowledge the gift or make a return for his love by word or deed? What must that father have thought when encountering his child’s *ingratitude*?

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the greatest Gift that our Heavenly Father could have ever given us! When we do not show our love and gratitude for the Gift of Jesus, or for any of the many gifts our Heavenly Father gives us each day, what must He think?

When we are baptized, we become adopted children into the great family of God! We can say with Jesus, “Abba! Father!” Jesus is not only God our Savior, but He is our brother. By God’s designs, the Blessed Virgin Mary is our mother. We are a family. As children of our Heavenly Father, we want Him to be acknowledged, thanked and loved! When some of our brothers and sisters on earth do not understand that God deserves all of our love, *we can love God for them*. This is what “reparation” means. We can repair for their neglect, indifference and ingratitude by offering our love to God not only for ourselves but for those who should love Him but don’t.

reparation

/rĕp"e-rā 'shen/noun

The act or process of making amends for a wrong.

In 1917, Our Lord Jesus sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to earth to visit three little children in Fatima, Portugal. The names of the children were Lúcia, age 10, (Saint) Francisco, age 9 and (Saint) Jacinta, age 7. There were many important things Our Lady came to remind us of through the children. One of the most important things was the great need in our world today for reparation! There are some saints - such as Saint Padre Pio - who were entrusted with a very special mission to make reparation in extraordinary ways, through extraordinary sufferings, but that is not what Jesus and Mary are asking of you and me. They want us to simply live our lives in gratitude and in love, daily offering up our prayers and our sufferings to our Heavenly Father *with trust*, knowing that He is working all things together for our good and for the good of the world.

Our Lord Jesus also saw that in our time there would be many of our brothers and sisters in the family of God who would claim Him as their Savior but they would reject the Blessed Virgin Mary as their sweet, heavenly mother. They would reject the dogma of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. They would reject the dogma of her Divine Maternity. They would reject the dogma of her Perpetual Virginity. They would not teach little children about Our Lady, therefore keeping them from truly knowing and loving her. Finally, they would reject displaying beautiful images of Our Lady, and at times even desecrate them. This is why Jesus requested that those who love Our Lady and understand her role in His perfect plan of salvation make reparation on the first Saturday of the month to repair for their errors. We do this by going to Confession and receiving Our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion; also by praying five decades of the Holy Rosary and spending fifteen minutes meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary in the company of Our Blessed Mother. This can be done by slowly reading and pondering the Biblical texts.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much.
You can never love her more than Jesus did."

Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe

1894-1941



Four things we do on the first Saturday of the month
with the intention of making reparation for sins
committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Go to Confession. This can be on the day or within eight days before or after the first Saturday of the month.
2. Receive Our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion at Mass.
3. Pray five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. Meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary for 15 minutes. This can be done by reading Biblical texts for one or more of the mysteries. Imagine being with Jesus and Mary as you do this.



How to Go to Confession



1. The priest will begin with the Sign of the Cross.
2. You then say: “Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been ____ (the number of weeks, months, years) since my last Confession. These are my sins.”
3. Confess all mortal sins committed since your last Confession by type and number. You may also confess venial sins.
4. At the end say this or similar words: “For these and all the sins of my life I am truly sorry.”
5. The priest will give you a penance.
6. You then make an Act of Contrition in these or similar words: “O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.”
7. The priest will then give you absolution. The words necessary are: “I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
8. Thank the priest before leaving. Then thank God and do your penance as soon as possible.

An Adult Examination of Conscience for Mortal Sins

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This examination of conscience may help one to prepare for Confession. However, it is not intended merely as a checklist to be used prior to Confession. The purpose of this examination is to help souls to know what actions or attitudes are sinful and the gravity of the particular sin. The hope is that this knowledge will serve to keep people from committing these sins.

Three things are necessary for a sin to be mortal: 1. Serious matter (things listed in this section). 2. Knowledge or firm belief that the act is seriously wrong *prior to committing the act*. 3. Full consent of the will.

All three of these conditions must be present simultaneously for a sin to be mortal. This means that if you did not know the act was seriously wrong, then you are not guilty of having committed a mortal sin. If you did not will the act, e.g., if you were forced or if it was in a dream, you are not guilty of having committed a mortal sin.

