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To the Reader

Mary appeared at Fatima. She told us that we are offending God. She told us what we must do. This is Mary's peace plan:

- 1. Until a sufficient number of people have consecrated their hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we will not have peace in the world.
- 2. Mary has requested all to pray the daily rosary.
- 3. We must observe the First Saturday devotion:
 - Communion, confession (within 8 days before or after the Saturday), recital of the rosary, and meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the rosary. All this is to be done in a spirit of reparation.
- 4. We must make reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

We are disobeying our Mother's requests at Fatima.

This book is to help the reader grow in their love of the rosary. It is to help them to grow in their love of the Eucharist. May they go more and more deeply into the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. May they obey Mary's peace plan given at Fatima so there will be peace in the world.

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The Spirituality of Fatima and Medjugorje

Part I

Fatima

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Fatima: The Setting

On October 13, 1917, there were more than 70,000 people gathered in the Cova da Iria in Fatima, Portugal. They had come to observe a miracle which had been foretold by the Blessed Virgin to three young visionaries: Lucia dos Santos, and her two cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto. Shortly after noon, Our Lady appeared to the three visionaries:

As the Lady was about to leave, she pointed to the sun. Lucy excitedly repeated the gesture, and the people looked into the sky. The rain had ceased, the clouds parted, and the sun shone forth, but not in its usual brilliance. Instead, it appeared like a silver disc, pale as the moon, at which all could gaze without straining their eyes. Suddenly, impelled by some mysterious force, the disc began to whirl in the sky, casting off great shafts of multicolored light. Red, green, blue, yellow, violet—the enormous rays shot across the sky at all angles, lighting up the entire countryside for many miles around, but particularly the upturned faces of those 70,000 spellbound people.

After a few moments the wonder stopped, but resumed again a second and a third time—three times in all—within about 12 minutes. It seemed that the whole world was on fire, with the sun spinning at a greater speed each time.

Then a gasp of terror rose from the crowd, for the sun seemed to tear itself from the heavens and come crashing down upon the horrified multitude....Just when it seemed that the ball of fire would fall upon and destroy them, the miracle ceased, and the sun resumed its normal place in the sky, shining forth as peacefully as ever.

When the people arose from the ground, cries of astonishment were heard on all sides. Their clothes, which had been soaking wet and muddy, now were clean and dry. Many of the sick and crippled had been cured of their afflictions.²

The above describes the great miracle which brought to conclusion the series of apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima which took place six times, from May to October 1917. The Miracle of the Sun was the sign God gave to the world in proof of the authenticity of the apparitions. The event was reported in newspapers around the world.

With one exception, Mary always appeared on the 13th of the month, above an holm oak tree in the valley named Cova da Iria. The only deviation from the 13th was the August apparition. During this particular month, Mary appeared to the children near the village of Valinhos on August 19. The children were in jail on the 13th of that particular month. The mayor, in an attempt to stop the events, had had the young visionaries kidnapped and imprisoned, but fearing violence on the part of the people, he soon released them.

Since the apparitions of 1917, millions of pilgrims have

come to Fatima. Fatima is a small, rural town about 90 miles north of Lisbon, Portugal. It is situated within hilly terrain which is lined with numerous cedar trees. The Cova da Iria—grazing ground at the time of the apparitions—now appears as a huge, paved area which lies in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima. About 50 yards in front of the Basilica, and to the left as one faces the Basilica, is the Chapel of Apparitions. Here, within the sanctuary, is a glass-enclosed statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue is situated on the spot of the holm oak tree over which Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco.

In the middle of the great square, one sees a large statue of the Sacred Heart. The arms of Christ are outstretched, welcoming all to come to the refuge of His Heart. Above the entrance of the Basilica is a statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These two statues vividly remind us of the alliance of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. As we shall soon see, this union of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart forms the very core of the Fatima message.

As is to be expected, the largest crowds of pilgrims gather on the 13th of the month from May through October.

I was privileged to be present at Fatima on a very special day, October 13, 1992. This date marked the 75th anniversary of the final apparition. It was, indeed, a most memorable occasion. On the evening of the 12th, there was the usual Rosary procession. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were present on this brisk October night. Pilgrims holding lighted candles, the praying of the Rosary, the procession with the Our Lady of Fatima statue—all this made for a very impressive and moving occasion.

The next day, the 13th, was obviously a very, very special time. The day was bright and sunny with an almost completely blue sky. It seemed no accident. It was a gift of Our Lady, the Woman Clothed with the Sun: Now a great sign appeared in Heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown (Rev. 12:1). We see, then, how fitting it was that the great miracle of Fatima described above was one involving the sun.

There were about a million people gathered in the huge square for this 75th anniversary occasion. The center of attraction was the Mass at the outdoor altar situated on the Basilica steps. Before and after the Mass, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was marched in procession. The pilgrims waved their white handkerchiefs at the statue, a time-honored custom at Fatima. The entire ceremony took over three hours, yet there was a pervasive silence throughout the gathering of pilgrims, which numbered about one million. Their deep devotion was obvious. It was one of the most impressive and moving scenes I have ever witnessed.

During a stay at Fatima, one can always observe pilgrims visiting the Apparitions Chapel for Masses and adoration visits. Leading down to the Chapel is a special walkway which stretches back about 100 yards into the great square. This path is used by many pilgrims who, in an act of sacrifice, walk on their knees the length of the walkway, ending their journey at the Chapel itself. The atmosphere at the Chapel is one of deep peace and devotion, a common trait at Marian shrines.

Pilgrims are also constantly entering the Basilica for Masses and visits. At the front of the Basilica lie the remains of two of the Fatima visionaries. Jacinta's crypt is to the left, and Francisco's is to the right. Pilgrims stop briefly and pray at the crypts in a spirit of deep devotion. As one prays at these crypts, it is easy to recall the words of Jesus: I bless you, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children (Matt. 11:25).

Central to the pilgrimage activities at Fatima are the many Masses which take place at the Chapel of Apparitions and the Basilica church. This, again, is a common occurrence at Marian shrines. Mary always leads to the Eucharistic Christ.

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Fatima: The Message

Before receiving the six apparitions of Our Lady, May through October of 1917, the three Fatima visionaries were visited by an angel on three different occasions during the preceding year. He appeared to them in the spring, summer, and fall. Lucia (now Sr. Lucia) describes the springtime apparition of the angel:

On reaching us, he said: "Do not be afraid!

I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me."

Kneeling on the ground, he bowed down until his forehead touched the ground and made us repeat these words three times: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."

Then, rising he said: "Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."

His words engraved themselves so deeply on our minds that we could never forget them.3

During the summer of 1916, the angel again appeared to the three visionaries. He said to them:

Pray! Pray a great deal. The Hearts of Jesus

and Mary have merciful designs on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices continually to the Most High. Make everything you do a sacrifice, and offer it as an act of reparation for the sins by which God is offended, and as a petition for the conversion of sinners. Bring peace to our country in this way. . . . I am the Guardian Angel of Portugal. Accept and bear with submission all the sufferings the Lord will send you.4

In the fall of the same year, the angel visited the visionaries a final time:

The angel came...bearing a golden chalice in one hand and a Host above it in the other. The amazed children noticed that drops of blood were falling from the Host into the chalice. Presently, the angel left both suspended in mid-air and prostrated himself on the ground, saying this beautiful prayer: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and [the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners."5

Sr. Lucia relates how the angel gave them Communion:

Then, rising, he took the chalice and the Host in his hand. He gave the Sacred Host to me and shared the Blood from the chalice between Jacinta and Francisco, saying as he did so:

"Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men! Make reparation for their crimes and console your God."

Reflecting upon these messages of the angel, we see how much they contain for our spiritual instruction.

First of all, we notice the distinctive Trinitarian nature of the messages. We are instructed that, in our Christian existence, we must express the greatest reverence for Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we serve them through the virtues of faith, hope, and love. These three virtues are at the heart of our life of grace.

We are reminded of the ugly reality of sin and of our duty to make reparation for it. We are reminded that reparation is due Christ in His Eucharistic presence. And, as we shall soon see, Our Lady calls for a specific act of reparation—the five first Saturdays. Reparation is a foundation of the Fatima messages.

The angel also tells us that we must not only love God; we must also love our neighbor. We are to pray and make sacrifices for others.

In telling us to "Pray a great deal," and "Make everything you do a sacrifice," the angel reminds us that we are to live a deep spirituality. We are to be united with God throughout the day in as conscious a manner as possible. Regarding the angel's call to prayer, we shall soon hear of Mary's special request concerning the daily Rosary. It is a request that reminds us that God has sent Our Blessed Mother to call us back to Jesus, and to a closer union with Him. The Fatima message indeed reminds us that Mary is our spiritual Mother, that she is our mediatrix with Christ.

The angel specified a need to help others by our sacrifices, and to accept the sufferings God sends. It is a confirmation of Christ's paschal mystery of deathresurrection. The cross leads to life. We live the cross for the purpose of growing in grace ourselves, and in order to help channel grace to others.

The Angel also reminded us that the Eucharist is at the center of the Church's life. And, very importantly, in each of his three messages, the Angel drew attention to the critical role which the Hearts of Jesus and Mary play in our Christian lives:

Another remarkable fact is that in each of the three apparitions, the Angel already mentions the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary, as though linked to one another by an indissoluble union. The account of the first apparition even presents a striking phrase which seems to have been hardly noticed. After having taught this completely God-centered prayer, "My God, I believe. I adore. I hope and I love you," the Angel added: "Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications." We pray to God, and it is the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary that hear and answer our prayers! How could it better express the truth that we can only go to God and please Him by this unique and universal mediation?

Similarly, in the summer of 1916, when the Angel announces to the three seers their future vocations, it is the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary that appear in the foreground as the inseparable mediators of the "Father of Mercies." "The Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary," he tells them, "have designs of mercy on you."

Finally, the third time, in the prayer of

Eucharistic offering, it is by "the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and [the intercession of] the Immaculate Heart of Mary," that the Angel begs "the conversion of poor sinners" of the Trinity.

With this constant thought of the mediation of the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we are already at the very center of the Message of Fatima.⁷

The Angel's three messages contain an amazing spiritual doctrine. The Angel gives the outline of the spiritual life within the framework of devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Behold, the spirituality of Fatima!

The Angel's instruction to the three children admirably prepared them for Our Lady's apparitions. Mary's messages presume, and build upon, the spiritual doctrine which the Angel gave to the three young visionaries—and to us.

May 13, 1917, marks the first appearance of Our Lady of Fatima to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. On this occasion, she said to the visionaries:

Do not be afraid, I will do you no harm....I am from Heaven.

I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the 13th day, at the same hour. Later on, I will tell you who I am and what I want.

Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners? Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war.*

To the end of each decade of the Rosary, she added the Fatima prayer, "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy."

In Mary's first message, we immediately see two aspects of the Fatima message—prayer (especially the Rosary) and reparation.

On June 13, the Blessed Virgin again appeared to the three children:

There were about 70 people present, though only the children could see the apparition. She told the youngsters that many souls go to Hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them. She said Francisco and Jacinta would soon leave the world for Heaven. Holding out her heart, surrounded by thorns which pierced it from all sides, Our Lady told Lucy: "God wishes you to remain in the world for some time because He wants to use you to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and their souls will be loved by God as flowers placed by myself to adorn His throne." 10

This shows how devotion to the Immaculate Heart is central to the Fatima message. Subsequent events reemphasize the importance of Our Lady teaching this devotion at Fatima.

In her July apparition, Our Lady further revealed her

plan to the children and to the world:

During her appearance in July, Our Lady, in answer to Lucy's plea, promised that in October she would work a great miracle so that all might believe and know who she was. Again, the Mother of God told the children to sacrifice themselves for sinners and to say many times, especially when making a sacrifice, this prayer: "O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of poor sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."11

During this same July apparition, Mary showed the three children a vision of Hell. She told them:

You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them. God wishes to establish, in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.

The war (World War I, then raging) is going to end. But if people do not stop offending God. another and worse one will begin in the reign of Pius XI. When you shall see a night illuminated by an unknown light [January 2, 1938], know that this is the great sign that God gives you that He is going to punish the world for its many crimes by means of war, hunger, and persecution of the Church and the Holy Father. 12

To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the five

first Saturdays. If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed....

But in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, Russia will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world. 12

In the above, Mary speaks of the five first Saturdays. Here is what the practice involves:

- Go to confession, which may be done from eight days before to eight days after the first Saturday. Of course, if a person is in the state of serious sin, the confession must be made before receiving communion.
- Receive Holy Communion.
- 3. Recite five decades of the Rosary.
- Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

All of the above (except confession) must be done on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart. For those who make the five first Saturdays, Our Lady of Fatima has promised to assist them at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation.¹⁴

Because of the excitement caused by the apparitions, the civil authorities were so alarmed that they kidnapped the three young visionaries and put them in jail. The incarceration period included the day of August 13. Consequently, Our Lady did not appear to the children on this particular 13th.

The authorities, fearing reaction on the part of the people, quickly released the children. Mary appeared to them on August 19 near Valinhos:

She told them she was greatly displeased by the action of the mayor. As a result, the miracle promised for October would not be as impressive as originally planned.¹⁵

Next came the September appearance of Our Lady:

More than 30,000 people were present in September, and saw a shower of mysterious white petals fall to within 10 feet of the ground before dissolving into the air. Many also saw the globe of light bearing the Lady come to rest atop the tree, and the branches bend as though someone were standing on them. Later, they saw the cloud depart into the east, from whence it had come. 16

The October 13 vision was accompanied by the great Miracle of the Sun described in the previous chapter. In her message that day, Our Blessed Mother told the children:

I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day. 17 While the people in attendance were beholding the great Miracle of the Sun, the three young visionaries, and they alone, were privileged to see striking visions in the heavens:

As Our Lady had promised, St. Joseph had come with the Holy Family and had blessed the world. Then, Our Lady appeared as the Mother of Sorrows, accompanied by her Divine Son, Who also blessed the world. Finally, Lucy had seen the Blessed Virgin, dressed in the brown robes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth, holding a brown Scapular in her hand, with her infant Son upon her knee. However, in none of these visions had any of the figures spoken to the children. 18

Besides the messages associated with the major Fatima apparitions, there were other revelations given by Our Lady. Before Jacinta died, she told of other messages given her (during her illness) by Mary:

More souls go to Hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason.

Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much.

Many marriages are not good; they do not please Our Lord and are not of God.

Priests must be pure, very pure. They should not busy themselves with anything except what concerns the Church and souls. The disobedience of priests, to their superiors and to the Holy Father, is very displeasing to Our Lord.

I can no longer restrain the hand of my Divine Son from striking the world with just punishments for its many crimes.

If the government of a country leaves the Church in peace and gives liberty to our Holy Religion, it will be blessed by God.

Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask grace from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her.¹⁹

This last message offers us an excellent opportunity to summarize the Fatima message. It tells us "that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

At the center of the veneration for which Our Lord calls is the act of consecration to His Sacred Heart and to Mary's Immaculate Heart. As we shall see in Part II of this book, this consecration calls for a total gift of ourselves to Jesus and Mary. Such a gift, obviously, includes a willingness to incorporate into our lives the other Fatima teachings and requests. As such, consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary summarizes the Fatima message.

Some seem to think the message of Fatima is no longer relevant to today's world. The words of Pope John Paul II tell us how wrong they are. Referring to a pilgrimage he made in 1982, he says:

Last week, I myself went on pilgrimage to Portugal, especially to Fatima, in order to give thanks that the mercy of God and the protection of the Mother of Christ had saved my life last year. The message of Fatima is a call to conversion and penance, the first and most basic call of the Gospel. Today, it is more urgent than ever, when evil is threatening us through errors based on denial of God. The message of Fatima puts us on our guard. It also invites us to approach anew the Fountain of Mercy by an act of consecration. Mary wishes us to draw near it: each one of us, each nation, and the whole world.²⁰

About the Rosary

Background

The word rosary comes from the Latin word rosarius which means crown of roses. It is a form of prayer to give love and praise to God while meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary.

A complete rosary consists of a series of 150 beads divided into 15 groups or decades of ten beads each. Decades are usually separated by one larger bead connected on a string or chain. Extending from this string are five other beads, two large and three small, and a crucifix. Most rosaries consist of five decades. Some rosaries may consist of all fifteen decades.

Certain prayers are said at each bead of a rosary, a Hail Mary on each small bead, an Our Father on each large bead, and a Glory Be and O My Jesus prayer following each decade. The 15 decades are divided into three sets of five. Each set tells about the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. They are the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Glorious Mysteries. While praying the *Hail Marys*, we meditate on the particular mystery.

Enclosed in this book are meditations that are read during the rosary. Reading a meditation before each *Hail Mary*, helps us to concentrate and keep our minds focused. Occasionally there is a special meditation before the *Glory Be* or the *Hail Holy Queen*.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Said on Mondays and Thursdays and on Sundays from the First Sunday of Advent until Lent

- 1. The Annunciation to Mary
- 2. The Visitation of Mary
- 3. The Nativity of Our Lord
- 4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- 5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

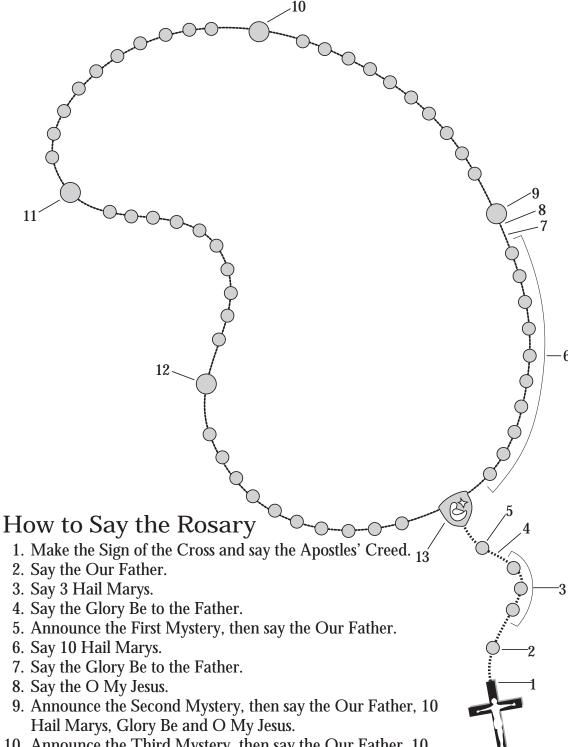
Said on Tuesdays and Fridays and on the Sundays of Lent

- 1. The Agony in the Garden
- 2. The Scourging at the Pillar
- 3. The Crowning with Thorns
- 4. The Carrying of the Cross
- 5. The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord on the Cross

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Said on Wednesdays and Saturdays and on Sundays from Easter to Advent

- 1. The Resurrection of Our Lord
- 2. The Ascension of Our Lord
- 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Mary
- 4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- 5. The Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth



- 10. Announce the Third Mystery, then say the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be and O My Jesus.
- 11. Announce the Fourth Mystery, then say the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be and O My Jesus.
- 12. Announce the Fifth Mystery, then say the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be and O My Jesus.
- 13. Conclude by saying the Hail Holy Queen.
- 14. Make the Sign of the Cross.

