

## The first Luminous Mystery

### Jesus is baptized by John

John had been giving a baptism of repentance to sinners, and thus he was surprised to see Jesus. Though He was sinless, Jesus underwent John's baptism as a sign of His taking on the sins of the world. The heavens opened, the image of the Holy Spirit descended, and the voice of the Father bore witness to Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus was truly luminous because it was the first event in his public life that revealed Him as the Messiah. It was also the first revelation of the Trinity, three Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in One God.

*We pray: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Our Father

1. [John said:] "I indeed baptize you with water, for repentance.

Hail Mary

2. "But he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.

Hail Mary

3. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Hail Mary

4. Then Jesus came from Galilee to John, at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

Hail Mary

5. John was for hindering Him, and said, "I ought to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

Hail Mary

6. But Jesus said to him, "Let it be so now, for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

Hail Mary

7. And when Jesus had been baptized, He immediately came up from the water.

Hail Mary

8. And behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon Him.

Hail Mary

9. And lo, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Hail Mary

10. Jesus, Light of the world, have mercy on us.

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References: Matthew 3:11-17 and parallels; Rosarium Virginis Mariae, n. 21.*

## The Second Luminous Mystery

### Jesus first manifests his power at Cana

The wedding at Cana sheds light on several aspects of God's plan in Christ. The presence of Jesus, Mary and his disciples at the wedding affirms the basic goodness of marriage. We see the special relationship between this mother and her Son. We learn the power of her intercession.

Mary's faith led her to ask Jesus for this favor, and the miracle then opened the hearts of the disciples to faith.

The servants at the wedding had real wisdom. They followed Mary's advice: "Do whatever He tells you." We need to do likewise.

*We pray: Mary, Mother of good counsel, help us always to be wise and do what your divine Son tells us to do through his word and his Church.*

Our Father

1. Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were invited to a marriage at Cana of Galilee.

Hail Mary

2. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

Hail Mary

3. And Jesus said to her, "What would you have me do, woman? My hour has not yet come."

Hail Mary

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

Hail Mary

5. Six stone jars were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

Hail Mary

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

Hail Mary

7. And Jesus said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the chief steward." And they took it to him.

Hail Mary

8. When the chief steward tasted the water now become wine and did not know where it had come from, he called the bridegroom.

Hail Mary

9. "Every man serves the good wine first and then, when men have drunk freely, the wine that is poorer. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Hail Mary

10. Jesus worked this, the first of his signs, at Cana of Galilee; and he manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References: John 2: 1-11; Rosarium Virginis Mariae, n. 21.*

## The Third Luminous Mystery

### **Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God with a call to faith and to a change of heart**

The gospel is summarized by the simple message with which Jesus begins his public preaching: “The kingdom of God is at hand; undergo a change of heart and believe in the gospel.”

We know from our own experience that having a change of heart is not just a one-time thing. We need continual conversion so that we can walk with the Lord on the narrow path that leads to eternal life.

Our Lord challenges us to live by faith and to trust that if we seek first the kingdom of God, He will take care of the rest.

*We pray for continued conversion and to live by faith.*

Our Father

1. After John the Baptist was imprisoned, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God.

Hail Mary

2. [And He was] saying: “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Undergo a change of heart and believe in the gospel.”

Hail Mary

3. “No one can serve two masters; you cannot serve God and money.”

Hail Mary

4. “Do not be anxious saying, ‘What shall we eat and drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

Hail Mary

5. “Unbelievers seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Hail Mary

6. “But seek first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things will be given you besides.”

Hail Mary

7. “Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many follow that way.

Hail Mary

8. “For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

Hail Mary

9. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven,

Hail Mary

10. “But he who does the will of my Father shall enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References:* Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 6:24-33; 7:13-21

## The Fourth Luminous Mystery

### **In the Transfiguration, the Glory of God gives hope**

After Simon Peter had made his act of faith in Jesus as the Messiah, our Lord began to teach the mystery of the cross and resurrection. He would suffer, die and then rise from the dead. To share the glory of Christ, a disciple will carry his cross.

A week later, Jesus gave to Peter, James and John a foretaste of the final outcome. “The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to ‘listen to Him’ ” (RVM, n.21).

We thank God for revealing the glory of the Transfiguration that gives us hope for life everlasting.

*We pray to keep in our hearts the vision of Christ in resurrected glory,  
especially when our cross feels heavy.*

Our Father

1. After six days Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

Hail Mary

2. He was transfigured before them. His face shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow.

Hail Mary

3. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking together with Him.

Hail Mary

4. Then Peter said to Jesus: “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, let us set up three tents here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Hail Mary

5. As he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them;

Hail Mary

6. And behold a voice out of the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

Hail Mary

7. On hearing it the disciples fell on their faces and were exceedingly afraid.

Hail Mary

8. Jesus came near and touched them, and said to them, “Arise, and do not be afraid.”

Hail Mary

9. Lifting up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Hail Mary

10. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus cautioned them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”

Hail Mary

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*References: Matthew 17:1-9 and parallels; 2 Pet 1:17-18.*

## The Fifth Luminous Mystery

### Jesus institutes the Holy Eucharist

At the Last Supper, Jesus offered to the Apostles, under the signs of bread and wine, his own body and blood that He would sacrifice on Calvary the next day.

So great is this gift that St. Paul reminds us that “whoever eats this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.”

In the Eucharist, our Lord strengthens us so we can walk the narrow way with Him. Receiving Holy Communion is also a sign of unity with our Savior and with the teaching of his Church—one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

*We give thanks to God for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.*

Our Father

1. “The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

Hail Mary

2. “I am the living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Hail Mary

3. “Amen, amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you.

Hail Mary

4. “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life everlasting and I will raise him up on the last day...

Hail Mary

5. “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in Me and I in him.”

Hail Mary

6. Many of his disciples said, “This is a hard saying...” and no longer walked with Him. Jesus said to the Twelve, “Will you also go away?”

Hail Mary

7. Simon Peter answered, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.”

Hail Mary

8. While they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take and eat: this is my body.”

Hail Mary

9. And taking a cup, he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, “All of you drink of this. For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins.”

Hail Mary

10. “Greater love than this no one has, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References:* 1 Corinthians 11:27; John 6:33-59,15:13; Matthew 26:26-28