All mortal sins committed since your last Confession must be confessed by both type and number, i.e., the title of the sin and how many times it was done. If there is a mortal sin from the past that was forgotten and has not been confessed, it should be confessed at your next Confession. It is not necessary to confess venial sins, but it is a good and pious practice.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Involvement in occult practices, e.g., witchcraft, ouija boards, seances, palm reading, tarot cards, hypnotism, divination, astrology, black magic, sorcery, etc.
- Involvement in or adherence to New Age or Eastern philosophies, atheism or agnosticism
- Apostasy (leaving the Church)
- Adherence to a schismatic group
- Putting faith in superstition, e.g., horoscopes, good luck charms, etc.
- Joining the Masons or other secret society
- Receiving Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin
- Receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation or Matrimony while in the state of mortal sin
- Willful participation in illicit (non-emergency) “General Absolution” services
- Being married by a Justice of the Peace or by a minister of another denomination (without dispensation)
- Involvement in false or pagan worship
- Willfully denying the Faith of the Catholic Church
- Despair of God’s grace or mercy
- Presumption (committing a mortal sin with the idea that you can just go to Confession)
- Hatred of God
- Simony (buying or selling spiritual things)
- Failure to receive Holy Communion at least once per year (if possible, during the Easter Season)
- Desecration of the Holy Eucharist



2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Using God's Name intentionally as a curse
- Seriously wishing evil upon another
- Serious slander or insult of a sacred person or object
- Making an oath in a secret society
- Telling a lie or withholding a serious sin in confession
- Blasphemy (words of hatred, reproach or defiance toward God; speaking ill of God)
- Perjury (lying under oath)
- Swearing false oaths

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Missing Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation without a serious reason
- Doing unnecessary work on Sunday for a long period of time, i.e., more than several hours
- Intentional failure to fast or abstain on appointed days
- Requiring employees to work on Sunday in non-essential occupations

4. Honor your father and mother.

- Serious failure to care for aged parents
- Serious neglect of the duties of one's state in life
- Serious disrespect for or disobedience to parents, superiors or authorities
- Wishing death or evil on parents
- Abuse or serious neglect of children
- Failure to baptize children in a reasonable time (within a few months) after birth
- Serious neglect of the religious education or upbringing of children
- Failure to carry out the last will of deceased parents

5. You shall not kill.

- Murder, homicide or manslaughter
- Procurement of an abortion
- Promoting, counseling or paying for an abortion
- Knowingly voting for someone who is pro-abortion
- Willfully injuring or trying to hurt another person
- Willfully leading another into serious sin
- Driving dangerously or recklessly
- Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Willfully harboring hatred for another
- Taking or selling illegal drugs
- Willful drunkenness
- Self mutilation
- Excessive tattoos
- Excessive body piercing
- Piercing of the nipples or sexual organs
- Sterilization
- Promotion of or involvement in euthanasia
- Serious entertainment of suicidal thoughts
- Attempting or intending suicide
- Willful failure to bury the body or ashes of the dead
- Willful engagement in unjust lawsuits
- Bigotry (hatred for persons of other races)
- Intentionally placing temptation before the weak

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Adultery
- Fornication (intercourse prior to marriage)
- Masturbation or other impure acts with self

6. You shall not commit adultery - continued.

- Homosexual acts
- Using a contraceptive
- Dressing or acting in a manner intended to cause arousal in another (spouses excepted)
- Kissing or touching another passionately for the purpose of arousal (spouses excepted)
- Allowing another to kiss or touch you in a sexual manner (spouses excepted)
- Intentionally causing a sexual climax outside of intercourse
- Onanism, i.e. intentional withdrawal and non-vaginal ejaculation
- Flagrant immodesty in dress
- Bestiality (sexual acts with animals)
- Oral Sex (oral stimulation permitted as foreplay in marriage – ejaculation must be vaginal)
- Anal sex or other degrading sex practices
- Prostitution
- Rape
- In-vitro fertilization or artificial insemination
- Surrogate motherhood
- “Selective reduction” of babies in the womb
- Types of fertility testing that involve immoral acts
- Involvement in or support of human cloning
- Willful divorce or desertion
- Incest
- Polygamy or polyandry (many wives/husbands)
- Cohabitation prior to marriage
- Destroying the innocence of another by seducing or introducing them to immorality

6. You shall not commit adultery - continued.

- Lust in the heart (“if I could I would”)
- “Swinging” or wife swapping
- Transvestitism or cross-dressing