THE ROSARY PRAYERS

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Apostles Creed

Land in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. * Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. * Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Call lory 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.

O My Jesus

My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
- R. 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 Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Note: When the rosary is said aloud by two or more persons, one person is the leader. He says the first part of the prayer (up to the asterisk *). Everyone else answers by saying the remainder of the prayer. The O My Jesus and the Hail, Holy Queen are said by all together.

Rosary Meditations

Short Meditations for School Children

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES DECEMBER 25, 1994

The Annunciation

- 1. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked Mary to be the Mother of Jesus.
- 2. Mary always complied with the will of the Father. She said "yes" to the angel.
- 3. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word was made flesh.
- 4. *Song:* Come Holy Ghost
- 5. There was such intimacy between Mary and Jesus from the first moment of conception.
- 6. She felt the life of the Child Jesus grow within her womb.
- 7. It was in her womb that the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was formed through the Holy Spirit.
- 8. It is in realizing this connection between the Hearts of Jesus and Mary that we will grow in greater union with God.
- 9. The Holy Spirit forever transforms us more and more into the image of Jesus.
- 10. The womb of the Virgin Mary is the holy dwelling place of our beloved Savior.

The Visitation

- 1. Mary, being pregnant herself, heard through the angel that Elizabeth had conceived a child in her old age. She made haste to the hill country to be with her cousin, Elizabeth.
- 2. When she arrived, the child in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy.
- 3. Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice the Magnificat.
- 4. Mary said, "...'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit *rejoices in God my Savior;*" (Lk. 1:46-47)
- 5. "because *he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant.* Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed," (Lk. 1:48)
- 6. "for the Almighty has done great things for me. *Holy is his name*," (Lk. 1:49)

- 7. Jesus is no less present this day in the Eucharist than He was in Mary's womb.
- 8. How He waits and yearns for us to come and to be with Him because He loves us so much!
- 9. If we realized how much He loves us, we would never fear.
- 10. *Song:* "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel."

The Birth of Jesus

- 1. Think of the glorious night when Jesus was born in a stable. The angels sang and the shepherds watched.
- 2. The cows and the sheep were there to keep them warm.
- 3. This is truly Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.
- 4. *Song:* "Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains. And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains."
- 5. Song: "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo."
- 6. *Song:* "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay."
- 7. *Song:* "O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."
- 8. *Song:* "What child is this who lay to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthem sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping."
- 9. See Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the stable. See the tenderness in the eyes of Mary as she gazes on her newborn baby child, Who is truly God!
- 10. The birth of Jesus is at the heart of salvation history.

The Presentation in the Temple

- 1. Mary and Joseph took the Child Jesus to the Temple.
- 2. While they were there, the prophet Simeon prophesied the sufferings of Jesus and Mary to come.
- 3. Simeon said to Mary, "and a sword will pierce your soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." (Lk. 2:35)
- 4. As he prophesied the sufferings of Jesus and Mary, he also prophesied how many souls would be saved through Jesus.
- 5. Mary gazes so tenderly on her precious child. From this moment on, every time she looked at Jesus, she remembered the prophesy of Simeon.

- 6. She had a constant ache in her heart since the prophecy of Simeon.
- 7. Song: See the Eyes that Look at Mary
- 8. She looked at the Baby Jesus. She held Him in her arms. All through their life together, she knew His Heart. There was such love from the moment of conception between her and her Son. There was such intimacy between the Heart of Jesus and the heart of Mary.
- 9. Dear Mary, you knew the Heart of your beloved Son Jesus. Please lead us to closer intimacy with Him. It is in loving Him through your pure and tender heart that I too will love Him more tenderly.
- 10. Let us love, through your heart, our beloved Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple
 - 1. How the heart of Mary knew the Heart of Jesus! How the heart of Mary suffered at every sorrow. How she suffered when they lost the Child Jesus in the temple.
 - 2. Mary wants us to pray for her little lost children of the world.
 - 3. "It happened that, three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies." (Lk. 2:46-47)
 - 4. When His parents saw Him "...his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'" (Lk. 2:48)
 - 5. "He went down with them then and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart." (Lk. 2:51)
 - 6. She was His Mother. She took care of Him. She knew Him with a deep, motherly love in her heart.
 - 7. We must pray to the Child Jesus. He will answer our prayers.
 - 8. She begs us to pray for her lost children so that they will not be condemned to hell for their sinfulness and willfulness. Mary says at Fatima,

"I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day." ²¹

- 9. We must spread the love of Jesus to the world and help spread the rosaries about the Hearts of Jesus and Mary to the children and the adults.
- 10. Hail Mary...

JOYFUL MYSTERIES DATE UNKNOWN

The Annunciation

- 1. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the Mother of God.
- 2. She said "yes". Mary had such faith! She always complied with the Father's will.
- 3. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
- 4. There was such a bond between Jesus and Mary from the very moment of conception!
- 5. She felt His life grow within her womb. His Most Sacred Heart was formed in her womb through the Holy Spirit.
- 6. Jesus wants to be alive in our hearts. We should carry His life with great joy in our being.
- 7. The Spirit wants to be alive in our very being with the fire of His love.
- 8. We are children of God. Mary mothers us as she mothered Jesus.
- 9. It is through Mary that we are led to intense love in His most precious Heart.
- 10. It is truly the love of these Two Hearts that will lead us to union with God.

The Visitation

- 1. Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth.
- 2. When she arrived, the child in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy at the presence of Mary with Jesus in her womb.
- 3. Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out, with a loud voice, the Magnificat.
- 4. "And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit *rejoices in God my Saviour;*" (Lk. 1:46-47)
- 5. "because *he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant.* Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed," (Lk. 1:48)
- 6. "for the Almighty has done great things for me. *Holy is his name*," (Lk. 1:49)
- 7. Jesus is no less present in our hearts after Communion than He was in Mary's womb.
- 8. Should we not jump up and cry out that we truly receive the one, true God in our hearts?
- 9. Are we open to the Holy Spirit to fill us with the love of the one, true God and Mary in our hearts?
- 10. It is through her pure and tender heart that we will love God more closely.

The Birth of Jesus

- 1. Joseph was filled with joy to see the splendor of the night, but with sorrow to see Jesus born in such poverty.
- 2. Not a place for Jesus to lay His head—in a manger at birth, His head on a cross at His death—both bare wood.
- 3. He showed us the way, in total submission to the will of the Father. He loved us so much that He was born a human, God-made-man.
- 4. What the birth of this baby, the Child Jesus, did to change the world for all time!
- 5. This is Jesus, the Son of God, come to free the world of its sins.
- 6. He came as a little baby. He was born of Mary in the little town of Bethlehem.
- 7. This is how it is with Jesus today: there is no blare of trumpets, no roll of drums. Jesus comes quietly at every Mass.
- 8. The only blare of trumpets and roll of drums are in our hearts.
- 9. If you are not aware of Christ truly present in the Eucharist, you miss the big event.
- 10. Jesus, the same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, comes to us in our hearts.

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

- 1. Mary took Jesus to the Temple to be presented to the Father.
- 2. Simeon told Mary of the future sufferings of Jesus and Mary.
- 3. Joseph, in his sorrow at hearing of the sufferings, was comforted by the joy that so many souls would be redeemed.
- 4. They returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth and Jesus grew in wisdom and strength.
- 5. Mary, with such love, beheld her precious Son!
- 6. She gazed into His precious baby eyes.
- 7. Simeon predicted that her heart would be pierced with a sword.
- 8. Her heart would be pierced with a sword for, just as she held His baby body at birth, she would hold his lifeless body under the cross.
- 9. How well Mary would know the Heart of Jesus! She would ponder all the events of His life in her heart.
- 10. It is through her most loving heart that we grow in fervent love for His Heart.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

1. When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem for Passover.

- 2. When it was over Mary and Joseph had traveled a day's journey before they realized Jesus was not with them.
- 3. With sorrow in their hearts they returned to Jerusalem to find Him.
- 4. After searching for Him for three days, they found Him in the Temple talking to the doctors.
- 5. The doctors were astounded at His wisdom.
- 6. He said He had to be about His Father's business.
- 7. Jesus teaches us today through His Word.
- 8. "He went down with them then and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart." (Lk. 2:51-52)
- 9. Mary, if we ever lose Jesus, lead us back to His tender Heart.
- 10. Jesus, help us to love Mary more.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES DATE UNKNOWN

The Agony in the Garden

- 1. Be with Jesus in the garden. Kneel beside Him and feel the pain in His Heart.
- 2. How tenderly He loves us, that God came to this earth and gave Himself for love of us.
- 3. Jesus is a Person. He loves each one of us with a most personal love.
- 4. He is a Divine Person. He loves us more than any human person could love us.
- 5. Jesus saw before Him all His suffering.
- 6. He knew the sins of all men from all time.
- 7. Because of His great love for us and for all men, His Heart was in such pain.
- 8. He knows and loves us more than we know and love ourselves.
- 9. He is alive this day and He lives in our hearts.
- 10. He wants us to love Him at every moment. He is forgotten and ignored and He is God.

The Scourging at the Pillar

1. Jesus saw in the garden all the events that would happen and He suffered so He sweat blood.

- 2. They led Jesus away as a criminal and they tied Him to a pillar.
- 3. At any moment Jesus could have stopped the men, but, because of His great love for us, He allowed them to whip Him.
- 4. Jesus did this, allowed them to whip Him, for me.
- 5. Hail Mary...
- 6. Many times, when others are cruel to us, we feel alone and very hurt.
- 7. Many times, when we pray and talk about God in the world today, others treat us cruelly.
- 8. God is almighty; He controls everything. Our every breath and heartbeat depend on God.
- 9. God first loved us and commands us to love Him.
- 10. The greatest commandment of all is to love God with our whole hearts, our whole souls, and our whole minds.

The Crowning with Thorns

- 1. God commands us to love Him first and to love our neighbors.
- 2. He suffered for us and paid for our sins with the price of His blood.
- 3. Why are men so willful, so full of pride that they ignore the Almighty God, Who gives them their very breath?
- 4. Look at Jesus, crowned with thorns, His face covered with blood. He suffered because He loves me.
- 5. God is offended by the willfulness of men today.
- 6. Whether we go to heaven or hell depends on whether we love God and love one another.
- 7. Jesus shows us how to love by giving Himself for love of us.
- 8. Jesus was crowned with thorns. He was whipped. His body was torn. He suffered this that we would share in His life and go to heaven some day.
- 9. Our life here will end soon and we will be somewhere forever and ever. Let us love God and love one another that we will share in the great gift He gives us, the gift of eternal life in heaven.
- 10. Think of the men that whipped Jesus and crowned Him with thorns. Think how cold their hearts were.

The Carrying of the Cross

- 1. They stood around Jesus and they hollered at Him, "...'Crucify him!'" (Mk. 15:13)
- 2. They gave to Jesus a heavy cross, laden with all the sins from all time, and they put it on His shoulder and made Him carry the cross.
- 3. It was so heavy that Jesus could not carry it any longer. He collapsed and fell to the ground.

- 4. He got up and tried to move. He saw the tear covered face of His beloved Mother.
- 5. She looked into His tender, gentle eyes covered with blood.
- 6. This was the little baby that she carried and now she saw Him covered with blood and wounds.
- 7. Mary loves Jesus with the most tender love.
- 8. It is in going to the heart of Mary that we will learn to love our beloved Jesus.
- 9. The Holy Spirit is the Spouse of Mary.
- 10. The Holy Spirit works within the heart of Mary to make us more holy, more like our beloved Jesus.

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

- 1. Jesus was nailed to the cross.
- 2. Jesus hung on the cross for three hours.
- 3. His Mother, in excruciating pain, stood beneath the cross and watched, watched her Son die.
- 4. Before He died He gave His Mother, Mary, to us as our Mother.
- 5. Our Mother, Mary, loves us.
- 6. She saw Jesus hang and die on the cross. She knows the great love that Jesus has for us.
- 7. She wants to mother us and help us to love Jesus so much more.
- 8. As her little children, it is important that we give ourselves to her and her motherly care.
- 9. If we want peace and joy in our life, we must give ourselves to Mary and to her Son.
- 10. Mary said at Fatima that she wants us to give our hearts to her and to the Heart of her Son. She also said at Fatima that she wants us to pray the rosary everyday. If we do this, we will have peace in the world.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES DATE UNKNOWN

The Resurrection

- 1. On the third day He arose as He foretold.
- 2. When Mary Magdalene and some other women arrived at the tomb, they saw that the entry stone had been rolled away.

- 3. There appeared two men in dazzling garments where Jesus had been laid.
- 4. The two angels told the women He had risen as He had foretold.
- 5. He went to Emmaus and accounted for them all the scriptures, from Moses through the prophets, which referred to Him.
- 6. When He had seated Himself with them to eat, He took bread, pronounced the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, whereupon He vanished from their sight.
- 7. He appeared several times to the Apostles over the course of 40 days and gave them the power to baptize and forgive sins.
- 8. Christ died to bring us to new life.
- 9. He came that we might have life to the full.
- 10. The good news is that Jesus has died and that He has risen.

The Ascension

- 1. They went out of the town of Bethany and Jesus gave them his final blessing.
- 2. He raised His arms and ascended into heaven.
- 3. They stood below in utter amazement at what had happened.
- 4. Think of what it would be like to see Jesus ascend bodily into heaven.
- 5. Imagine the grief in Mary's and the Apostles' hearts to see Him go!
- 6. Jesus has not left. He remains with us in His divinity and humanity in the Eucharist today.
- 7. He longs for us to come and receive Him. He waits for us to come and be with Him in front of the tabernacle.
- 8. He gave Himself on the cross. He gives Himself this very day in the Eucharist.
- 9. He loved us so much He died for us. He rose to give us new life. As He ascended into heaven He left behind the most precious gift of all—Himself!
- 10. He said, "John baptised with water but, not many days from now, you are going to be baptised with the Holy Spirit." (Ac. 1:5)

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

- 1. The Apostles were full of fear and locked themselves in the upper room.
- 2. When the Holy Spirit descended on Mary and the Apostles, what joy for Mary's heart!
- 3. Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit. A great wind blew and over their heads appeared parted tongues of fire.

- 4. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues.
- 5. What joy for Mary to see the Apostles transformed from fear to fear-lessness!
- 6. Oh, Holy Spirit, come to us and fill our hearts with the fire of Your love.
- 7. Where we are full of fear, make us fearless.
- 8. We long to have the courage to do all God asks of us. Oh, Holy Spirit, give us this courage.
- 9. Holy Spirit, lead us to intimate oneness with You, the Father, the Son, and Mary.
- 10. Oh, Holy Spirit, set us on fire for love of God.

The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

- 1. Many years after Jesus' death Mary was taken up to heaven.
- 2. Imagine her delight to be forever united with her most precious Son.
- 3. Imagine her joy to be united with the Father and the Holy Spirit. She beheld the face of God.
- 4. She had lived her whole life in service of Him. Now she was taken up to her eternal dwelling place.
- 5. Mary has not left. She remains forever with us. She is wherever Jesus is. She is our spiritual Mother. She is forever by our sides. She loves us. She mothers us with such motherly love!
- 6. Who are we to have Mary as our Mother?
- 7. Mary watched it all. A young Mary, an older Mary, a sad Mary, a joyful Mary—Mary, the reflection of Christ's life!
- 8. To know Christ is to see Him through Mary's eyes, to feel Him through Mary's motherhood, to love Him through Mary's heart.
- 9. She forever intercedes for her beloved children. She cares for our every need.
- 10. Heaven is our true home.

The Coronation of Our Lady

- 1. "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rv. 12:1)
- 2. Mary was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. Our most beloved Mother now reigns in the courts of heaven!
- 3. Imagine her joy to hear the choirs of angelic voices! Imagine her joy to see the angels and saints praising God!
- 4. She—who carried the baby Jesus in her womb, who held Him in her arms, who walked by His side during the Passion, who stood under His

- cross, who held His lifeless body and watched Him locked in the tomb—was now crowned Queen of Heaven, forever to reign in the courts of heaven with her beloved Son.
- 5. If we remain faithful to the Lord until death, we too will receive a crown of life. In heaven shall be found every good.
- 6. Such treasures for us in heaven! The eye has not seen, the ear has not heard the glories that await him who serves the Lord!
- 7. Heaven is the Kingdom of God. We are His heirs.
- 8. There is no more thirsting for union with God, no more longing for Him. We will experience such intense union with Him forever.
- 9. We will never want for love again. We will know His love.
- 10. We will see the face of God and live.

Rosary Meditations

From Junior Shepherds of Christ Associate Meetings

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES NOVEMBER 2, 1995

The Agony in the Garden

- 1. Let us put ourselves in the presence of God and put aside all the distractions that are in our minds and think only of Jesus.
- 2. Kneel with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane and feel the pain that He suffered, the pain and the anguish that He suffered for all of the sins of all men for all time.
- 3. Jesus and Mary are calling us to come to Their Hearts. Their Hearts are filled with love for us.
- 4. Buckled over in pain in the garden, we cannot even imagine the anguish in the Heart of Jesus. God is Love.
- 5. Look at your world this day. See the murder of the little babies in the womb of their mothers. See how many in America have forgotten that God even exists. Our every breath and our every heartbeat depend on Him.
- 6. Out of greatest love for man, Jesus came into this world a little baby in the womb of Mary. He suffered so, all through His Passion. He loves man so much.
- 7. Think of how it is when you love someone so much and you are rejected by the person you love. Jesus loved us so much that He came into this world. He suffered all through the Passion. He gave His life on the cross. He is rejected by many of the souls that He came to save.
- 8. He is alive this day and He gives Himself to us with such love. He is treated with such indifference and such hatred.
- 9. Let us ask God for the grace to know and love Him more.
- 10. Let us pray for the youth of this world, the little children whose hearts have turned to stone at such an early age. Jesus loves them. Even in this dark world, His love is present. He is always with us.

The Scourging at the Pillar

- 1. They led Him away as a common criminal and they tied Him securely to the pillar.
- 2. They took harsh instruments and they began to beat His body with such instruments that tore His flesh.
- 3. Look as vividly as you can at the scourged body of Jesus. See Him with the big patches of skin that have been torn from His body. Think of the love that He has for us. He withstood this treatment for love of us.
- 4. He loves the children of this world. Let the little children come to Him. He wants them to come to Mass, to the Eucharist, and to be so close to Him.
- 5. We go to the Eucharist and we receive Jesus. Let us open up our hearts and tell Him how much we love Him. We need Him in this world that is so dark. We need His light to shine in our hearts and to shine in our world today.
- 6. We will be the children of light that shine in this dark world today if we live in Him.
- 7. Look into the eyes of the scourged Jesus. See His body covered with wounds and blood. See His face covered with scratches and deep wounds. As we look into His beloved, tender eyes, surrounded by the wounds, do we know a little more of His immense love that He has for us?
- 8. Mary loves the little children of this world. She wants us to come to her. She will lead us closer to her beloved Son.
- 9. It is in meditating on these Sorrowful Mysteries and thinking about the love that Jesus has for us, that we will realize more and more, how much He truly loves us.
- 10. We must come to Him and He will give us His abundant love.