7. You shall not steal.

- Stealing a large amount of money or a valuable item
- Willfully destroying or defacing another’s property
- Stealing something consecrated to God or from a holy place
- Buying, selling, receiving or concealing items known to be stolen
- Willful failure to make restitution
- Excessive gambling
- Defrauding workers of their wages
- Serious failure to fulfill work requirements
- Padding expense or per diem accounts
- Taking advantage of the poor, simple, inexperienced or less fortunate
- Denying help to the poor, needy or destitute when able to help them easily
- Defrauding creditors
- Bribery or taking bribes
- Blackmail
- Fraud or embezzlement
- Price fixing
- Tax evasion
- Forgery
- Excessive waste or expense
- Violating copyrights
- Pirating computer software
- Slavery
- Serious cruelty to animals

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- False witness (not under oath) or perjury (under oath)
- Telling large or premeditated lies
- Serious gossip, detraction (revealing the faults of another without serious reason), or calumny (harming the reputation of another by falsities)
- Violation of a confidence without good reason
- Being an accomplice to another's grave sin

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Viewing pornography in books, magazines, movies, the internet, etc.
- Reading sexually explicit materials
- Dwelling on impure thoughts or fantasies for the purpose of arousal
- Willfully lusting after another

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Serious and willful greed or avarice
- Intention to steal or destroy the goods of another



“Confession and contrition are so beautiful and fragrant that they erase the ugliness and dissipate the stench of sin.”

Saint Francis de Sales

1567-1622



“We shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God; for, beholding His greatness, we realize our own littleness; His purity shows us our foulness; and by meditating upon His humility we find how very far we are from being humble.”

Saint Teresa of Avila

1515-1582



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In Confession all mortal sins committed since the last Confession are required to be confessed. It is not required to confess venial sins. However, it is a very good practice to confess venial sins because it can help one to grow in humility, it helps keep one's conscience attentive and thus keeps a person from mortal sin, and it helps to root out sin and thereby provide the means for a person to grow in holiness. A sin is considered venial either because the matter is not serious enough to be mortal or because the habitual nature of the sin reduces the gravity.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Failure to pray on a daily basis
- Not trying to love God with my whole mind, heart, soul and strength
- Trying to control things rather than seek God's will
- Entertaining doubts against the Faith
- Failing to seek out or learn the teachings of the Church
- Indifference or ingratitude to God
- Lukewarmness in the relationship with God
- Not trying to grow spiritually; being content with mediocrity
- Acedia (spiritual sloth)
- Putting other things or people before God, e.g., TV, radio, sports, hobbies, etc.
- Attachment to human respect or affection, i.e., caring more about what others think than what God thinks in order to fit in or be liked
- Not trusting God
- Failure to fulfill the duties of one's state in life
- Playing Dungeons and Dragons or similar games
- Tempting God
- Being angry at God
- Failure to support the work of the Church monetarily and/or with time and ability
- Not taking part in the work of evangelization
- Being willfully distracted at Mass or in prayer
- Putting off confession needlessly
- Refusing or denying the mercy of God
- Failure to pray when tempted
- Failure to examine one's conscience daily
- Giving into depression, self pity or self deprecating thoughts

2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Using the Lord’s Name lightly, in surprise or in anger (habitual, not thinking)
- Cursing thoughtlessly
- Using the names of Mary, a Saint, the Pope or other sacred persons irreverently
- Using vulgar or inappropriate language
- Telling bad jokes about sacred persons or objects
- Speaking badly of the Church
- Inappropriate or irreverent use of Scripture

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.

- Doing unnecessary work on Sunday
- Failing to keep Sunday as a day for family and recreation
- Allowing sports or other schedules to dictate the Sunday schedule
- Being irreverent in church
- Not paying attention or participating at Mass
- Coming late to Mass or leaving early without a serious reason
- Desecrating the day by sinful amusements, bad company, inappropriate entertainment, etc.

4. Honor your father and mother.

- Fighting with siblings
- Disobedience to parents or authorities
- Failure to give proper respect to parents or those in authority
- Treating those under one’s authority disrespectfully
- Failure to respect the dignity of children
- Speaking badly about parents
- Speaking badly about children

4. Honor your father and mother - continued.

- Speaking badly about one's spouse
- Neglecting duties toward spouse or children
- Failing to give good example to one's family
- Taking one's spouse for granted
- Making fun of or failing to help the elderly or handicapped
- Failure to teach children adequately about God and the spiritual life
- Lack of gratitude toward parents
- Nagging spouse or children
- Treating adult children like minors
- Meddling in the affairs of married children
- Too lax with rules, boundaries and discipline
- Too strict with rules, boundaries and discipline
- Breaking just civil laws without serious reason
- Being ashamed of or embarrassed about parents

5. You shall not kill.

- Pride, arrogance
- Vanity
- Stubbornness without good reason
- Rudeness
- Failure to apologize
- Fighting or arguing over slight matters
- Anger
- Using obscene or vulgar gestures
- Prejudice
- Harboring a grudge
- Seeking revenge or retaliation
- Wishing evil upon another

5. You shall not kill - continued.

- Selfishness
- Listening to bad music
- Excessive watching of television
- Excessive playing of computer games
- Excessive use of the internet
- Watching TV or movies that promote sex or violence
- Playing computer games that promote sex or violence
- Refusing to forgive another
- Intemperance (overeating or drinking too much)
- Driving carelessly
- Failing to care for one's health
- Abusing medications
- Sloth (laziness)
- Procrastination
- Lack of punctuality
- Failure to respect the dignity of self or others
- Giving scandal to another
- Treating another unjustly
- Failure to take medications if such are necessary
- Doing things willfully to anger others
- Violating friendships
- Failure to pray for deceased parents or relatives
- Using the “silent treatment” on others

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Lack of custody of the eyes (looking inappropriately at others)
- Allowing the heart to stray from one's spouse
- Dressing somewhat immodestly

6. You shall not commit adultery - continued.

- Acting or carrying oneself immodestly
- Treating others as objects
- Failure to respect persons of the opposite sex
- Seeking wrongful attention from another
- Selfishness in marital intimacy
- Failure to be open to life without serious reason
- Keeping bad company

7. You shall not steal.

- Attachments to persons or things
- Theft of small or inexpensive items
- Willful failure to return borrowed items
- Wasting time
- Failure to pay debts promptly
- Failing to practice charity or to help the poor
- Squandering money on needless things or pursuits
- Not keeping a promise

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Lying
- Gossiping
- Spreading rumors or tale bearing
- Talking behind another's back
- Being negative, critical or uncharitable in thought regarding others
- Making rash judgments
- Being unjustly suspicious
- Failure to seek to restore the good name of another whom you have injured through speech.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor - continued.

- Cheating in games, school work, etc.
- Speaking unkindly to or about others
- Exaggerating the truth
- Bragging or boasting
- Flattery
- Complaining, whining or attention seeking

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Telling or listening to impure or vulgar jokes or stories
- Brief entertainment of impure thoughts or fantasies
- Not trying to control the imagination
- Curiosity or playing with temptation
- Seeking out or looking at persons or pictures which are immodest

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Envy (sadness or anger at the good fortune of another)
- Jealousy (desire for the goods of another)
- Greed
- Materialism
- Not trusting that God will provide for all material and spiritual needs
- Attachment to riches or material goods



“Our Lord hates above all things three abominable sins:
covetousness, unchastity and pride.”

Saint Catherine of Siena

1347-1380







“Material food first changes into the one who eats it, and then, as a consequence, restores to him lost strength and increases his vitality. Spiritual food, on the other hand, changes the person who eats it into Itself. Thus, the effect proper to this Sacrament is the conversion of a man into Christ, so that he may no longer live, but Christ lives in him; consequently, it has the double effect of restoring the spiritual strength he had lost by his sins and defects, and of increasing the strength of his virtues.

And this is done by Divine power in this Sacrament; for the whole substance of the bread is changed into the whole substance of Christ’s Body, and the whole substance of the wine into the whole substance of Christ’s Blood. Hence this is not a formal, but a substantial conversion; nor is it a kind of natural movement: but, with a name of its own, it can be called
TRANSUBSTANTIATION.”

Saint Thomas Aquinas

1225-1274



Prayer of Reparation

Before Receiving Our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion

“O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee,
in reparation for the offences committed against
the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
and for the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.”

Taught to Lúcia, Francisco and Jacinta by the Angel of Peace

Fatima, Portugal

1916



“Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me Lord, because I am weak, and I need Your strength, so that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me Lord, for You are my light, and without you, I am in darkness.