The Crowning with Thorns

- 1. Jesus sat on a mock throne and they pounded into His head a sharp crown of piercing thorns.
- 2. Think of the wounds of Jesus, all over His body. Now they have wounded His most precious head. Blood ran down His face and into His eyes and into His ears.
- 3. The blood ran from His mouth from the blows they gave Him to His head.
- 4. It is hard to be in this world today. Many in the world have turned to sin.

- 5. Children are laughed at for praying and for saying grace. Many children showing kindness and being nice to each other are made fun of. God wants us to be loving.
- 6. Jesus wants us to be tender, kind, and loving. The only way to heaven is to love God and to love one another.
- 7. How cold the world is this day. In order to survive, children are being taught to be cold in their hearts. Children's prayers are so powerful. We join together as children in the Shepherds of Christ Movement. We are praying for special graces from God. We want to be closer to Him. We want to be children of the light. We want to shine in the darkness in the schools. We want to tell the children of America about the God we love.
- 8. Let us look at the crowned head of Jesus and the face covered with wounds. See His blood. Look at His body, bloodied and bruised. When we are ridiculed and treated unkindly, we must go to His Heart. We must pray for the person that is treating us with cruelty.
- 9. We have a loving Mother that is forever with us. We are never alone, not for one moment. Jesus is with us. He is guarding our ways and Mary is guarding her little children of light.

10. Song: Little Child

Jesus Carries His Cross

- 1. A good way to meditate on the Passion is to make the Stations of the Cross. As we stand at the first station, we see how the men around Jesus shouted ugly words at Jesus. They cried out, "...'Crucify him!" (Mk. 15:13) We are ridiculed today for being close to Jesus. Jesus stood. He took all the torture. He is the Almighty God. He suffered for love of us.
- 2. Jesus is God. He is love. They gave Him a heavy cross that they put on His back.
- 3. He fell to the ground. His head hit the ground. The cross was on His back. Many times we have to suffer. It is in suffering that we are drawn closer to Jesus.
- 4. See Jesus and Mary as They look into each other's faces on the way to Calvary. His eyes met her eyes. He saw her sad face covered with tears. She saw His bruised face covered with blood. Jesus and Mary love us so much. They walked this brutal walk to the Crucifixion. They walk with us today. We are never alone. They are always with us. Their Hearts are filled with love.
- 5. When we are ridiculed, let us remember how Jesus was treated.

- 6. The world tells us that we should look for pleasure. They tell us to put down our crosses. The world says we should not suffer, that we should get rid of our suffering. Jesus came and He walked the walk on the way to Calvary. It is in the sufferings that we receive greater life in Him.
- 7. Let us carry the crosses that we are given this day and offer them up to the Father. Many souls will be lost and condemned forever to hell. Jesus and Mary want us to pray very hard for all of our brothers that are suffering and in sin.
- 8. Jesus walked the way to Calvary. The women wept over Him. He said to them, "... Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for your-selves and for your children." (Lk. 23:28) Today we should weep for the children of this world, for they are suffering so much. They are not being told about how much God really loves them.
- 9. Our prayers as youth are so powerful. Our prayers in this movement are so powerful. Jesus will give us graces when we pray. Jesus loves the children. Jesus and Mary want children to pray. Mary told us at Fatima we must pray the rosary.
- 10. Let us thank Jesus for the great gift that He gives to us. He has given us a sharing in His life. He gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. We must treasure each moment that we spend with Him after Communion at Mass.

Jesus Is Crucified and Dies on the Cross

- 1. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are the Two Hearts of greatest love. Mary's heart was invisibly pierced with a sword as she watched them nail her Son's hands and feet to the cross.
- 2. Think of how it would be to have your whole body covered with wounds, and your head crowned with thorns, and then to have nails pounded all the way through your hands and your feet.
- 3. Jesus held nothing back. He spread His arms. He gave His all that we would know how much He loves us.
- 4. As He gave Himself on the cross, He gave His all. He gives Himself to us this day in the Eucharist. The Son of God comes to us and enters our bodies. He is as present as He was the day Mary carried Him in her womb.
- 5. Do we realize how much God loves us, that He gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist?

- 6. Mary stood beneath the cross and watched her Son. He died before her eyes. She saw Him covered with blood and wounded. She stands by us this day and watches us when we are ridiculed for loving God. She wants us to be the children of the light. She wants us to pray to her Spouse, the Holy Spirit. We must pray for the strength to stand up for our belief in God. So many in the world today have forgotten God exists.
- 7. At every Mass, let us pray for the grace to unite with Jesus and offer ourselves to the Father. We must try to do whatever He wants us to do. It is in doing His will that we will be happy in our lives today.
- 8. Jesus hung on the cross. His body was withered. He gave the last beat of His Heart for love of us.
- 9. His last thoughts were for us. He gave us His loving Mother. She is our Mother. She will help us to follow the way of Jesus. She will help us to get to heaven.
- 10. He gave Himself. He gives us Himself this day and He gives us His Mother to guide us on our way to everlasting happiness.

Thoughts before the Hail Holy Queen:

Mary loves us with the tenderest motherly love. Many children this day are suffering and are in sin. Some children may go to hell. Children are being taught such vileness at such an early age. We must pray as we have never prayed before for the children. Many do not know of the love of Jesus, her Son. She wants the children to pray. So many children could go to hell. At Fatima on July 13, 1917, she showed the three children a vision of hell. She told them:

You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish, in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.²²

We must realize that hell is forever. Some children are sinning and do not even care that they sin. Some children's hearts have turned to stone. She wants us, as our Mother, to pray. Children of America, we must pray. On October 13, 1917, Mary appeared to the children, and she said:

I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day.²³

Please help us circulate these rosaries to the schools. We must reach the children with the rosary and the consecration.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES NOVEMBER 19, 1995

The Resurrection of Our Lord from the Dead

- 1. Walk with the women as they walked to the tomb and feel how they felt when they saw the stone had been rolled back outside of the tomb.
- 2. Jesus told them many things, but they did not understand.
- 3. Mary Magdalene was crying. She saw a man that she thought was the gardener. It was Jesus. She was so overjoyed to see her beloved Jesus.
- 4. Jesus is alive this day and He is with us. He is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. He dwells within our hearts in a special way when we are in the state of grace.
- 5. Picture in your mind the glorified body of Jesus. See His glorified wounds. See Him, glistening in white, and surrounded in light.
- 6. Look into His face and see His love. See the light surrounding Him. See the tenderness in the face of Jesus.
- 7. In all of the struggles, in all of the darkness in the world this day, Jesus is alive. If we focus on Him, we can feel His presence within us, for He never leaves us.
- 8. Picture the body of Jesus hanging on the cross. Think about Him being locked in the tomb. On the third day He rose victorious. Death has no power over Jesus.
- 9. He came to this earth. He suffered and He died that we would share in His divine life. He came to give us His life. We become partakers in His life.
- 10. Our humanity is raised to such heights when we share in His divine life.

The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven

- 1. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave the power to baptize and to forgive sins.
- 2. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to descend upon the Apostles and to fill them with all of the courage that they needed to go out to spread the Gospel.
- 3. "Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and raising his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven." (Lk. 24:50-51)
- 4. Stand in the field below with the Apostles and the Virgin Mary and feel in your heart the excitement, the awe, the confusion to see Jesus as He ascends into the clouds.

- 5. He lives this day and He wants us to know His burning love. He came to this earth. He put on a human body because He loves us.
- 6. The Apostles were a sorry lot. They were filled with fear. They did not understand the words of Jesus. They were filled with self. They were always worrying who would be first. Jesus ascended into heaven and promised to send them the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts with the fire of God's love.
- 7. He no longer walks the earth, but this day He lives in this world in the Holy Eucharist and He is truly present. He lives in our hearts.
- 8. He tells us not to fear for He is here in our every breath and our every heartbeat. He is guarding us, for He loves us so much that He gave us His life that we would share in His divine life.
- 9. We are His apostles today. We must spread His love to this world.
- 10. We are doing His work. He wants us to be one in Him. He wants to act in us. We must put aside our selfish ways and be like Him. He wants us to give love to all.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary

- 1. The Apostles were afraid and they had locked themselves in the upper room. There was a gigantic wind. There appeared over their heads parted tongues of fire. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak.
- 2. When we are in the state of grace, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit dwell within our hearts in a very, very special way.
- 3. It is the Holy Spirit that transforms us more and more into the image and likeness of Jesus.
- 4. It is the Holy Spirit alive within us that is constantly leading us on our way to be closer and closer to God. He is in our hearts when we are in the state of grace. He wants us to tell Him of our love for Him.
- 5. The more that we tell the Holy Spirit how much we love Him, the more our hearts will burn within us for love of the Son and the Father.
- 6. Holy Spirit, alive in our hearts at this moment, how we love You. We want to be close to You. Fill us with the burning fire of God's love in our hearts.
- 7. It is in the pure and tender heart of Mary that we will love Jesus ever more. Holy Spirit, mold us in the heart of Mary to be more and more like Jesus.
- 8. The Apostles were so filled with the Holy Spirit that they went out and so many were converted. Apostles were locked in prison and they got

- out of prison singing songs of great joy, for their hearts were filled with the fire of God's love.
- 9. Let us experience the life and vibrancy of God's love within us. As Satan tempts us and tries to drag us down, let the Holy Spirit lift us up for we will be propelled by the love of God.
- 10. Song: Come Holy Spirit

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

- 1. Jesus gave to us His Mother under the cross. Mary guards us and protects us in everything that we do. She loves us with the tenderest motherly love, with a personal motherly love.
- 2. She loves us and wants to lead us to the Heart of her Son through her heart.
- 3. How close Mary is to the Heart of her Son. She lived with Him. She cared for Him. She carried Him in her womb. She gave Him His life through her milk. She watched Him as He walked His way to Calvary. She stood under the cross. She watched Him as He ascended into heaven. It is through her heart that we will know the Heart of Jesus more and more.
- 4. Mary's heart is sinless. Mary is conceived without sin. Mary loves the Father with the deepest love. She loves her Son, Jesus. She loves her Spouse, the Holy Spirit. It is in going to the heart of Mary, loving the Father, loving the Son, and loving the Holy Spirit through her heart that we join ever closer to the Almighty God.
- 5. How Mary waits for us, stands by us, stands by our beds as we sleep, as a loving Mother caring at every moment about our life in God.
- 6. We are never alone for Jesus and Mary are with us, guarding us and caring for us. She cares for her little children in this world.
- 7. The angel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the Mother of God. She always did the Father's will and she was taken into heaven. The Father has a plan for us. If we follow His will, we too will go to heaven someday.
- 8. Mary is the highest human person. In recognizing the great love that Jesus has for His Mother, we realize the love that He has for us.
- 9. He loves His Mother so much that He wants His Heart venerated next to her heart.
- 10. Mary is our spiritual Mother. She loves us more than any earthly mother.

Mary Is Crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth

- 1. Heaven may seem so far away for children in this world, but Mary wants us to always have pure hearts and always be ready to meet our Almighty God.
- 2. Do we realize, children, that one mortal sin can keep us from heaven forever and ever?
- 3. We must be ready at all times to die and we must remain in the state of grace. Sin offends God Who loves us so much.
- 4. We think that God is so far away and He is so close. We look at the sunlit day and the star filled night and we see the wonders of the Almighty God. He is present this day and in our midst.
- 5. He has all the power. Our every breath depends on Him. At any moment, we could be taken from this world. We must be ready to meet God. If we love and serve God and keep His commandments, we will be in heaven forever and ever.
- 6. At the Holy Spirit Center, in Norwood, Ohio, the beautiful stained glass windows depict Mary as she is crowned by Jesus. The Father and the Holy Spirit are close by. This is the love that the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have for Mary. Mary, a human person, is crowned Queen of Heaven and Queen of Earth. We do not realize the immense love that God has for us. We are His creatures.
- 7. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit dwell within our hearts in a very special way when we are in the state of grace.
- 8. Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, the glory that God has ready for those who love and serve Him.
- 9. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit love each other perfectly. Out of Their great love, They created man. It is so foolish to not love, for God loved man so much that He came to this earth, died, and rose that we would share in His life. No person will get out of this life without dying. It is so foolish to not be prepared to meet our Maker.
- 10. We know not the day nor the hour. We are called to purify our hearts. We must give our hearts to Jesus and Mary. Jesus loves us with the most tender love. He wants to be so close to us. We must give ourselves to Mary. Her heart is pure. We are sinners. We can get closer to God through Mary's pure heart. Jesus gave us His Mother to mother us.

Thoughts before the Hail Holy Queen:

Mary will teach us the way to love. She will help us love the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We must open our hearts to love. We must love God and one another.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES NOVEMBER 30, 1995

The Annunciation

- 1. Jesus loves us with a Heart that is filled with burning love. See the picture of Jesus with His white tunic and red robe and the children under His feet. He loves to teach the children about His love. He wants the children close to His Heart. The Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and asked Mary to be the Mother of God.
- 2. This is a mystery that the Almighty God came to this earth and was conceived in the womb of a human person. Let us think about this.
- 3. The sin of Adam and Eve was passed on to all people for they were our first parents. The Blessed Virgin Mary was born sinless. Jesus was incarnate in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. The Baby Jesus was formed in the womb of His Mother. We are formed in the spiritual womb of our Mother Mary. We must pray to the Holy Spirit to change us into the image and likeness of God.
- 5. As we mature in our spirituality, we become more and more like God. We were created by the Father in His own image and likeness.
- 6. The Child Jesus grew within the womb of Mary. How graced was the womb of Mary? We say in each Hail Mary, "Hail Mary, full of grace." Within her womb, she carried the Son of God.
- 7. If we looked at Mary and we saw Mary carrying the Child Jesus in her womb, we would just be in awe. But Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist and we carry this presence within us. He is no less present when we receive Him in the Eucharist than He was in the womb of the Virgin Mary.
- 8. He says to us, "Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart," (Mt. 11:29) God came to this earth in the womb of the Virgin Mary and He remains with us this day in the Holy Eucharist. He gives Himself to us.
- 9. When we are in the state of grace, He remains with us in His divinity. He lives in our hearts.
- 10. Meditate on the Child Jesus being formed within the womb of Mary through the Holy Spirit and think of His Sacred Heart being formed within her womb.

The Visitation

1. Jesus is a Person and He is alive this day. He wants to be so close to us. He loves us so much. When we are in the state of grace, He lives in our hearts in a very special way.

- 2. When we are in the state of grace, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit live within our hearts.
- 3. Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. When she arrived, the child in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy at the presence of Jesus within Mary's womb.
- 4. Should we not leap for joy when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion? He is truly present in His divinity and humanity? He is no less present than when Mary carried Him in her womb.
- 5. There was such intimacy between Mary and the Child Jesus for Their Hearts both beat in the body of the Virgin Mary. Jesus wants such oneness with us. He wants to be so close to us that all of our actions are performed in union with Him.
- 6. Carry His presence in your heart with such joy for we are never alone. The Almighty God is in us, longing and waiting for us to talk to Him.
- 7. Do we realize that Jesus is not far off, that Jesus is a Person, that He is with us, that He is alive, and that He is longing for our love?
- 8. When we go to Mass, let us meditate on the mystery of God's love for us, that He gave His only Son. He came into this world in the womb of the Virgin Mary, a human person.
- 9. Let us meditate on the mystery that God took on flesh.
- 10. We are human persons. He elevates us to such heights. Through Baptism, He allows us to share in His divine life. Let us treasure all the gifts that He gives to us. He gives us the gift of grace which is the sharing in His divine life.

The Birth of the Child Jesus in the Stable in Bethlehem

- 1. Joseph traveled from house to house to find a place for the Child Jesus and the Virgin Mary. There was not room for them. Jesus was born in a little stable in the town of Bethlehem.
- 2. This day Jesus is rejected by so many of the hearts that He loves so much. He stands at the door of our hearts and He knocks. He wants to be so close to us and so many send Him away.
- 3. But He waits, and waits, and waits for He wants us to be with Him forever in heaven. Some of His beloved souls ignore Him their whole lives. He still waits because He loves each soul so personally.
- 4. If we meditate on this mystery, we see the Child Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger surrounded by cows and sheep. This is the Son of God. He does not come adorned in gold and silver, but He comes in such poverty.

- 5. He comes and He is laid on wood in Bethlehem and He dies on a bare wood cross.
- 6. How tenderly He loves each one of us and wants us to talk to Him all through the day.
- 7. Many mothers abandon their children through abortion in this world today. Jesus promises us that He will never abandon us. "Can a woman forget her baby...Even if these were to forget, I shall not forget you." (Is. 49:15)
- 8. Let us meditate on the presence of the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit dwelling within our hearts at this moment. Think of God within us.
- 9. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit. We must talk to Him and tell Him of our love. The more we pray to the Holy Spirit, the more our hearts will burn with the love of God.
- 10. The gift to this world from the Father is the gift of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

- 1. Jesus was taken to the temple by Mary and Joseph to be presented to the Father.
- 2. They brought an offering of two turtle doves. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sacrificed on Calvary to the Father. This sacrifice is sacramentally made present at every Mass. What a great gift that the sacrifice of Calvary is sacramentally made present at every moment all over the world. We should unite to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and offer this sacrifice to the Father, for this is the most powerful prayer that we can offer to our Father.
- 3. The Holy Spirit led the old man, Simeon, to the Temple and he took the child in his arms and he said, "Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed—" (Lk. 2:34)
- 4. And he told Mary that, "...a sword will pierce your soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." (Lk. 2:35)
- 5. Mary, from this point on, had a constant ache in her heart for she knew of the sufferings to come. She knew that many would be saved through the life of her Son.
- 6. It is through His Son that the Father gives us a sharing in His divine life.
- 7. It is through His Heart that the sacramental life of the Church is formed.
- 8. Jesus' Heart was pierced with a lance and what came forth was blood and water. Water is a symbol of Baptism, which gives our sharing in His life. Blood is the symbol of the Eucharist where by we are fed.

- 9. We are given life and we sustain our lives here through our food. We are given a sharing in His divine life in Baptism. We are fed through His Body and Blood. We are given a greater sharing in His life in the sacraments.
- 10. Jesus gives us Himself in the Eucharist to feed the life in our souls.

The Finding of the Lord, Jesus, in the Temple

- 1. When He was twelve years old, the Child Jesus was taken up to the Temple by Mary and Joseph for the feast of the Passover.
- 2. When it was over, Mary and Joseph left with the caravan not realizing that Jesus had been left behind.
- 3. When they realized that Jesus was not with them, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. Their hearts were in such sorrow for they longed to find the Child Jesus.
- 4. After searching for Him several days, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was speaking to the doctors and Mary said to Him, "...'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'" (Lk. 2:48)
- 5. He told her that He had to be about His Father's business.
- 6. Think of the Child Jesus living as a normal little child with Joseph and Mary. Jesus is the Son of God. He humbled Himself. He walked the earth and He lived and grew as a little boy.
- 7. It is so powerful to pray to the little Child Jesus especially for health.
- 8. There is such suffering and so many illnesses in our world today, spiritual illnesses. We pray to You, little Child Jesus, to come and to heal this world with the gift of Your divine love.
- 9. We pray to You, little Child Jesus, to help us to feel Your tender love in our hearts and to know and love You more, to give our love to You freely, and to receive Your love in our hearts, that we may share this love with others in this world.
- 10. Many in this world today have lost their way. They have wandered far from their source, which is God. God controls their very breath. Let us pray with all our hearts for our brothers that have wandered from the source, which is God. Let us pray that they will receive a grace, cooperate with the grace, and return to the burning Heart of Jesus. He will bathe them in His tender love.