Stay with me Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me Lord, for I desire to love you very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of Love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late, and the day is coming to a close, and life passes, death, judgment, eternity approach.

It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You.

It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows.

O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile.

Stay with me Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need You.

Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to you, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your presence, oh yes, I ask this of You.

Stay with me Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You

and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.”

Saint Padre Pio's Prayer after Holy Communion

1887-1968





“If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if — and mark well what I say — if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.”

“The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother.”

Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort

1673-1716



THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY



THE
ANNUNCIATION



THE
VISITATION
Lorna Alvarado



THE
NATIVITY
Connor Hamilton



THE
PRESENTATION



THE FINDING
IN THE TEMPLE

The Joyful Mysteries in Scripture



The Annunciation - Luke 1:28

And when the angel had come to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women."

Fruit of the Mystery: Humility

The Visitation - Luke 1:41-42

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: "Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb."

Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Neighbor

The Nativity - Luke 2:7

She gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged.

Fruit of the Mystery: Spirit of Poverty

The Presentation - Luke 2:22-23

When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord."

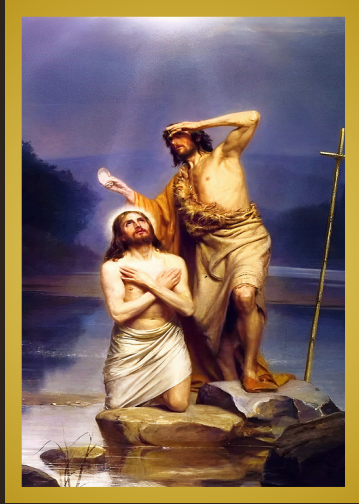
Fruit of the Mystery: Obedience

The Finding In the Temple - Luke 2:46

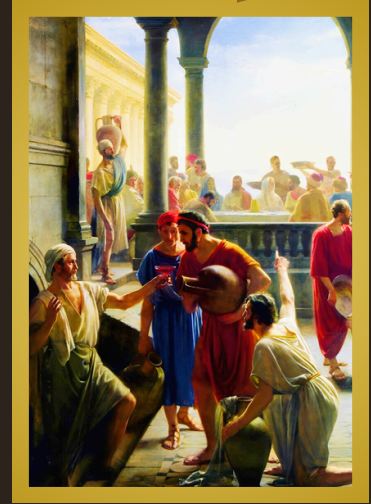
On the third day they came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Fruit of the Mystery: Joy In Finding Jesus

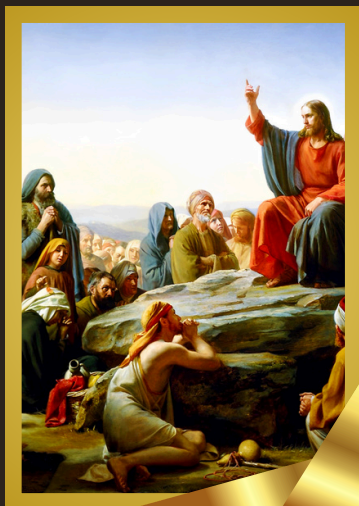
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THE BAPTISM
IN THE JORDAN



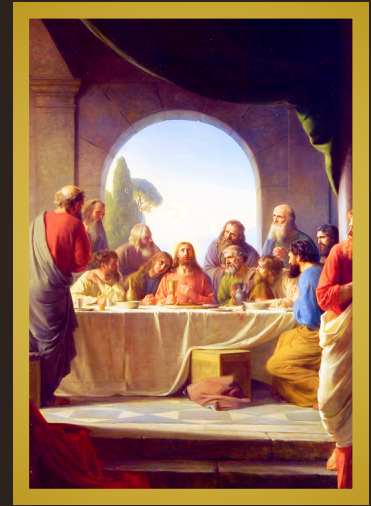
THE WEDDING
AT CANA
Lorna Alvarado



THE PROCLAMATION
OF THE
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KINGDOM OF GOD



THE
TRANSFIGURATION



THE INSTITUTION
OF THE
HOLY EUCHARIST

The Luminous Mysteries in Scripture

The Baptism In the Jordan - Matthew 3:16-17

And when Jesus was baptized, ... the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him, and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Fruit of the Mystery: Openness to the Holy Spirit

The Wedding at Cana - John 2:5-7

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

Fruit of the Mystery: To Jesus Through Mary

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God - Matthew 10:7-8

And preach as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay.