Let us focus on the presence of Jesus with us and realize that we are never alone. He is a Person that is waiting and longing for us to talk to Him, far more than we realize. He truly listens and cares for our every need.

During this season let us see the Child Jesus in the crib. Let us see the star above His bed. He is the Almighty God. We must stay close to Him. We realize that He is within us. He has all the power. He is with us in our struggles and trials. He is as close as our breath and our heartbeat. He wants to help us. He wants to love us and care for us. When we go to the Eucharist, let us thank Him for the great gift of Himself and outpour our love to Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES DECEMBER 7, 1995

The Angel Gabriel Comes to Mary

- 1. Today is the eve of the Immaculate Conception. Mary was sinless. She conceived of the Child Jesus. It makes sense that God would come into a virgin that was without sin.
- 2. Eve was the first mother of the living. She sinned and now Mary conceives of the Child Jesus. She is the spiritual Mother of all the living.
- 3. The angel said, "...'Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you.'" (Lk. 1:28)
- 4. The angel asked Mary to be the Mother of God and Mary complied. She always did the Father's will. "... "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God." (Lk. 1:35) "Mary said, "You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her." (Lk. 1:38)
- 5. The Father created us and has such a plan for each one of our lives. It is in living according to the way the Father wants us to live that we will be happy.
- 6. Mary wants us to make reparation to her heart:

During her appearance in July, Our Lady, in answer to Lucy's plea, promised that in October she would work a great miracle so that all might believe and know who she was. Again, the Mother of God told the children to sacrifice themselves for sinners and to say many times, especially when making a sacrifice, this prayer: "O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of poor sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." ²⁴

- 7. We tell Mary we are sorry for the disrespectful way some treat her. We tell her we love her.
- 8. Hail Mary, full of grace. She is full of grace, for she is the mother of Jesus.
- 9. The Child Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary, and His Heart was formed within her womb.
- 10. Let us ask our Mother Mary to help us.

The Visitation

- 1. Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who had also conceived of a child in her old age.
- 2. "... 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:42) This was the greeting that Elizabeth gave to Mary when Mary came to visit her.
- 3. The child within the womb of Elizabeth jumped for joy at the presence of the Almighty God and the Virgin Mary.
- 4. Who are we that God loves us so much that He came to this earth, walked the earth, suffered, and died that we would share in His life?
- 5. We are human persons. He is a Divine Person. It is through Baptism that He allows us to share in His divine life.
- 6. We are the children of God. Mary is our Mother and we have a most loving Father.
- 7. Let us forever be thankful for the visits that God gives to us through His grace.
- 8. Mary carried the Child Jesus, the Son of God, within her womb. He gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. He comes to us. He is as present in us in the Holy Eucharist as He was in Mary's womb.
- 9. Mary wants us to come to her heart. She will take us to the Heart of her Son. Jesus loves us so much.
- 10. How pure and tender is the heart of Mary. How loving, how kind she is. Dwelling in her heart, we will become more pure, more tender, more loving, and more kind. We have a mother when we are born, Mary is the Mother of our spiritual life.

The Child Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem

- 1. Dear Jesus, how tenderly we love You and thank You for coming to this earth and for giving us a sharing in Your divine life.
- 2. Jesus waits for us to come and to tell Him of our love.
- 3. We cannot imagine the beauty of our own soul when we are in the state of grace!

- 4. He looks at us and He sees the good in us. Let us always look at our brothers and see the good in them.
- 5. Think of the little baby hands and feet of Jesus in the crib. Now think of how Jesus loves us that He allowed them to hammer nails into His hands and feet.
- 6. Let us get rid of any hatred that we have toward any of our brothers.
- 7. Let us fill our hearts with such love that when we interact with others, we are loving to them.
- 8. Jesus is waiting to be so close to us. Many times, we have moments all alone. In these special moments, Jesus would like us to tell Him how much we love Him.
- 9. Song: What Child Is This
- 10. The shepherds came and they watched the Child Jesus as He lay in the manger. This is the Almighty God, the Savior of the World.

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

- 1. The Child Jesus was taken to the Temple and presented to the Father.
- 2. The old man, Simeon, was waiting to see the Child Jesus and he prophesied of the sufferings to come.
- 3. Let us pray to the Blessed Virgin and ask her to help us in everything that we do. In uniting with her tender heart, we will become closer to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. She has a pure heart. Her heart is immaculate.
- 4. Whenever we are worried, or whenever we do not feel good inside, let us pray for the grace to tell Jesus how much we love Him. We must not waste valuable moments by giving into the thoughts that trouble our hearts.
- 5. Satan tries to keep souls away from God. Mary will take us to the Heart of Christ if we pray to her.
- 6. From the prophesy of Simeon, Mary knew of the sufferings to come. From this time on, there was a constant ache in her heart.
- 7. We are being asked to pray the rosary everyday.
- 8. It is up to us to pray from our hearts, not to just say words. We must pray with our whole heart, our whole soul, and our whole being.
- 9. Lord Jesus, little Jesus that was held in the arms of the Virgin Mary, watch over us in every breath that we take.
- 10. Jesus wants us to go to our beloved Mother for love and protection.

The Finding in the Temple

1. When He was a little baby, the Child Jesus was taken up to the Temple. The Child Jesus was also taken up to the Temple when He was twelve years old.

- 2. Not much is known about the young life of Jesus. This was the Almighty God Who came to this earth and walked the earth as a little boy. It is important in our daily lives to live our lives and be rooted in God.
- 3. Mary and Joseph went ahead and the Child Jesus was left behind. When Mary and Joseph realized this, they returned to Jerusalem with their hearts sorrowing in search of the Child Jesus.
- 4. They found Him among the doctors and He was teaching them. They were astonished at His wisdom and His answers.
- 5. Let us ask the Child Jesus for all of those things that we hold dear to our hearts, for the Child Jesus will help us.
- 6. Mary's heart was torn under the cross for she knew of how many of her precious children would lose their souls for their sins.
- 7. Let us pray for this world today, for the sufferings and pain, and for the little lost children of the Virgin Mary.
- 8. We are the lights that shine in the dark world.
- 9. Let us light up the earth with the fire of God's love.
- 10. Hail Mary...

JOYFUL MYSTERIES DECEMBER 28, 1995

The Annunciation

- 1. The Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and asked Mary to be the Mother of God.
- 2. God came into this world and was born in the womb of a human person.
- 3. Mary said "yes" to the angel. She always complied to the will of the Father.
- 4. Mary was made the Mother of God. Under the cross, Jesus gave us His Mother. She is our Mother this day. As our heavenly Mother, she wants to lead us closer and closer to the Almighty God.
- 5. Mary wants us to ask her for her protection. She wants to take care of us. She is our spiritual Mother. We ask Mary, our Mother, to put her protective mantel over us now and to protect us from all of the evil influences that are in our world that lead us away from her Son.

- 6. Mary always tried to please her heavenly Father. The Father will tell us more about Himself, the more that we go to Him as a little child. We are dependent on Him for all of our needs.
- 7. We see all through the lives of Jesus and Mary how They surrendered to the will of God. As we let go and let God operate in our lives, we will have peace.
- 8. We try so hard so many times. It becomes difficult. We feel like saying, "What is the use?" Jesus is close to us even though we do not feel Him close to us. He is there in the most difficult battle.
- 9. Jesus wants us to go to His Heart. I envision myself going into the red glowing chamber of His Heart through His pierced wound.
- 10. Sometimes we feel discouraged. We see things in this world that are so ugly. We are so busy. We have so much school work. If we ask God, He will help us with all that we have to do.

The Visitation

- 1. Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. How many times we wish this day that we would see Mary, that we would see Jesus. He is here with us. He is alive even though we do not see Him. He is present and He is with us. It is in our faith that we will know Him more and more.
- 2. During this rosary, let us ask to know more about His life and His Mother's life.
- 3. Mary said, "...My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit *rejoices in God my Savior;*" (Lk. 1:46-47) Let us have hearts of great joy, for He is with us at this moment.
- 4. Mary said, "for the Almighty has done great things for me. *Holy is his name*," (Lk. 1:49) The Almighty has done great things to us. When we were baptized, we received a share in His divine life.
- 5. We are human and God raises our nature to a higher level as we share in His divine life.
- 6. Let us go to the tabernacle and visit with Jesus. He gives us an abundant sharing in His divine life.
- 7. The world sells video games that are so violent and so exciting. Jesus comes and gives to us His peace and His love. This is what our hearts crave the love of the Almighty God. We do not need extra excitement to feel good. It is the peace and love of Jesus that satisfies our souls.
- 8. We see Mary visiting her cousin, Elizabeth, and there is such joy.
- 9. The world is sick in many of its ways this day. We need to go to Jesus and to the interior calmness of our hearts. We need to encounter Jesus and to be close to Him. God is the source of life.

10. It is important to interact with others and visit with others. But we must have a quiet place in which we go and talk to Jesus.

The Birth of Jesus

- 1. When we follow Jesus in this world today, many times, we will be rejected. At birth, Jesus was rejected. There was not a place for Him to lay His head. He was born in a stable.
- 2. We carry out the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in our lives. When we feel rejected by others, we must remember how Jesus was rejected. He is allowing us to share in His suffering and to know Him more deeply.
- 3. God so loved this world that He sent His only begotten Son. Jesus came into this world in a human baby body. The Almighty God enters this world in a little body out of greatest love for man.
- 4. Many times we feel frightened and we do not know whom to turn to. Jesus wants us to go to a quiet room and to talk to Him about our problems. He never leaves us. He is always with us.
- 5. Jesus came into this world in such poverty and was laid in a little manger in a stable. If we meditate on Jesus in the stable and lying in the manger, we will realize more His love for us. God comes in such poverty and such humbleness into our world.
- 6. We realize how much God loves His creatures, that He comes in the womb of a human person, the Virgin Mary.
- 7. Do we realize that God has all the power, that He is magnificent, that He is Almighty, that He created all that exists in this world? Do we realize that He gives life to every baby that comes into this world and that He created all the trees and all the stars in the sky? This Almighty God loved us so much that He came into this world as a little helpless baby.
- 8. Mary loves us more than any earthly mother loves her children and she wants to have a personal relationship with us. She wants us to know how she cares for everything that we are doing and that she wants us to talk to her and know that she is forever by our sides.
- 9. Life seems so hard many times. It is then, as always, that we must go to Jesus. He is so close to us in our struggles.
- 10. We should think of Jesus telling us how much He loves us. Jesus loves each one of us individually. He loves us more than any person on this earth could love us. Jesus loves us so much that He came into this world and He died for us on the cross. We should think about this often.

The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

- 1. Jesus was taken to the Temple and was presented to His Father by Joseph and Mary.
- 2. While they were there, the prophet Simeon, moved by the Holy Spirit, came to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and he told them that "Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed—" (Lk. 2:34)
- 3. He told Mary that "and a sword will pierce your soul too—so the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." (Lk. 2:35)
- 4. Mary wants all her little children to go to heaven someday and to be united with the Almighty God. She wants them to be so close to Him.
- 5. Mary's heart was invisibly pierced with the sword. Mary, with her pure heart, is capable of great love. She loves her children more than any earthly mother can.
- 6. Mary is the Mother of our spiritual life.
- 7. Mary is disrespected so much in this world today. She is looked down upon. How can we not love the Mother of God? She was conceived without sin. She conceived of the Child Jesus. She is a virgin.
- 8. Mary wants us to tell her how much we love her and to comfort her heart for all of the ugly things that people say about her. God wants us to respect Mary.
- 9. Many people make fun of her pictures and her statues and laugh at her. She is Mary Immaculate, conceived without sin. She is ridiculed and made fun of. Let us tell Mary that we love her. This will comfort her aching heart.
- 10. We see statues of Mary with her heart surrounded by thorns. These thorns are from the nasty things that are said about our Mother and the Mother of God.

Jesus Is Found in the Temple

- 1. Jesus, when He was twelve years old, was taken to the Temple for the feast of the Passover. Mary and Joseph left on the caravan and Jesus was left behind.
- 2. Jesus was lost in the Temple and Mary and Joseph searched for Him with their hearts sorrowing.
- 3. There are many little children in this world today that are lost. They have wandered far from her Son Jesus. Mary wants us to pray for all the little children in this world.

- 4. She wants us to pray the rosary. We are her little children. We learn about the lives of Jesus and Mary as we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary. We can model our actions after Their actions.
- 5. Do we model our lives after our Mother Mary? Do we act with this gentleness, with this purity and kindness? Do we act like Jesus? Jesus came to this earth to save us from our sins and to show us the way to live.
- 6. We must always try to act like Jesus. We must be kind. We must talk lovingly to each other. When people look at us, do they see that Jesus lives within our hearts?
- 7. The Father has a plan for each one of us. He created each one of us, His special children, with talents that only we have. It is in living according to His plan that we will be the happiest little children.
- 8. What is most pleasing to Him is when we surrender and try to do what He is asking us to do.
- 9. Jesus paid the price for our sins. God loves us so much and wants us to be happy and to be close to Him, to live in love with Him and with each other.
- 10. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with the fire of God's love, that we may know more and more His burning love for us.

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The Agony in the Garden

- 1. In this rosary, let us open our hearts and pray to be close to Jesus. Let us meditate on His presence, deep within our hearts.
- 2. Jesus knew that the time would come when He would suffer and die. He knelt in the garden and He saw before Him all of the sufferings that He would undergo.
- 3. Jesus suffered for all the sins of all men, all the men that lived before Him and all the men that lived after Him.
- 4. Jesus came to this earth that all men would be with Him someday in heaven. He died because He loves us so much.
- 5. Jesus comes with a kind and generous Heart. His Heart is a heart of deep love.
- 6. Many hearts in today's world are very cold. We go into the world, we go to school, and we see how hard some men's hearts are. Jesus' way is the way of love.

- 7. He remains with us this day truly present in the Holy Eucharist. This is how much He loves us.
- 8. He is a Person. He wants to be so close to us. He wants us to realize that He is with us every single second, every single minute, and He wants us to talk to Him all through the day.
- 9. As we walk with Him in His Passion, we see Jesus as He suffered. We too will have sufferings in our lives, but as we suffer, we will grow more and more in our love relationship with Jesus.
- 10. The world tells us that we should not have any problems. But Jesus comes and shows us the way. He suffered and He died. We, too, will have sufferings in our lives. His way is the way of the cross.

Jesus Is Scourged at the Pillar

- 1. Jesus is with us at every second. He wants us to put our trust in Him whenever we are afraid or worried, to talk to Him, and not to be afraid.
- 2. They seized Jesus. They tied Him to the pillar and they began to beat His body.
- 3. It is in thinking about how Jesus suffered that we realize how much He loves us.
- 4. He wants us to think about His Passion. He loves us so much.
- 5. Jesus wants us to tell Him how much we love Him. As we meditate on these mysteries of His life, we see His love for us. We should tell Him how we love Him.
- 6. Jesus is God. He loves us more than any human person can love us.
- 7. The Father created us to long for God and to need the love of God. God alone fills the longing in our hearts for God. We must go to Him.
- 8. The greatest act we can do on this earth is the act of loving God. God created us to know, love, and serve Him.
- 9. It is very confusing to live in this world today. Many times we hear the name of Jesus used in vain. His light will shine to the rest of the world through us.
- 10. If we ask Jesus, He will give us grace to be closer to Him. We can ask for grace to love Him more. It is an honor to be a member of the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates for we give our hearts to Jesus and Mary.

The Crowning with Thorns

- 1. It is very difficult to be with others when they are being unloving.
- 2. Jesus calls us to model our lives after Him, to act as He would act. We should always pray to the Holy Spirit to transform us more and more to be like Jesus.

- 3. Jesus shows us that love is giving. Love is not selfish. Love is giving to the other.
- 4. It is hard many times to be like Jesus. This is especially hard when others are being so cruel to us.
- 5. Jesus never leaves us. He knows our every thought. He knows all the feelings in our hearts. He knows when others persecute us and say nasty things to us. He wants us to know that He is always with us and guarding us.
- 6. The world seems heartless many times. Jesus comes as the Sacred Heart and He points to His most Sacred Heart. His Heart is filled with burning love for us.
- 7. We look at Jesus and see His head crowned with thorns and His face covered with blood. We know that He loves us so much. He allowed them to pound the thorns into His precious head.
- 8. They spit on Him. They ridiculed Him. He took it all. He loved those who did this to Him.
- 9. Jesus wants us to love each other. He came to show us how to love. His way was always giving to others.
- 10. To His death on the cross, He gave Himself as a sacrifice for love of us. Jesus Carries His Cross
 - 1. Jesus' Heart is of burning love. Jesus is all good and all perfect. They stood around Him and they shouted, "...'Crucify him!'" (Mk. 15:13)
 - 2. They gave a heavy cross to Him. They put it on His back. He could hardly move ahead with the weight of the cross bearing down on Him.
 - 3. They poked at Him to make Him move faster. The weight of the cross was so heavy that He fell to the ground.
 - 4. Jesus is always with us. Sometimes our lives are difficult. He is there. He wants us to take the time to tell Him how much we love Him.
 - 5. Rather than complain and grumble about our lives, He wants us to tell Him how much we love Him. He is waiting for us to tell Him of our love.
 - 6. He walked with the cross on His back. His eyes met the eyes of His loving Mother. In that look, there was so much love between Jesus and His Mother.
 - 7. Mary saw His face covered with blood. She saw Him fall to the ground. When we are suffering, Mary is watching us and loving us as she loved her Son.
 - 8. In all of our trials and in all of our joys, our Mother Mary walks by our sides as she walked by the side of Jesus while He carried His cross.

- 9. Mary loves each one of us with a most personal love. She loves each of us as her little child.
- 10. Jesus fell to the ground two more times. His loving Mother was by His side. She could not even lift her arm to help Him. She walks by us as we struggle. Even though we do not feel her by us, she is helping us and guiding us. She wants us to turn to her.

Jesus Is Crucified and Dies on the Cross

- 1. Jesus is the Almighty God. At any moment, He could have stopped all the abuse that was given to Him.
- 2. They took big gigantic nails and pounded them into the hands of Jesus. They went all the way through His hand to the wooden cross.
- 3. They pounded a nail through His feet, all the way through His entire foot. Think of the pain all over His body. His hands and feet were nailed to the cross.
- 4. He died on the cross that we would share in His life.
- 5. He gave Himself for love of us.
- 6. He gives Himself to us today in the Eucharist. He is as present as the day He walked the earth. He is neglected by so many that He loves.
- 7. He loves us and He wants us to love Him.
- 8. At Communion, Jesus wants us to tell Him how much we love Him.
- 9. His Heart is offended by our sins and the sins of men. He wants us to tell Him that we are sorry for our sins and sorry for all the sins of the world. Communion is a good time to help make reparation to God for our sins and the sins of all the world.
- 10. He gave Himself that we would have life. He asks us to love Him with our whole heart, with our whole soul, and our whole being.

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The Agony in the Garden

- 1. Put yourself in the presence of the Almighty God Who is truly present and in this room. Jesus is longing for us to love Him from our hearts. Make this rosary an act of love to Jesus.
- 2. We do not realize how tenderly Jesus loves us. He waits and longs for us to come to be with Him. He wants us to tell Him how much we love Him.

- 3. The world is so busy this day. So few people talk about Jesus. He is with us and He is alive.
- 4. Think about His Passion. Think about Jesus kneeling in the garden alone. Think about the torture and the sufferings that He would undergo. When we think about these things, we realize more fully His love for us. He loved us so much that He gave His life for us.
- 5. He wants the little children to come and to pray. Mary calls her little children to come to His Heart. She wants them to know His love.
- 6. He felt agony in His Heart. For all time He would be rejected and treated so coldly by so many.
- 7. He asked His Apostles to wait with Him and they fell asleep. How many of us today fall asleep when Jesus asks us to pray and be with Him?
- 8. Jesus wants us to spend time talking to Him all through the day.
- 9. Jesus' agony was so great that He sweat blood in the garden.
- 10. We were created to know, love, and serve God. The greatest act that we can do on this earth is to love God.

The Scourging at the Pillar

- 1. They took Jesus away and they tied Him to a pillar.
- 2. They began to beat His precious flesh and Jesus bled.
- 3. Think of how it would be to stand by and watch a man be beaten.
- 4. Think of how it would be to stand by and to watch your best friend beaten and bloodied before your very eyes.
- 5. Think of how it would be to watch as your best friend was beaten for your own offenses.
- 6. Jesus, the Son of God, allowed Himself to be beaten for our sins. He could have at any moment stopped His attackers for He was God.
- 7. Jesus wants us to meditate on His Passion. It is in meditating on His Passion we know more how much He loves us.
- 8. He loves us so much.
- 9. Do you have a friend that would give his life for you, that would stand in and allow himself to be beaten for your offenses? Think of how much Jesus loves us, that He was willing to do this for us.
- 10. Hail Mary...

The Crowning with Thorns

- 1. Our life is very hard sometimes and we struggle. Jesus wants us to think about His life and to see Him as He suffers all through the Passion. He shows us the way, the way is to follow Jesus.
- 2. They pounded into Jesus' head sharp thorns.
- 3. Jesus is the King of all kings and they crowned Him with sharp piercing thorns.

- 4. Do we show love and respect for Jesus, the King of all kings?
- 5. Do we realize that Jesus is as present in the tabernacle as He was the day He walked this earth?
- 6. How do we treat Jesus? They spit on Jesus. Do we ever walk in front of the tabernacle and ignore Jesus? Jesus wants us to love Him and bow to Him.
- 7. We see people talking right before the tabernacle in church. Jesus is waiting for us to come and talk to Him. He is God, truly present, and longing for our love.
- 8. The King of kings sits on His throne in the tabernacle in every church. He is ignored and forgotten.
- 9. Picture the men pounding the thorns into Jesus' head and spitting on Him. We say, "How could anyone do that to Jesus?"
- 10. Jesus is truly present in the tabernacle. Look how He is treated by so many of those He loves.

Jesus Carries His Cross

- 1. Many times today we are asked to make sacrifices. We know we should be kind when others are cruel to us. If we follow Jesus, we see He loved those who persecuted Him. He loved those who crowned His head with thorns and who whipped Him at the pillar.
- 2. Jesus wants to live in us. He wants to give His love to others through us. We are giving His love to others. We must love when they persecute us.
- 3. Many surrounded Jesus. They condemned Jesus to death. We suffer persecution sometimes when we talk about Jesus and His love for all of us. We are ridiculed.
- 4. We must pray to the Holy Spirit to be strong soldiers. We must carry the cross as Jesus carried the cross. We must always act in love.
- 5. They gave Jesus a heavy cross that He carried on His back.
- 6. It was so heavy that He collapsed under the cross.
- 7. His Mother walked by His side. She saw her beloved Son fall under the cross and she was not able to help Him.
- 8. Her eyes met His eyes and she saw His face covered with blood. He saw her face, so red and filled with such sorrow.
- 9. He asks us to carry the cross today. The world tells us that we should not have struggles. Jesus shows us that the way to follow Him is to pick up our crosses. When we are carrying our crosses, we must still act lovingly.
- 10. Jesus wants the youth to pray. Jesus wants us to know about His life. He wants us to model our lives after His life. We should ask ourselves if Jesus would act as we are now acting.

A special meditation before the Glory Be:

It is hard to be a young person in the world today. Many people in the world are committing serious sins. We must pray to God to help us to know, love, and serve Him better.

Jesus fell three times under the weight of the cross.

Jesus Is Crucified and Dies on the Cross

- 1. Think of someone pounding nails into our hands and feet!
- 2. Jesus was the sacrifice offered to the Father for our sins.
- 3. He died that we could share in His life.
- 4. It is in Baptism that we become sharers in His divine life.
- 5. The price that Jesus paid for this life was the gift of Himself.
- 6. Mary stood under the cross and watched her Son give Himself for us.
- 7. Mary is deeply connected with the Eucharist. We receive Jesus. He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion. This is such a gift. God gives Himself to man.
- 8. This is a love relationship between God and man. He gives Himself to us and we give ourselves to Him.
- 9. We can trust Jesus. If we look at the crucifix, we see how much Jesus loves us. He came to this earth. He gave Himself as a sacrifice that we would share in His life.
- 10. The price He paid was His life. When we go to the Eucharist today, we should tell Him how much we love Him. When we go to the Eucharist today, we should thank Him for dying for us. We should thank Him for giving Himself to us today.

A special meditation before the Glory Be:

This is a rosary from the Hearts of Jesus and Mary given for the youth of this world.

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The Agony in the Garden

- 1. We do not know how much Jesus loves us. We know a little about love, but He is love. The more we pray to Him, the more He will teach us about His love for us.
- 2. Think of Jesus in the garden, alone in the garden. His Apostles slept and Jesus knew all of the events about to happen, all of His suffering, and His final death on the cross.
- 3. We do not fully comprehend how much Jesus loves us. If we meditate on these Sorrowful Mysteries, we will know that He loved us so much that He died for us.
- 4. Jesus wants us to come to His Heart and to know His love.
- 5. His greatest pain was the pain He suffered to His Heart. He loves each and every soul so much. He is treated with such neglect by many of those He loves.
- 6. We are human. He is divine and human. We do not understand the mind of God. He reveals Himself to us. We then understand more fully the mystery of God's love.
- 7. He knelt in the garden. He asked the Apostles to be with Him in this final hour before they took Him away to be scourged and put to death.
- 8. The angel appeared and showed Him the cup. He drank of the cup. He gave His life that we would share in His life and be with Him forever in heaven.
- 9. He is the Almighty God. He loves us so much. He gave Himself.
- 10. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to help us to know more the fire of God's love.

A special meditation before the Glory Be:

We were created with a soul. His love feeds the soul.

The Scourging at the Pillar

- 1. Heart of Jesus so wounded by the sins of men, enlighten us so that we may see our sins and be sorry for them.
- 2. Many times we excuse ourselves when we have been wrong. Every time that we do not tell Jesus that we are sorry, we go further and further from Him.

- 3. He knows that we are weak and that we sin. He asks us to come to Him with a heart that is sorry. He will forgive us for our sins.
- 4. Jesus was tied to the pillar and beaten by angry men that were full of hatred in their hearts.
- 5. We think, "The men who beat Jesus must have had hard hearts!"
- 6. Jesus wants us to have a heart of love. The devil gets into our hearts with little sins. Little sins, he tempts us to commit and we know are wrong. If we sin, many times we do not ask Jesus to forgive us.
- 7. The world tells us that many times love is only receiving. Jesus comes with a kind and generous Heart and teaches us the true meaning of love.
- 8. We see Jesus tied to the pillar, beaten raw from the hatred in the hearts of men. We see that Jesus gave Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of men.
- 9. He teaches us that love is giving. The world, many times, tells us that we should fill ourselves with pleasures to make us happy. Jesus tells us that to be happy we must love. We must give love to others.
- 10. Hail Mary...

Jesus Is Crowned with Thorns

- 1. The devil wants us to walk in darkness. He wants us to think bad thoughts of others.
- 2. The head of Jesus was crowned with thorns for the sins of men. Think of the mental anguish that Jesus suffered. He knew that many souls would go to hell even though He suffered for them.
- 3. Many souls would refuse the grace that He gives to them and continue their sinful lives.
- 4. The greatest gift that we receive is the gift of God's love. It is this love that fills the hungry heart.
- 5. Hearts are so hungry. They look for all kinds of things to satisfy them.
- 6. How many times have we wanted something and when we receive it, we are left empty inside and look for something else?
- 7. Only the love of Jesus fills the starved heart.
- 8. Jesus shows us how much He loved us by suffering the crowning to His most precious head. He is the King of all kings. They crowned Him with a crown of sharp piercing thorns.
- 9. His Heart is surrounded by thorns for the indifference of men this day.
- 10. When men are focused on self, when they are thinking only of themselves, they are not giving as He wants us to give. He is calling us to love God and love each other.

Jesus Carries His Cross

- 1. Jesus shows us how He carried His cross. He wants us to carry our crosses this day with joy.
- 2. It is hard for the youth to talk about Jesus. Many times we are laughed at by our peers. We must pray to the Holy Spirit. He will guide what we say.
- 3. God is one God in three Divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we are baptized and in the state of grace, They live within us in a special way.
- 4. Many times we feel alone, but we are never alone. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are with us in a special way if we are in the state of grace.
- 5. Mary loves her precious little children! She wants her children to know the love of her Son, Jesus.
- 6. Mary looked into the eyes of her beloved Son on the way to Calvary. She saw His head crowned with thorns and His eyes covered with blood.
- 7. Jesus wants us to think about the walk on the way to Calvary. By thinking about this walk, we will realize that He gave Himself because He loves us.
- 8. He is a personal God. He is alive this day. He wants to live in our hearts. Let us pray that we receive grace to let Him into our hearts.
- 9. Jesus carried the cross with joy. He wants us to carry our crosses with joy. The world tells us that we should fill ourselves with pleasures. Jesus tells us that we should fill our hearts with His love.
- 10. All through the day, let us walk with Jesus and Mary. We are never alone. They are with us in all of our trials and all of our joys.

A special meditation before the Glory Be:

Many times we fall. Jesus asks us to come to Him and tell Him that we love Him. We should tell Him we are sorry for offending Him with our sinful ways.

The Crucifixion of Our Lord on the Cross

- 1. See Jesus as He hangs on the cross, His hands and feet pounded with the nails.
- 2. We go our willful ways. We think that we are right. We think we should justify ourselves. Jesus, the Son of God, hangs on the cross with the most loving, kind, and humble Heart.
- 3. He calls us to offer ourselves to the Father in union with the sacrifice of Himself on the cross.
- 4. What pleases God the most is the gift of His Son, sacrificed for love of us.

- 5. We do not know the sufferings of Jesus. We do not know the sufferings of our brothers. Our brothers do not know how we suffer. Let us ask Jesus to help us to have a kind and generous heart, a heart that is like His, that we may see how to love more and more like Him.
- 6. The world tells us that we should not have problems. Jesus shows us His body as He hung on the cross. Our true peace is in doing what the Father asks us to do.
- 7. Song: I Love You Jesus
- 8. The Mass is special—we give ourselves in greatest love to Jesus.
- 9. Jesus gives Himself to us. Look how He is treated in the Holy Eucharist. He comes to us, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is the time when we can most unite with Jesus.
- 10. Let us resolve everyday to ask God to help us grow more deeply in our life and our love with Him.

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The Agony in the Garden

- 1. Let us open wide our hearts and let Jesus and Mary work in our hearts to draw us ever closer to Their Hearts. Their Hearts are filled with the greatest love for us.
- 2. This is a rosary about the love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
- 3. Let us be so close to Jesus, be with Him as He kneels in the garden. Feel the suffering within the Heart of Jesus.
- 4. Do we know how it is to love someone? Someone special? To love them so much? When they speak harsh or cruel words to us, they wound our hearts. The words wound because of our great love for them. Jesus loves us with the deepest love. In the garden, He saw before Him all of those that He loved so dearly. He felt the pain of rejection. He felt such sorrow for those He loved so much that would hate Him.
- 5. Do we know what it is like to have heartache, to be bent over, to scream out in pain? Jesus loves with the most perfect love. We see in our world today how He is treated with such indifference and such negligence. Think of how it is when you love someone so dearly. When they are cruel, their words wound. Think of how it was for Jesus Who loves per-

- fectly to know all the neglect and indifference He would receive today. It is there in the garden that He suffered so much pain to His most Sacred Heart, for His great love for men.
- 6. He appears in many pictures with His Heart surrounded with thorns. Tomorrow is First Friday. He wants us to help make reparation to His Sacred Heart on this day. He is treated with indifference and disrespect. His name is used in vain by some of those He loves.
- 7. He spread His arms and He gave His all on the cross. Jesus saw before Him all that He would suffer. His greatest agonies were not the agonies He suffered to His body but the agonies He suffered to His Heart. With the deepest love for men, He experienced so much pain to His Heart, knowing He would be rejected by some of His chosen ones.
- 8. We think, how could the Apostles have slept? Why weren't they with Jesus? Jesus waits for us today. He is as present today in the tabernacle as He was the day He was in the garden and He is forgotten. He is waiting, longing, and thirsting for us to come and to tell Him of our love for Him.
- 9. Oh Jesus, if I could see You, with eyes unveiled, in the tabernacle, I would fall to my face. You are truly the Almighty God, All-powerful, All-magnificent. I do not appreciate the great gift that I am given. You remain and are truly present here with us in the tabernacle.
- 10. The Thursday before First Friday is a very important day to Jesus. He loves for us to tell Him of our love. It was during His bitter Passion that He was comforted by the acts of love that we give to Him this day. Thursday before First Friday is a very important night to Him. Let us in this rosary, give our love to our beloved Jesus. Let us love Him with our whole heart. He gave Himself for us.

Jesus Is Scourged at the Pillar

- 1. My dear, dear Jesus, how I love You. I think of You tied to the pillar. I see Your unmarred body, and then they begin to beat You. I cry when I picture your wounded body and the deep wounds that You suffered for love of me. Help me, my dear Jesus, to not offend You. I do not wish to cause You pain. I love You, Jesus. Help me to love You more. Give me the grace to give my love to You.
- 2. Be there with Jesus as He was whipped at the pillar. Stand there. How do you feel in the pit of your stomach as you watch the men with their angry faces raise their arms and whip our beloved Jesus?
- 3. His greatest agonies were not those to His body, but to His Most Sacred Heart that suffered so much anguish.

- 4. Do you see the gash in His arm, the deep gash the men inflicted on our beloved Jesus? As you stand there by Jesus, you are unable to help Him.
- 5. It is in meditating on His Passion that we realize His immense love. He suffered for love of us.
- 6. We do not fully comprehend His love. We do not understand the mystery of God's love. Let us pray to Him to outpour greater graces, that we will understand more the mystery of God's love.
- 7. Let us thank God for all the great graces that He is giving to us continually.
- 8. We give our hearts to Jesus and Mary in the Junior Shepherds of Christ Movement. The more we do this, the greater will be our union with Him. We will go more and more deeply into His Heart. He wants us to tell Him how much we love Him.
- 9. Mary and Jesus want us to consecrate our hearts to Their Hearts. Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to You. Dear Immaculate Heart of Mary, I give my heart to you.
- 10. He calls us to love one another. If I realize that Jesus was beaten at the pillar for my brothers, how should I treat my brothers today? Jesus loves them so much, He withstood torture for them. If I realized how much Jesus loved my brothers, would I treat them differently?

Jesus Is Crowned with Thorns

- 1. When we have a problem, Jesus wants us to come to His Heart. He wants us to leave the problem with Him and tell Him of our love.
- 2. Satan tries to trick us. He gets us to think about things in our minds that keep us upset. When this happens, Jesus wants us to tell Him of our love.
- 3. Sometimes we are so focused on a problem, we do not understand how we can let go of it. But when we look at Jesus, crowned with the crown of thorns, we know how He suffered for love of us.
- 4. Many of the sufferings He allows us to endure are mental torments. Let us look at Jesus with the crown on His head and see the blood as it comes down His face. We should ask Him to help us change our thoughts. We should say, "Jesus, I love you!"
- 5. He is the King of kings. He sat on a throne and they crowned Him with a crown of sharp piercing thorns.
- 6. They clothed Him in a dirty purple robe. They put it over His open wounds and it made them burn.

- 7. They spit on Him and they hollered at Him. How Jesus suffered and how we whine when someone says the smallest thing to us. Help us, Jesus, to grow to be more like You.
- 8. He knows that we fall. He asks us to tell Him that we are sorry and that we love Him.
- 9. When I picture Jesus covered with blood and crowned with thorns, covered with a purple robe, my sufferings do not seem so great.
- 10. Kings of kings, help us to always treat You with the greatest respect of love and adoration.

Jesus Carries His Cross

- 1. They stood around Jesus. His hands were tied. The crowd hollered, "... 'Crucify him!'" (Mk. 15:13)
- 2. This is our beloved Jesus that loved us so much that He came into this world. He took on a human body and He withstood this treatment. At any moment, He could have stopped it. In compliance to the Father's will and in greatest love for us, He endured the Passion.
- 3. They gave to Him a heavy cross that they put on His back. He scarcely could move with the cross.
- 4. He fell to the ground and His chin hit the ground. Do we see Jesus on the ground when we are suffering? Do we know how He suffered for love of us? Jesus shows us the way. The way to Him is the way of the cross. For it is in enduring our crosses, that we share in His life. We share in the Pascal Mystery of death-resurrection. We suffer and we share more fully in His life.
- 5. The world tells us that we should not suffer. We see Jesus; we see Him as He walks on the way to Calvary.
- 6. Jesus' eyes are filled with blood as He looks at His Mother. Her eyes are red with tears. No expression could show the anguish she felt.
- 7. Let us look into the blood covered face of Jesus. Let us kiss His blood covered cheek and tell Him of our love. Let us see Him through the eyes of Mary. She saw Him suffer for love of us. She has come to tell us to go back to her beloved Son.
- 8. The Mother of God is most pure and holy. Let us go to her holy heart and dwell there that we may love Jesus with more tender and pure love. Oh, Immaculate Heart of Mary, we consecrate our hearts to you.
- 9. He fell and He fell again. We too fall and fall. What He wants is our love.
- 10. Let us be humble and contrite in our hearts. We must tell Jesus how sorry we are that we have offended Him and tell Him how much we love Him.