Fruit of the Mystery: Christian Witness and Conversion

The Transfiguration - Luke 9:29, 35

And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered and His raiment become dazzling white. And a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is My Son, My chosen; listen to Him!"

Fruit of the Mystery: Desire for Holiness

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist - Luke 22:19-20

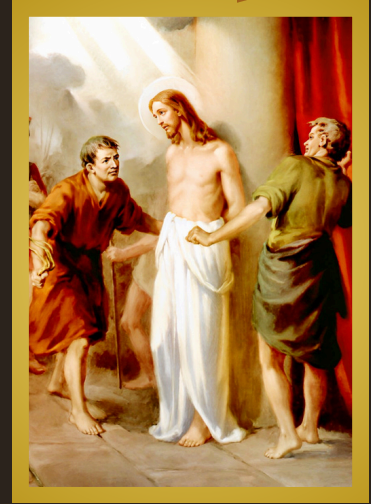
And He took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My Body which is given for you." ... And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My Blood."

Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Our Eucharistic Lord

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY



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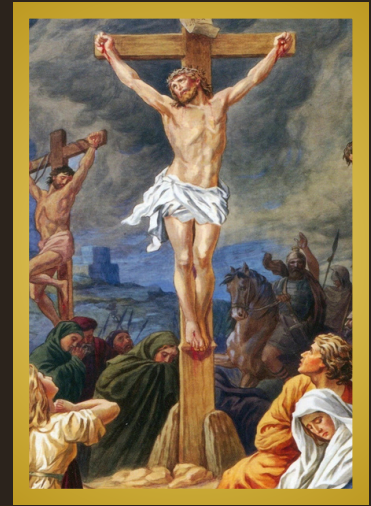
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The Sorrowful Mysteries in Scripture



The Agony in the Garden - Luke 22:44-45

In His anguish He prayed with all the greater intensity, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then He rose from prayer and came to His disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted with grief.

Fruit of the Mystery: God's Will Be Done

The Scourging at the Pillar - John 19:1

Pilate's next move was to take Jesus and have Him scourged.

Fruit of the Mystery: Purity

The Crowning with Thorns - Matthew 27:28-29

They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns they fixed it on His head, and stuck a reed in His right hand.

Fruit of the Mystery: Moral Courage

The Carrying of the Cross - John 19:17

Carrying the cross by Himself, He went out to what is called the Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha).

Fruit of the Mystery: Patient Bearing of Trials

The Crucifixion and Death - Luke 23:46

Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit." After He said this, He expired.

Fruit of the Mystery: Final Perseverance

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY



THE
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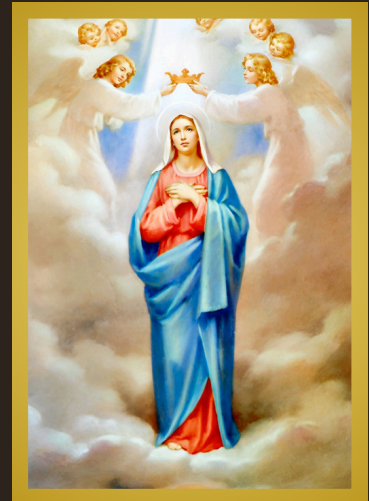
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The Resurrection - Mark 16:6

You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

Fruit of the Mystery: Faith

The Ascension - Mark 16:19

Then, after speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into Heaven and took His seat at God's right hand.

Fruit of the Mystery: Christian Hope

The Descent of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:4

All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them.

Fruit of the Mystery: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption - Judith 15:9-10

You are the glory of Jerusalem. You are the splendid boast of our people... God is pleased with what you have wrought. May you be blessed by the Lord Almighty forever and ever.

Fruit of the Mystery: Grace of a Happy Death

The Coronation - Revelation 12:1

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Fruit of the Mystery: Trust in Mary's Intercession



“O My Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee,
for the conversion of sinners,
and in reparation for the sins committed
against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”



Confession Communion Rosary Meditation

“I love so much to tell Jesus that I love Him!
Many times when I say it to Him, it seems that I have a
fire here inside of my breast but it does not burn me.

I love Our Lord and Our Lady so much that
I never get tired of telling them that I love them!”

Saint Jacinta Marto of Fatima

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