The Crucifixion

- 1. *Song:* See the Eyes that Look at Mary
- 2. Song: Little Baby Hands and Feet
- 3. The greatest act that we can perform on this earth is the act of loving God. We were created to know, love, and serve God.
- 4. The Holy Eucharist is His sacrament of greatest love. He gives Himself to us today in the Holy Eucharist.
- 5. It is a great act of intimacy when divinity unites with humanity.
- 6. Let us offer ourselves as a sacrifice to the Father in the Mass united with Jesus. This is a most pleasing sacrifice offered to the Father. Let us die to all of those things that are not like God.
- 7. We should offer everything we do everyday to the Father in the morning offering. The morning offerings are available in Appendix A of this book. Cards for adults and children are available from Shepherds of Christ Ministries. We unite all of our actions all through the day with Jesus, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being offered throughout the world. This act magnifies everything that we do.
- 8. The greatest act of love is when God gives Himself to man. I picture Him hanging on the cross. His face is covered with blood. His arms are spread wide open. This is the love that God has for us. He gave Himself as a sacrifice that we would partake in His life.
- 9. The price that He paid is His life that we would share in His divine life. How do we treasure the gift that is given to us by our beloved God?
- 10. He was taken down from the cross. His body touched the hands of His beloved Mother. His flesh touched her flesh. This was her Son and now He was lifeless in her arms. These are the Hearts of Jesus and Mary that give to us such love. As Mary walked beside Jesus all through the Passion, she walks forever by our sides in all of our sufferings. She is always taking us more and more deeply into the Heart of her Son. Let us go to the heart of Mary and dwell there that she may take us to the deepest recesses of His Heart.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES FEBRUARY 8, 1996

The Agony in the Garden

- 1. Be with Jesus in the garden. Kneel beside Him and feel the pain in His Heart.
- 2. How tenderly He loves us, that God came to this earth and gave Himself for love of us.
- 3. Jesus is a Person. He loves each one of us with a most personal love.
- 4. He is a Divine Person. He loves us more than any human person could love us.
- 5. Jesus saw before Him all His suffering.
- 6. He knew the sins of all men from all time.
- 7. Because of His great love for us and for all men, His Heart was in such pain.
- 8. He knows us more than we know and love ourselves.
- 9. He is alive this day and He lives in our hearts.
- 10. He wants us to love Him at every moment, but He is forgotten and ignored and He is God.

The Scourging at the Pillar

- 1. Jesus saw in the garden all the events that would happen and He suffered so He sweat blood.
- 2. They led Jesus away as a criminal and they tied Him to a pillar.
- 3. At any moment Jesus could have stopped the men, but because of His great love for us, He allowed them to whip Him.
- 4. Jesus did this, allowed them to whip Him. for me.
- 5. Jesus suffered immensely at the pillar.
- 6. Many times when others are cruel to us, we feel alone and very hurt.
- 7. Many times when we pray and talk about God in the world today others treat us cruelly.
- 8. God is almighty; He controls everything. Our every breath and heartbeat depend on God.
- 9. God first loved us and commands us to love Him.
- 10. The greatest commandment of all is to love God with our whole heart, our whole soul, and our whole mind.

The Crowning with Thorns

- 1. God commands us to love Him first and to love our neighbors.
- 2. He suffered for us and paid for our sins by the price of His blood.

- 3. Why are men so willful, so full of pride that they ignore the Almighty God Who gives them their very breath?
- 4. Look at Jesus, crowned with thorns, His face covered with blood. He suffered because He loves me.
- 5. God is offended by the willfulness of men today.
- 6. Whether we go to heaven or hell depends on whether we love God and love one another.
- 7. Jesus shows us how to love by giving Himself for love of us.
- 8. Jesus was crowned with thorns. He was whipped; His body was torn. He suffered this that we would share in His life and go to heaven someday.
- 9. Our life here will end soon and we will be somewhere forever and ever. Let us love God and love one another. Then we will share in the great gift He gives us, the gift of eternal life in heaven.
- 10. Think of the men that whipped Jesus and crowned Him with thorns. Think how cold their hearts were.

Our Lord Carries His Cross

- 1. They stood around Jesus and they hollered at Him, "...'Crucify him!'" (Mk. 15:13)
- 2. They gave Jesus a heavy cross. They put it on His shoulder. They made Him carry the cross.
- 3. It was so heavy that Jesus could not carry it any longer. He collapsed and fell to the ground.
- 4. He got up and tried to move. He saw the red, teared, covered face of His beloved Mother.
- 5. She looked into Jesus' tender gentle eyes covered with blood.
- 6. This was the little baby that she carried. Now she saw Him covered with blood and wounds.
- 7. Mary loves Jesus with the most tender love.
- 8. It is in going to the heart of Mary that we will learn to love our beloved Jesus.
- 9. Mary is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit.
- 10. The Holy Spirit works within the heart of Mary to make us more holy, more like our beloved Jesus.

Jesus, the Son of God, Dies on the Cross

- 1. Jesus was nailed to the cross.
- 2. Jesus hung on the cross for three hours.
- 3. His Mother, Mary, stood beneath the cross in excruciating pain. She watched her Son die.

- 4. Before He died, He gave His Mother, Mary, to us as our Mother.
- 5. Our Mother, Mary, loves us so much.
- 6. She saw Jesus hang and die on the cross. She knows the great love that Jesus has for us.
- 7. She wants to mother us. She will help us to love Jesus.
- 8. It is important that we give ourselves to her, to her motherly care.
- 9. If we want peace and joy in our lives, we must give ourselves to Mary and to her Son.
- 10. Mary said at Fatima that she wants us to give our hearts to her and to the Heart of her Son. Mary said at Fatima that she wants us to pray the rosary everyday. If we do this, we will have peace in the world.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES FEBRUARY 15, 1996

The Resurrection

- 1. See the glorified body of Jesus clothed in white and glistening.
- 2. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive this glorified body.
- 3. Jesus died to give us a sharing in His divine life.
- 4. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the Bread of Life.
- 5. We are human beings. God gives us a sharing in His life through Baptism. We share in His divine life.
- 6. It is through Baptism that we receive this sharing in His life.
- 7. Our human nature is elevated to great heights through Him.
- 8. We share in His divine life.
- 9. It is in the Eucharist that He outpours His grace which is a sharing in His life.
- 10. God is the source of all life. Our every breath and heartbeat depend on Him.

The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven

- 1. Jesus ascended into heaven and He left the Apostles to carry out His work.
- 2. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us in a very intimate way when we have been baptized and remain in the state of grace.

- 3. Who are we that God loves us so much that He lives within us?
- 4. He has given us a sharing in His divine life through the sacrament of Baptism.
- 5. Jesus ascended into heaven. He no longer walks this earth, but He lives in us.
- 6. We carry out His life in our lives.
- 7. Jesus came to this earth and He showed us how to love, how to live.
- 8. We were created by the Father in His own image and likeness.
- 9. God gives us Himself in the Eucharist to nurture and feed us.
- 10. The Eucharist is a great source of grace. His life in us is too mighty to be contained.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles

- 1. Jesus ascended into heaven, but He promised to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles.
- 2. The Apostles were afraid and locked themselves in the upper room with the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 3. The Holy Spirit came as tongues of fire over their heads.
- 4. They were filled with the fire of God's love. They were no longer afraid. Love casts out fear.
- 5. They went into this world and they told all about the burning love of God.
- 6. We must pray everyday to the Holy Spirit to fill us with the fire of God's love.
- 7. We were commissioned in Baptism to go into this world and spread the love of God. We will not be afraid if we live in the Holy Spirit.
- 8. The prayers of the youth are so powerful. As youth, we need to pray to the Holy Spirit to descend upon us that we will take God's love into the world.
- 9. The Apostles went out to preach. Thousands were converted because they were not afraid; they knew God's love.
- 10. Jesus is with us. We must not be afraid.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

- 1. Mary remained on the earth many years after Jesus died.
- 2. She was taken body and soul into heaven.
- 3. There are only two bodies in heaven, the body of Jesus and the body of Mary.

- 4. The Father is a Person, the Son is a Person, and the Holy Spirit is a Person.
- 5. God sent His only Son to this world and He took on a human body. He is a Divine Person with two natures: a human nature and a divine nature.
- 6. It is through Jesus that we know our Father.
- 7. God loves us so much and wants to give us a sharing in His divine life.
- 8. The Father is a Person; the Son is a Person; and the Holy Spirit is a Person. All three Persons love us so much.
- 9. More than any earthly human person, the Almighty God loves us with divine love.
- 10. God gives to us such gifts. He gives us His divine love. He gives us a sharing in His divine life. Look how He is treated by His beloved creatures.

Mary Is Crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth

- 1. Mary is the highest human person. Jesus shows us how much He loves Mary.
- 2. We are creatures and God is all-powerful, almighty.
- 3. Because of God's great love for Mary, a human person, she is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.
- 4. If we see how much Jesus loves His Mother, we will realize more how Jesus truly loves us. He has a place of such honor waiting for us in heaven.
- 5. These are the Glorious Mysteries. Our glory awaits us in the courts of heaven.
- 6. Jesus came and died and He rose to new life.
- 7. We will someday go to heaven. We will be with God forever and ever.
- 8. So many, today, ignore God and act as if He is not alive.
- 9. When we cut ourselves off from God, we cut ourselves off from the real source of life.
- 10. Life is not life if it is not rooted in God.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES FEBRUARY 22, 1996

The Resurrection

- 1. Let us think of Jesus as He hung on a cross. Let us see next to this picture the picture of Jesus, glorious and all white, risen from the dead.
- 2. The world tells us that we should be "happy" all the time. Jesus shows us His death and His Resurrection. Real happiness is had in doing God's will.
- 3. We have struggles in our lives, just as Jesus walked His Passion in His life. But, if we stay close to Him, we are filled with His life and we have joy.
- 4. The women went to the tomb and Jesus was gone.
- 5. Think of the mystery that Jesus died and that He rose to new life.
- 6. The more we die to the ways that are not like Jesus, the more we will rise to a greater life in Him.
- 7. He gives us Himself in the Holy Eucharist. This is the Bread of Life.
- 8. We cannot have life without Jesus. He is the source of our life.
- 9. He controls our every breath and our every heartbeat.
- 10. He fills us with His vibrant life and we are made whole.

The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven

- 1. Think about the body of Jesus ascending into heaven.
- 2. These are the Glorious Mysteries. We see Jesus rise from the dead and go into heaven, Body and Soul.
- 3. He opened the gates of heaven. Man can be with God forever in heaven.
- 4. Giving our hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary is our little heaven on earth.
- 5. Jesus ascended into heaven, but He loves us so much, He remains with us this day in the Holy Eucharist.
- 6. He is as present in the Holy Eucharist as He was the day that He walked the earth.
- 7. We are baptized and in Baptism, we share in His divine life.
- 8. Jesus no longer walks the earth. He wants to live in us.
- 9. He wants us to live lives that are like His life.
- 10. He wants us to love God and to love each other.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary

1. The Holy Spirit descended upon them and filled them with the fire of God's love.

- 2. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- 3. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us, that we act as God wants us to act.
- 4. We must constantly stay focused on God.
- 5. When we forget God, we feel empty inside.
- 6. God will fill us with such love that will show when we interact with others.
- 7. We must love God, ourselves, and others.
- 8. God wants us to manifest Him to our brothers.
- 9. Do I ask God to help me in everything I do all day?
- 10. He wants us to be dependent on Him for everything in our lives.

The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven

- 1. Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul.
- 2. Mary is with us this day. She is so close to us. She loves us more than our earthly mother.
- 3. We must go to Mary and ask her to help us in everything that we do.
- 4. We must realize that Mary walks by our sides as she walked by the side of Jesus on the way to Calvary.
- 5. Sometimes we are lonesome. If we realize that Mary is so close to us, she will help us when we are lonesome and afraid.
- 6. Mary is so close to Jesus. If we go to Mary's heart, she will take us to the Heart of her sweet, beloved Son.
- 7. Mary walked the earth and then she was taken into heaven. We, too, if we love and serve the Lord will someday be with God forever in heaven.
- 8. We must keep our eyes on heaven, for this is our true goal.
- 9. We never know when God will call us. We must always have our souls pure and white that we will go to heaven.
- 10. Our life on this earth is so short. Heaven is our true home.

Mary Is Crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth

- 1. Satan wants us to act according to this world. He wants us to go against the will of God. God calls us to follow His will with love.
- 2. Jesus entered this world because of His great love for us. We must think about how much God really loves us. God the Son loved us so much He took on a human nature.
- 3. Meditate on the body of Christ. God so loved this world that He sent His Son. Jesus followed the will of the Father. He took on human flesh.
- 4. He allowed Himself to be beaten, to be crowned with thorns, to be kicked and spit on and to die a bitter death because of His great love for us.

- 5. He did this so we would be with Him in heaven.
- 6. Mary is Queen of Heaven and Earth. She leads us closer and closer to Jesus.
- 7. Let us love Mary, our beautiful Mother, for she wants us to love her with a very special love.
- 8. We cannot comprehend how wonderful heaven is, the home that God has planned for us, if we love Him and love each other.
- 9. *Song:* Little Child Jesus wants us to be so close to Him and to tell Him that we love Him.
- 10. We must tell Jesus of our love and give Him our hearts. Let us tell Mary of our love and give Mary our hearts.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES FEBRUARY 24, 1996

The Agony in the Garden

- 1. This is a rosary from the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the youth.
- 2. Let us be quiet and focus only on our hearts. Let us think about how God loves us.
- 3. Let us go to the garden with Jesus and see Jesus as He kneels there in such pain.
- 4. Jesus is a Person. He loves us so much that He came to this earth. The Son of God came to this earth and took on a human body for love of us.
- 5. As we think of how Jesus suffered, we will know more and more how much He loves us.
- 6. Jesus knelt in the garden. His Heart was in such pain, for He knew all the men, from all time, that would neglect Him and would not even think about Him.
- 7. Jesus saw in the garden all the sufferings that He would undergo. He knew clearly everything He would suffer.
- 8. Look at Jesus in the garden, His face covered with blood. He was in such agony. He loved all of us and He would be forgotten. He sweat blood.
- 9. Do you know how it is when you love someone so much and they are cold and sometimes nasty to you? Think of how Jesus loves us and how He is so forgotten by so many today.

10. Jesus suffered such agony in His Heart for those that would neglect Him. He received such comfort from the love that we show Him today. Let us open our hearts and let Jesus touch us with His love during this rosary.

Jesus Is Scourged at the Pillar

- 1. They led Jesus away and tied Him to a pillar.
- 2. Be there with Jesus. See Him so clearly. Do you see Jesus? See Him stripped of His clothes and tied to a pillar.
- 3. Look at the faces of the angry men with their whips in their hands.
- 4. They began to beat Jesus and they whipped Him raw.
- 5. Jesus is present this day, the same as the day that He was whipped at the pillar. He loves us so much that He remains with us in the tabernacle
- 6. He waits endless hours for us to come and to be with Him in front of the tabernacle.
- 7. Do we realize that Jesus is present today in the Holy Eucharist? He is present as the day He walked the earth. He remains under the appearance of bread and wine.
- 8. Jesus wants us to look at His scourged body. He would have suffered more for love of us.
- 9. His greatest sufferings were not the sufferings He experienced to His body. His body was whipped, crowned with thorns, and hung on the cross. His greatest sufferings were to His Heart from those He loved that forget Him and do not tell Him of their love.
- 10. How He loves the youth of this world. How He loves to hear the youth tell Him that they love Him and they want to be close to Him!

Jesus Is Crowned with Thorns

- 1. God is love. Jesus is love. He asks us to love Him and to love each other.
- 2. Every act that we do toward each other should be an act of loving each other and seeing Jesus in each other.
- 3. Do we act like Jesus?
- 4. Jesus showed us the way. He shows us how He suffered in the Passion. He loved to His death.
- 5. Think of how it hurts you when someone says something cruel about you.
- 6. It is so hard sometimes to love the person that has hurt us. Jesus shows us His Passion. He shows us how He was whipped, stripped of clothes, and crowned with thorns. He shows us how He loved those men that did this to Him.

- 7. Jesus shows us His Heart crowned with thorns. When we love, many times we are rejected.
- 8. Jesus came, the Almighty God, and gave Himself. He teaches us His ways of love.
- 9. The world tells us that we should not suffer, that we should try to make ourselves always feel good. Jesus shows us that He suffered and that He died—the way to Him is through suffering.
- 10. Everyday we go through little trials. Everyday these are little sufferings. If we go to Jesus and talk to Him about these trials, we will grow more and more in our life with Jesus.

Jesus Carries His Cross

- 1. He asks us to carry the little crosses that we go through everyday. Jesus asks us to love others even though we feel suffering inside.
- 2. His message is a message of love. He shows us His Heart. Mary shows us her heart.
- 3. Their Hearts were crowned with thorns for the neglect and the indifference that man shows to God today.
- 4. Our very life depends on God. He controls our every breath.
- 5. When we were baptized, we received a sharing in God's divine life.
- 6. If we remain in the state of grace, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live within us in a special way.
- 7. All through the day, Jesus wants us to realize that He is alive in our hearts.
- 8. When we are given little crosses throughout the day, when others are cruel to us, when things do not go the way we want them to, Jesus wants us to know that He is alive in our hearts.
- 9. In all of the darkness in this world today, Jesus wants us to know His life alive inside of us.
- 10. Jesus fell under His cross and we fall too.

Jesus Is Crucified and Dies on the Cross

- 1. Jesus wants us to look at the cross and to see Him with His arms outstretched and the nails in His hands. Jesus gave His all because He loved us so much.
- 2. Jesus wants us to know that He loves us. He wants us to ask Him for forgiveness for anything that we did wrong and to continue to love Him and to love others.
- 3. He was beaten, bloodied, and crowned with thorns. He hung on a cross. His hands were nailed to the cross. His feet were nailed. His

greatest agony was not His wounds, but His aching Heart because He loves us so much and is forgotten and ignored.

- 4. We must turn to Jesus. He gave His life for us.
- 5. Jesus gives us Himself in the Holy Eucharist this day. He wants us to be so close to Him in the Holy Eucharist.
- 6. He wants us to think about receiving Holy Communion. We will be with the Person we love so much, Jesus.
- 7. As He gave Himself on the cross, He gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist.
- 8. How it delights Him to have the youth come to Communion and to love Him so fervently.
- 9. After we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, He wants us to stay after Mass and talk with Him.
- 10. During this Lent, let us open up our hearts and let Jesus give us His grace that we will grow more and more in His life.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES FEBRUARY 29, 1996

The Annunciation

- 1. Let us pray with all our hearts to our heavenly Father and thank Him for the gift of His Son.
- 2. God the Father so loved this world that He sent His only begotten Son that we may be saved and be with Him forever in heaven.
- 3. The Angel Gabriel came to Mary and asked Mary to be the Mother of God.
- 4. Mary is the highest human person. The Father chose her from all women to be the Mother of His Son.
- 5. It is in studying the life of Mary that we will know how God wants us to act.
- 6. She was conceived without sin.
- 7. We all have original sin because of the mother of all the living, Eve.
- 8. Mary was conceived without sin. She is a spotless virgin. She is so pure.
- 9. The Holy Spirit descended upon Mary. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word became flesh.
- 10. The little body of the God-made-man was formed in the womb of Mary.

The Visitation

- 1. Think that God, the Almighty God, so loved this world that He came in a womb of a human person, the Virgin Mary.
- 2. The Angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a child in her old age.
- 3. Mary, carrying the Child Jesus, made haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth.
- 4. When Mary arrived at Elizabeth's house, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she said, "'Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?'" (Lk. 1:43)
- 5. Elizabeth said that the child within her womb leapt for joy at the presence of Jesus in Mary's womb.
- 6. Do we cherish the great gift that we are given today, that Jesus lives in the Holy Eucharist?
- 7. Jesus is as present as He was in the womb of Mary.
- 8. Mary, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out the Magnificat. *Song*: My Soul Rejoices
- 9. If we would see Mary carrying the Child Jesus, we would be in awe. Jesus is in the tabernacle this very moment, as present as He was in Mary's womb.
- 10. Jesus wants us to know how much He loves us, that He remains with us in the Holy Eucharist.

A special meditation before the Glory Be:

He wants us to tell Him how much we love Him.

The Birth of Our Lord

- 1. Mary loves us and wants us to call on her. Mary is with us at every moment.
- 2. She listens to all of our prayers and wants to lead us to the love of her Son
- 3. The Child Jesus was born in a little stable in Bethlehem.
- 4. Mary is our Mother. She cares for us today.
- 5. Jesus gave us His Mother that we would go to her and that she would help us toward our goal, which is life in heaven.
- 6. Mary took such good care of Jesus. She loved Him. She loves Him with such tender love. She loves us so tenderly also.
- 7. When we love each other, we are loving Jesus.
- 8. The devil wants us to remain sorrowful inside. Mary, our Mother, walks by our sides and helps us to live in peace and joy.

- 9. There are so many forces in this world today that are against God.
- 10. We should meditate on the little helpless body of Jesus. We should think of how much He loves us that He came to this earth and He took on a human body.

The Presentation in the Temple

- 1. Joseph and Mary took the Child Jesus to the Temple.
- 2. When they arrived the old man, Simeon, greeted them. He told Joseph and Mary of the sufferings of Jesus and Mary to come.
- 3. Mary kept all these things tucked in her heart.
- 4. Let us think about the love between the Child Jesus and His beloved Mother.
- 5. Simeon told Mary, "and a sword will pierce your soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." (Lk. 2:35)
- 6. Mary walks by our sides where ever we go; we must remember that. We must remember how much she loves us.
- 7. Let us carry our crosses with such love, for it is in the cross that we are given a greater sharing in His life.
- 8. We see the love between the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The Child Jesus was carried within her womb. Now she holds Him tenderly within her arms.
- 9. Whenever we think of Mary and Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to help us to know more and more about God.
- 10. We should ask for help in praying the rosary with all our hearts.

Jesus Is Found in the Temple

- 1. Think of Mary and Joseph and what it was like for them when they realized that the Child Jesus had been left behind.
- 2. They returned to find Jesus. Their hearts were filled with sorrow.
- 3. Mary is our Mother. God is our Father. Think of how many children today are lost. They do not know their heavenly Father and Mother.
- 4. We were created to know, love, and serve God.
- 5. Jesus wants us to have a deep love relationship with Him.
- 6. How many children are lost today? They do not even know that they are lost.
- 7. We should pray for all of our brothers and sisters in the human family everyday.
- 8. Think of how it would be to live without God.
- 9. Many of Mary's children today are living without God and they are living in darkness.

10. Jesus and Mary are with us. When we interact with others, the light within us shines to the rest of the world.

A special meditation before the Glory Be:

It is important that we pray by ourselves everyday.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES MARCH 14, 1996

The Agony in the Garden

- 1. Do we know that Jesus suffered so much in the garden for love of us?
- 2. Jesus saw before Him all the sufferings that He was about to undergo.
- 3. Jesus was in so much agony, He sweat blood.
- 4. He saw all the sins of all men from all time.
- 5. He knew that He would be rejected by some of those He loved so much.
- 6. How tenderly Jesus loves each one of us.
- 7. He loved us so much that He came to this earth and took on a human body.
- 8. The Son of God loved us so much that He took on human flesh.
- 9. Jesus is alive this day and He wants us to love Him.
- 10. God created us to know, love, and serve Him.

Jesus Is Scourged at the Pillar

- 1. Jesus allowed His flesh to be beaten for love of us.
- 2. The most important thing in our lives is how we are in our hearts.
- 3. Jesus allowed His body to be beaten raw.
- 4. We must get in touch with our hearts and our souls.
- 5. Jesus' body was covered with wounds and blood, but His Heart was vibrantly filled with burning love.
- 6. They whipped and whipped Jesus and He withstood all the treatment.
- 7. His way is always love.
- 8. His greatest agonies were not the agonies that He suffered to His body, but to His Heart for all those that would reject and hate Him.
- 9. Jesus, I want to comfort You with my love. I want to make reparation for my sins and the sins of others.
- 10. Let us give Him all our love to help make up for those who hate Him.

Jesus Is Crowned with Thorns

- 1. Jesus could have stopped the treatment they gave to Him. He is all-powerful and almighty.
- 2. Jesus endured the suffering because He knew the Father wanted Him to endure it.
- 3. It is in all of the suffering that Jesus rose to new life.
- 4. Jesus allows us to suffer today and it brings us closer to Him.
- 5. Jesus loved us so much that He was beaten, crowned with thorns, and crucified on a cross for love of us.
- 6. Think of how it is when someone does something just for you. Jesus allowed Himself to be beaten, crowned with thorns, and crucified for us.
- 7. He comes and He shows us His wounded head and His face covered with blood. He asks us to give Him our love.
- 8. When we see all that He suffered for us, can we say "no" to Him and refuse to give Him our love?
- 9. Jesus is a Person Who loves us with greater love than any human person can love us.
- 10. We cannot fully understand the immensity of God's love.

Jesus Carries His Cross

- 1. The mob stood around Jesus and cried out "...'Crucify him!'" (Mk. 15:13)
- 2. They gave Him a heavy cross that they placed on His back.
- 3. His Heart was filled with such pain to be treated this way by those He loved. What sorrow to see all the men who would treat Him with such hatred when He loved them so much!
- 4. In His great pain, He looked into the eyes of His Mother and He was comforted by her deep love for Him.
- 5. We comforted Jesus during His Passion with our great love that we give to Him today.
- 6. His Mother Mary walked beside Him all through His Passion. She suffered during His Passion. When He fell to the ground, she felt the pain and watched Him.
- 7. When they poked at Him, when He bled, she felt the pain.
- 8. Mary could not lift a hand to help her Son. Her heart was filled with such agony.
- 9. Jesus was covered with wounds and blood. Mary suffered deeply within her heart.
- 10. There is such love between the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Let us be focused on the love of Their two Hearts.

Jesus Is Crucified and Dies on the Cross

- 1. Imagine what it would be like to have nails pounded into your hands against the wood cross.
- 2. Jesus spread His arms for love of us.
- 3. Jesus held nothing back. He gave His all, His blood, His flesh, His life.
- 4. He gives Himself today in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.
- 5. Graces are released at every Mass.
- 6. There is so much grace given through the Eucharist.
- 7. Jesus wants us to give Him our hearts.
- 8. Jesus loves us with such love that He gave Himself as a sacrifice on the cross.
- 9. Jesus wants to take care of us. We must give ourselves to Him.
- 10. Let us ask Him to fill our hearts with His love.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES MARCH 28, 1996

The Annunciation

- 1. God created the universe. He created the heavens. He created all men.
- 2. Adam and Eve, in their willfulness, sinned against God.
- 3. God so loved the world that He sent His only beloved Son, Incarnate, in the womb of the Virgin Mary.
- 4. Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word became flesh.
- 5. The tender little body of Jesus grew within the womb of Mary.
- 6. God, the Almighty God, came into this world and took on human flesh.
- 7. He was carried within the body of a human person.
- 8. In all His majesty and all of His greatness, He shows us His great love by taking on flesh.
- 9. We see the vast sky. We see the world. We see the stars, the sun, the moon, and all of the vegetation and we know that it is a creation of the Almighty God.
- 10. We see God in His works here, for He runs the universe and He give us our life.

The Visitation of Mary to Her Cousin, Elizabeth

- 1. Mary went with haste to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. The angel told her that she too, in her old age, was with child.
- 2. Mary always did the Father's will.
- 3. She carried the Almighty God within her body.
- 4. Mary's heart was in perfect peace. She carried the Almighty God within her.
- 5. Our life is within our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord to help us to always have peace in our hearts.
- 6. We live in this world and we interact and learn to love each other.
- 7. We go to our hearts to talk to Jesus, for it is there that He teaches us about Himself and about ourselves.
- 8. Mary carried the Child Jesus within her. Today when we receive the Eucharist, we receive the Almighty God within us, no less present than when Mary carried Him in her womb.
- 9. God is the source of all life.
- 10. We cannot ignore God for He controls our every breath and heartbeat.

The Birth of Our Lord

- 1. Dear God, we see Your magnificence and we know Your power. You came into this world, a little baby in such poverty.
- 2. Outpour Your grace to us. Help us to be thankful for the great gifts that You are giving to us.
- 3. Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem
- 4. The Almighty God, in all His majesty and might, comes into the world, in such silence and such poverty.
- 5. Look at our world today. It is noisy and boisterous. We have the message of God's love to deliver. We should shout it from the house-tops.
- 6. Holy Spirit, You filled the Virgin Mary and she conceived the Child Jesus. Fill our hearts with the fire of God's love. We will proclaim the message of God's love to this world.
- 7. He comes as a baby in a stable. Above His bed is the star that shines for all the world to see.
- 8. In the dark sky, the star shines with a light that is the brightest light, to acclaim that God is on the earth.
- 9. We are blind. God is on this earth this very day. The Almighty God is truly present in His divinity and humanity in the Eucharist. He is alive in the tabernacle waiting for us to come to adore Him.

10. What are the gods that we adore? What do we put first in our lives? The Almighty God awaits His precious ones. He is so often alone in many churches.

The Presentation

- 1. Mary and Joseph took the little Child Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Father.
- 2. Jesus came into this world a little child. He wants us to love Him with tender, sweet love.
- 3. Mary looks into the eyes of her little baby. The prophet Simeon tells Mary of the sufferings to come.
- 4. He tells Mary, "and a sword will pierce your soul too..." (Lk. 2:35)
- 5. The Son loved us so much that He came into this world, a little baby. He walked the earth. The Almighty God took on a human nature. He gave Himself as a sacrifice on the cross.
- 6. He did this for us that we would share in His life and be with Him forever in heaven.
- 7. Mary always did the will of the Father. "Mary said, 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.'..." (Lk. 1:38)
- 8. Mary suffered. She is our Mother full of love. She loves each one of us with a most personal love.
- 9. We are so willful that many of us leave God out of our lives.
- 10. Why do people leave God out of their lives?

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

- 1. Think of Jesus as a little child, living on this earth. The Almighty God, lived as a little child with Mary and Joseph. God became a little child for us.
- 2. Why are we so haughty? Why are we so prideful? The Father wants us to be little children, dependent on Him.
- 3. He created us and He keeps us alive. Why do we think that we need to be so independent?
- 4. Jesus was lost in the Temple and when Mary found Him, "He replied, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?'" (Lk. 2:49)
- 5. The Father has a plan for us. He created each one of us unique to carry out His work.
- 6. If we have strayed from Your path, Father, give us the grace to do Your work.

- 7. We may look for temporary satisfaction, little pleasures, but nothing will satisfy our hearts, but the love of God.
- 8. He is the light that fills our hearts.
- 9. Give us the grace that we will be about our Father's business.
- 10. Give us the grace that we will shout from the highest rooftop, "Jesus lives! He is God! He is with us today!"

Rosary Meditations

Advanced Meditations with Greater Content

JOYFUL MYSTERIES FEBRUARY 1, 1995

The Annunciation

- 1. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the Mother of Jesus.
- 2. Mary always complied with the will of the Father. She said, "...let it happen to me as you have said." (Lk 1:38)
- 3. Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Word became flesh.
- 4. There was always great intimacy between Jesus and His Mother. From the first moment of conception, she felt the life of Jesus, Son of God, grow within her womb.
- 5. The Child Jesus is with us this day. He is in our brothers. He is in our children. If the Child Jesus were here and we were about to hold Him, talk to Him, and be with Him, we would treat Him with such joy and such kindness! Jesus is in our brothers. Jesus is in our children. Jesus is here this day. Do we treat our brothers, our children, and one another, with the same kindness that we would the Child Jesus?
- 6. The invisible Jesus was inside of Mary's womb. He was there in His divinity and His humanity. He was God from the first moment of conception. The invisible Jesus remains with us today in the tabernacle. He is present there in His divinity and humanity. We do not see Him, but He is no less present in the tabernacle than the day Mary carried Him in her womb.
- 7. God is love! He calls us to come to Him, to be close to Him. He truly waits for us in the tabernacle. He is a prisoner awaiting those He loves, the precious souls. So many forget Him day after day. He, the Son of God, waits and waits to share His love with the precious souls that He came to this earth to save.

- 8. "He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'So, you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake, and pray not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing enough, but the human nature is weak!" (Mt. 26:40-41)
- 9. It was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary that the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was formed. Jesus took on our human nature out of great love for us.
- 10. Jesus was carried in Mary's womb. Her womb was a temple to hold the precious child. She is the Mother of God!

The Visitation

- 1. The angel had told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, had conceived a child. Mary made haste to the hill country to visit her.
- 2. Upon Mary's arrival at Elizabeth's house, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out with a loud voice, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:42)
- 3. "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?" (Lk 1:43) Usually the servant goes to the master. But Mary, with the Almighty God within her womb, went to visit Elizabeth.
- 4. Jesus waits for us this day. He is God and He waits in the tabernacle for us to come and be with Him. He comes to us in the Eucharist. He is the Almighty God and He waits for mere humans to come and share His love.
- 5. We receive so much love from God! The Father loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son into this world so that we might be saved. Jesus waits this very day for us to come and be with Him. It is out of great love that the Master waits for us.
- 6. When Mary and Jesus arrived at Elizabeth's house, the child in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy. John, who was to announce the good news that Jesus had come to this earth, even before his birth, leapt with joy in the womb of his mother at the presence of Jesus in Mary's womb.
- 7. Should we not leap for joy? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, waits for us this day, no less present than the day He was carried in Mary's womb to the home of her cousin, Elizabeth. We take His presence so lightly! We do not see, so we do not realize that God, in His humanity and divinity, is truly present in the tabernacle and waiting for us this very day.
- 8. Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out, with a loud voice, her Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!" (Lk 1:46,47)

- 9. "...because he has looked on the humiliation of his servant. Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed." (Lk 1:48)
- 10. "...for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name." (Lk. 1:49)

The Birth of Jesus

- 1. The Father bridges the gap between divinity and humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.
- 2. Jesus came into this world. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, equal in every way to the Father, came into this world as a little baby, a helpless little baby. If we realized the true majesty of God, if we saw Him in all His majesty, we could not even stand to look at Him. But Jesus, clothed in flesh, comes as a helpless little baby, born in a little crib in a stable in Bethlehem!
- 3. Do we realize the immense love that the Father has for us that He sent His only begotten Son into this world as a human in the person of Jesus Christ?
- 4. Jesus, a Divine Person, unites His human nature and His divine nature in His Person.
- 5. Who are we that God loves us so much that He would take on a human nature!
- 6. We become brothers of God!
- 7. He comes, the Son of God, in such quiet and such poverty! There is not a roll of drums or a blare of trumpets. He comes in such quiet and a star shines on Him. Is this not how it is when we receive Him in the Eucharist? We ascend the altar. There is not a roll of drums. There is not a blare of trumpets. Quietly we approach the altar and we truly receive God! He comes to us and enters our body in such love! Who are we that God remains with us this day in such love and comes to us to be so closely united to us!?
- 8. We see the consecrated Host. But within the consecrated Host is truly God, in His divinity and His humanity.
- 9. We look for those things that are visible. Are not the true treasures found in those things that are invisible? The reality is that this is God's world! We see the things in front of our face and we do not realize how the world of Jesus and Mary truly is. We do not realize how they are with us this very day. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, remains with us this day in His divinity and humanity in the Eucharist. We are surrounded by His presence in one another. He

dwells and lives in each one of us when we are in the state of grace. In every blade of grass, the life that is there comes from God. Yet we are so blind! We see so little! Holy Spirit, open up our eyes. Where we are blind, let us see. Let us see more and more the invisible world. Let us know more and more the presence of God all around us. Help us to see Jesus in each other. Help us to be more aware of Jesus Christ, Who is truly present with us in the tabernacle.

10. Open our eyes to see beyond what is visible, Lord. Holy Spirit, help us to see beyond the consecrated Host and see Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

- 1. The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die until he saw the child of God. The Holy Spirit led him into the Temple. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph came to the Temple and the old man was overjoyed at the sight of the Child Jesus. He held Him with such joy in his arms and said that now he was ready to die for he had seen God.
- 2. Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so we may see more clearly Jesus Christ, Who is with us this very day. May we see that He is God and, out of great love for each one of us, remains with us, waits for us, longs for us, and wants us to open our hearts wide so that He may enter into our hearts. Remove the blinders from our eyes, dear Holy Spirit, and lead us ever closer to intimacy with Jesus Christ, our beloved Savior.
- 3. *Song:* "Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made, to fill the hearts which Thou hast made."
- 4. Simeon told Joseph and Mary of the great sufferings that Mary and Jesus would have to undergo and he said to Mary, "...and a sword will pierce your soul too." (Lk. 2:35)
- 5. Think of how it would be for Mary to look at her small Child Jesus and know that He would experience great suffering. From this point on a sword pierced Mary's heart. Each time that she beheld her child, she remembered the prophecy of Simeon and she suffered.
- 6. How Mary suffered! The swords pierced her heart so many times through Jesus' life! The sword pierced her heart on the way to Calvary as she peered into the eyes of her beloved Son. This gaze show us the great intimacy between the Son and His Mother, that heart that knew her Son so well!

- 7. Her heart was pierced with a sword as she stood beneath His cross and watched Him suffer in such anguish for three agonizing hours. She held the precious child in her arms in the Temple when Simeon told her, "...and a sword will pierce your soul too." (Lk 2:35)
- 8. Song: See the Eyes that Look at Mary
- 9. Mary, just as you presented the Child Jesus in your arms in the Temple, tuck us into the Heart of Jesus. Present us to our loving Father so that we may be ever closer and closer to the Heart of Jesus and the Father. Lead us closer to your beloved Spouse, the Holy Spirit.
- 10. Holy Spirit, the more we unite with Mary, our Mother, transform us more and more into the image of Jesus and lead us ever closer to the Father.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

- 1. When Jesus was twelve years old, He was taken up to the Temple for the feast of Passover.
- 2. When it was over, Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem but the Child Jesus remained there.
- 3. They had gone a day's journey before they realized that the Child Jesus had been left behind.
- 4. With great sorrow in their hearts, they returned and searched for the Child Jesus.
- 5. They found Him in the Temple where He was teaching the doctors.
- 6. Jesus, as you taught the doctors in the Temple, teach us Your divine truths. Holy Spirit, open our hearts so that we may more and more receive Your gifts to know, love, and understand God so that we might grow in greater love and knowledge of our beloved God!
- 7. The Holy Spirit came upon them and filled their hearts full of wisdom, knowledge, and joy to know more and more the divine truths that the Savior came to give us. He imparts this life to us abundantly in the Eucharist whereby He feeds our life. When we come to the Eucharist, He outpours this life, this life of grace. He wants to give us His very life, His Body and His Blood, to nurture and feed our life! We stumble. We wander around and complain! This good God, Who came to this earth, was born a human, gave His flesh and blood, died for us, and rose on the third day to give us His life. He remains with us this day with His very own flesh and blood to feed this life! He gives us His Word to feed us and we take it so lightly! We imagine Him calling ever so gently in His tender voice and with His burning Heart, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,

and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) But in our blindness we turn away and we do not realize the true treasure that is here! This is the Son of God, Who remains with us this day, truly present. He is the same as the day He was in the Temple, the same as the day He hung on the cross, and the same as the day He rose from the tomb and ascended into heaven!

- 8. Song: A Song from Jesus
- 9. Dear Mary, if we ever lose our way from the Most Sacred Heart of your Son, lead us back quickly.

Song: I Love You Jesus

10. Song: Teach Me to Love with Your Heart

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES JANUARY 26, 1995

The Agony in the Garden

- 1. Be with Jesus as He kneels in the garden of Gethsemane.
- 2. Be there in the night. Hear the sounds of the night. See Jesus as He kneels in such agony. He sees before Him all the sufferings that He is about to undergo.
- 3. With greatest love for each one of us, the Father sent into this world His only-begotten Son.
- 4. Jesus took on a human nature with greatest love for each one of us. He now kneels in the garden, His Heart in such anguish. He, Who is love, sees before Him all the souls from all time who would neglect Him and treat Him so indifferently. They would treat Him so indifferently despite all His suffering and love that His most tender Heart has for each and every soul.
- 5. He saw before Him all the souls that would be condemned to eternal damnation despite the fact that He suffered and died for love of each soul.
- 6. The anguish that He suffered in the garden, the agonies that He suffered in His Most Sacred Heart, were far greater than the physical wounds that He would soon bear throughout His entire Passion. He is love, with a Heart burning for love of all souls: the souls that neglect Him, the souls that do not even think of Him, and the souls that go through their lives, have nothing to do with Jesus, and then are condemned forever and ever to the fires of hell.

- 7. Jesus remains with us this very day, the same as the day that He knelt in the garden. He remains with us in His divinity and humanity. With greatest love for each one of us, He longs, He thirsts, He waits for us to come and be with Him in front of the tabernacle.
- 8. His suffering in the garden was so great that His sweat became as great drops of blood upon the ground.
- 9. He went to the Apostles and asked them, "Had you not the strength to stay awake one hour?" (Mk. 14:37) How many times does Jesus ask us this day if we do not have one hour to spend with Him? There are twenty-four hours in a day, but how many times during the day do we say "no" to Jesus and that we are too busy? His Heart waits and waits for us. At every second, His Heart is an endless, burning furnace of love. Whether we think of Him or not, He is always ablaze, on fire for us, loving us, and waiting for us to allow Him to be our constant companion.
- 10. God, grant to us the grace to know and to love You more so that we can more fully realize that You truly are God-made-man in Jesus Christ. You come to this earth in greatest love for each one of us. You long and wait for our love. You want to give us Your love.

The Scourging at the Pillar

- 1. His Heart is on fire for each one of His precious souls. He longs for us to come and be with Him. As He suffered all through His Passion, the greatest agonies were not the agonies that He suffered to His body, the scourging at the pillar and the tearing of His flesh. The greatest agonies were those that He endured to His most tender Heart, which is a Heart of love waiting to share with each and every one of his precious souls. He calls us this day to spread His love to the world that is in pain. He calls us to be His soldiers, to spread the love of His Most Sacred Heart to the souls that are suffering and in pain. We are His mighty warriors in a world that is cold and has forgotten God. We must be strong soldiers, for this world will persecute us as they persecuted Him. He is sending us into the world, armed with hearts filled with His love, to spread His love along the highways and the byways in every corner of this earth.
- 2. They tied Him to a pillar and they beat His flesh. His once unblemished back was now an open wound. He was full of blood, but His worst agony was the agony that He endured in His Most Sacred Heart, the Heart which gives us a sharing in His divine love. This Heart is rejected by many, and is treated coldly.

- 3. He loved Judas so dearly and Judas betrayed Him with a kiss. He wants us to come to Him with hearts full of love. We must have hearts that will unite with His, that will become one with His, and that will give to this world His love for our hurting brothers. He was scourged at the pillar for love of our brothers. Listen to the blows that they gave to Him. They are the blows that He suffered for our brothers. How can we treat our brothers badly when they tore His flesh, and out of greatest love He withstood all this treatment for our beloved brothers?
- 4. He gave His all. He stood there. He was beaten. He was bruised. He was bloodied. He came to show you the way, the way to love. They persecuted Him. He loved those who persecuted Him. We must be kind in our hearts. We must give love. He is a burning furnace of endless love. His power never goes out. His love is never spent. Come to His Most Sacred Heart and He will fill your heart with endless love.
- 5. *Song:* "Lord, let me walk that last mile in Your shoes, under the weight of the wood..."
- 6. See in the dim light as He stood at the pillar. See the men with their angry faces, with hatred in their hearts, as they pound His flesh.
- 7. When they persecute us and hate us because we are not of this world, we must endure all out of greatest love. His way is always love. He came to show us the way, the way to eternal happiness. It is only in loving one another that we will merit eternal life. He asks us for two things. He asks us to love God and to love one another.
- 8. We must go to His Eucharistic Heart! It will radiate to all those that we come in contact with, for the power of the Almighty God is a power that cannot be contained. It will radiate from our beings to all those we touch.
- 9. When He walked from the pillar, the earth was marked by His bloody footprints.
- 10. As the earth was marked by His bloody footprints, I ask you to make a mark on this world, to spread to this world the love of His Most Sacred Heart.

The Crowning with Thorns

- 1. His body was battered, bruised, and bloodied. They covered Him with a dirty purple robe that they put on top of His wounds. He held a scepter and they crowned Him with a sharp crown of piercing thorns.
- 2. Do you know what it is like to get a little splinter in your hand? They pounded into Jesus' most precious head thorns that were thick and

- piercing until the blood ran down His face, into His eyes, and into His ears. His hair was matted. This was truly the King of kings, the Son of God! He was crowned with a crown of piercing thorns!
- 3. *Song:* "Only this I want, but to know the Lord, and to bear His cross, so to wear the crown He wore..."
- 4. They spit on Him and they hollered slanders at Him. He sat, as they did this to Him, in silence.
- 5. He truly came into this world, the Son of God, to show us the way. He sat in silence. Think of how we respond to those who come to us with hatred in their hearts. His way is the way of love. We must love all of our brothers as He has loved.
- 6. The Father created each and every child-so precious, so unique-with such love.
- 7. He loves us this day.
- 8. Think of how it is to love so much and to be neglected.
- 9. Pray to the Spirit to open your heart to the fire of His love.
- 10. We are blind men! We do not see the love that He outpours to us. We see little incidental things. His Heart is overflowing with divine love and with divine life. He wants to give us His life! He gives us Himself in the Eucharist. Nothing on this earth can compare to His divine love and His divine life that He wants to give to us!

The Carrying of the Cross

- 1. See Jesus with His hands tied, with a look of perfect peace on His face. See those men who are surrounding Jesus, with their sharp instruments poking at Him, with anger and hatred on their faces-such anger and hatred that they condemned Jesus to death on a cross!
- 2. They gave to Him a heavy cross that they put on His most precious shoulder. He carried the weight of the sins of the world on His back. This is the love that He has for each and every man, that He carries the cross with our sins on His back.
- 3. He is no less present in the Eucharist this day than the day He walked to Calvary with His cross on His back. "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples. 'Take it and eat,' he said, 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he handed it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mt. 26:26-28)

- 4. He peered into the eyes of His beloved Mother and she peered into His eyes. There was joy at the meeting of the eyes, but such sorrow deep within each of Their Hearts. They knew each other deeply in Their Hearts and how she had held Him and loved Him! He saw her in such suffering! He saw her face with tears. He saw His most precious Mother torn so deeply in her heart. It is the love of Their Hearts for us that has led us to this place. We must spread His love throughout the world. He would carry His cross this day for us because He loves us so dearly. God came to earth and was born a man out of greatest love for us! We do not see clearly. We do not come to His altar to receive the life that He wants to outpour to us. We are so blind! Pray for grace! Pray for His life in us, to know and love all that we do not see. We do not see because we do not come to His altar, because we do not spend time with Him!
- 5. Mary comes to lead us to His most tender Heart. He asks us to answer the call, the call of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to be joined ever closer to Their Hearts brimming over with love for each and every soul.
- 6. Jesus fell under His cross. The weight was so heavy! He did not give up His cross. He willingly carried this cross for love of us!
- 7. It is in living in the Father's will that you will be truly happy. To His very death He followed the will of the Father.
- 8. Song: See the Eyes that Look at Mary
- 9. See through the eyes of Mary. She peered into Jesus' eyes on Calvary. See through her eyes the love of her precious Son, Jesus Christ. See that He truly walked to Calvary, that He was truly scourged and crowned with thorns, and that He did it for greatest love of each of us. He calls us to come and be with Him and to spread His love to this world.
- 10. Song: Little Baby Hands and Feet

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

- 1. See the little hands of Jesus. See the little feet of Jesus as Mary holds Him as a baby. Now she stands and watches as they pound nails through His most precious hands into the cross. The anguish in her heart is so deep! "and a sword will pierce your soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." (Lk. 2:35)
- 2. Mary does not bear the wounds and the blood, as Jesus does, but Mary's heart is torn to see her beloved Son, battered, bruised and bloody, and now hanging on the cross!

- 3. Be there! The sky has turned dark as Jesus hangs for three agonizing hours on the cross. His body is humped over and He is so weak! He gives His blood. He spreads His arms. He gives His all for love of each and every one of us. He truly gives His flesh. He gives His blood because He loves us so much! He was born a human! He was born on bare wood in a stable and now He hangs on a cross!
- 4. His blood was spent so that we could inherit eternal life.
- 5. As He gave His life on the cross, so He gives us His life this day in the Eucharist!
- 6. *Song:* "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall not hunger and who believes in Me shall not thirst. No one can come to Me unless the Father beckons, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."
- 7. He gave the last beat of His Heart. He gave His last breath. He gave His all. His hands were punctured with nails. His head was pierced with thorns. He gave the inside of His body as well as the outside of His body! He asks us, in greatest love, to surrender ourselves to Him, for He truly gave His all for love of us. If He loved us so much that He gave His body, His blood, His all for each and every one of us, would He not give us from His abundance this day? He comes with such love. He is truly Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in our midst this day in the Eucharist, waiting for us to come and be with Him. He truly loves with a Heart of divine love. He truly has divine life that He outpours to each and every soul. He wants so much to share Himself with each one of us! If we come to Him, He will give us His divine love and His divine life. He loves us so dearly! We should come for His love and give this love to the world. A heart fixed on the love of God can move a mountain. We should live in the Father's will, to spread His love throughout the world. If we say "no", this world will suffer. We are His chosen ones, each and every soul. We must come, be filled with the love He pours out to us, and love our fellow men. We must love our brothers when they hate us and persecute us. We must love them as He loved those who put Him to death. We must open our hearts, rid ourselves of all impurities, and to pray to the Spirit to sanctify our hearts and clean out the debris of hatred and anger. We must come to His tabernacle with hearts that are open and pure so He can fill us with His divine love. It is in uniting with Him that He can operate from us and love this world as He so desire. This is His calling for us this day. Can we say "no"? See Him hanging on the cross. This is how He loved us!
- 8. Mary stood under the cross and she saw Her beloved Son as He took His last breath.

- 9. Jesus gave His life for each and every soul. Mary wants them to know His love. It is only in His love that we will find what our souls craves.
- 10. They gave to Mary the lifeless body of her precious Son. As she held His baby body tenderly in her arms, she, so weak, now holds His lifeless body in her arms, covered with blood.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES FEBRUARY 22, 1995

The Resurrection

- 1. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead as He had foretold. Death has no power over Him!
- 2. They had rolled the heavy stone in front of the tomb and His enemies believed that they had won. Jesus was locked in the tomb! These are truly the Glorious Mysteries for He rose triumphant on the third day!
- 3. Mary Magdalene and some of the others went to the tomb. When they arrived, they saw the stone had been rolled back.
- 4. Come Holy Spirit, fill us with the fire of Your love. Pour out to us Your divine love and Your divine life, so that we may partake more and more in this life and be raised to eternal life in heaven.
- 5. Jesus walked with two disciples on the way to Emmaus and recounted for them all the scriptures in the Old Testament from the time of Moses that referred to Him.
- 6. They did not understand that Jesus would die and then rise again. They did not recognize Him after He rose. You might think, "Oh, so blind were they! How could they not recognize Jesus?", but Jesus is in our midst this day. He is present right here with us. He is present in the tabernacle. He is present in us and in our world and the world continues to go on its way in blindness.
- 7. Take the blinders from our eyes so that we may see more and more with the vision of God. As we unite with You, lead us ever closer to the vision of God.
- 8. He gives us sufferings. He gives us trials. He allows all that happens to us to happen. It is in acceptance of all that He allows, and in focusing on Jesus, that we will have new life, new life in Him! He is forever present and forever ready to pour out to us His life in abundance. We must

- realize that the way to Him is to follow Him. He came to carry His cross. He suffered and died so He could bring us new life!
- 9. Song: I Love You Jesus
- 10. Who are we that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son into this world and His Son died on the cross for our redemption? Now He rises on the third day to bring us new life. He gives to the Apostles the power to baptize and to forgive sins. It is through Baptism that we are made children of God and heirs of heaven. We are given new life in Baptism! We are on a spiritual journey. We are reborn in Baptism as little babies on our journey. Our Mother Mary is our Spiritual Mother to lead us on our way to closer and closer union with Jesus, her beloved Son!

The Ascension

- 1. Jesus took the Apostles out to the town of Bethany, gave them His final blessing, and left them in His peace. The ways of God are the ways of peace. The more we realize the immense love that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have for us and that the three Persons are truly inside of us when we are in the state of grace, the more we then realize that no one can take away this indwelling of the Trinity within us. The more we pray and stay connected to Them, the more They lead us to peace. Peace, joy, and happiness come from the realization of the presence of God within us!
- 2. We walk this barren land not alone. We walk with the presence of the Trinity inside of us. We are temples of the Holy Spirit. It is in the realization of this divine gift that we are given that we will have peace within us. As we look at Jesus all though the Passion, the look of peace is always on His face, even though He suffers, because He knows the Father's love.
- 3. Satan tries to distract us, tries to make us think ill thoughts. It is only in trusting God, in turning over entirely to Him our wills, our lives, and our whole being, that we can have peace. It is in living in the Father's will and in doing what He calls us to do, that we will have true happiness and peace.
- 4. These are the Glorious Mysteries! Jesus truly rose from the dead! Can we even comprehend that a person Who died could rise from the dead? This alone shows the magnificence of God's might!
- 5. The glories that followed! He raised His arms and ascended upward into the clouds. The Apostles, as they looked from below, were awestruck to see Jesus go upward into the sky, into a cloud which took Him out of sight!

- 6. They who walked and talked with Jesus, who were by His side, were filled with fear. If the Apostles were fearful, then we should be gentle with ourselves when we are full of fear inside. We should realize that it was only through the power of the Spirit that they were transformed from fear to fearlessness. Almighty God can take us from the depths of doom and raise us to such immense heights, but it takes our will of surrendering to Him, of focusing on Him, of doing always the Father's will, and of living in the Father's will as children who are being obedient to their Father.
- 7. *Song:* A Song from Jesus Nothing feeds the hungry soul but the love and the life of God!
- 8. He came to give us life. He nourishes this life with the Eucharist. This is Jesus truly present in His divinity and humanity. He feeds our life through His own flesh and blood! He feeds our life in Him through the divine love that He has left with us. He feeds this life through the Church, through the sacraments. He gives us the sacrament of penance whereby all our sins can be taken away through the power of the priest. God is so good to us that He truly feeds our life in Him!
- 9. *Song:* "I Am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall not hunger. He who believes in Me shall never thirst."
- 10. He, God, lets us partake in His divine life, in His divine love, and He nourishes us with His very own flesh and blood!

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

- 1. The Apostles were full of fear and they locked themselves in the upper room. Jesus had told them that they would be baptized by the Holy Spirit.
- 2. They were locked in the upper room with the Virgin Mary. There appeared over their heads parted tongues of fire and the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Mary is the Mother of the Church. She is our Spiritual Mother. She is the Mother of Christ!
- 3. Mary is our model. She is the spouse of the Holy Spirit. It is in modeling ourselves after Mary that we become more and more like Jesus. Mary, help us to love you and to be drawn ever closer to you. Dear Spirit, please transform us in the heart of Mary into the image of Jesus so that we may be ever closer to our beloved Father.
- 4. It is through Mary's pure and tender heart that the Spirit transforms us more and more into the image of Jesus!
- 5. Dear Spirit, give us courage to go out into this world and preach the Gospel as did the Apostles, who were filled with such fearlessness. These were the same men who, out of great fear, had locked themselves in the upper room. The key is the Spirit! Transform us, Spirit, please!

- Give us the courage to do what the Father is asking us to do: to help carry the Gospel to the world and to help us to spread the love of Jesus!
- 6. Please outpour Your Spirit onto this center. Please let this Spirit dwell in us!
- 7. Let those involved in the Shepherds of Christ Ministries be filled with the Spirit so that it is the Spirit that moves in them, that draws them ever closer to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!
- 8. Transform all who are here to have the courage to carry out the plan of the Father. We are the apostles of the Sacred Heart. We go into this world to spread the love of Jesus' burning Heart. May the Spirit move in each and every soul and draw souls ever closer to the Eucharist. For the power is truly in the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!
- 9. *Song:* "Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid, to fill the hearts which Thou hast made, to fill the hearts which Thou hast made."
- 10. He gave to them the Eucharist to feed the life that He had imparted to them. The Spirit moved within their souls to lead them ever closer to the love of God so that this love could radiate from their beings and be seen in the world.

The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

- 1. Mary was taken up into heaven, Body and Soul!
- 2. She remains with us this day. She is our Spiritual Mother. She is the Mother of the Church. Jesus is alive in the Church today.
- 3. Oh, how our Mother is so much with us this very day!
- 4. Dear Mary, hold in your heart all the especially anointed priests of your Son, Jesus. Hold them in your heart and, through the Holy Spirit, lead them ever closer to the Eucharistic Heart of your Son, Jesus.
- 5. It is through the pierced Heart of your Son that the sacramental life of the Church was born-through the water, which represents Baptism, and the blood, which represents the Eucharist. We are given life and we are fed. Hold the Church and all those who minister there in your heart. Hold them ever close to you for you are their Mother. Mother the Church! Hold them so close to you! Guide them! Protect them! Lead them through your Spouse, the Holy Spirit, filled with the fire of God's love, into this world in which the Sacred Heart of Jesus will reign and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be triumphant!

- 6. Help us in the Shepherds of Christ to carry out whatever is the Father's plan for renewing the Church, for spreading the love of His Most Sacred Heart to many people in the nursing homes, in the prisons, and throughout the world. Give us the courage through the Holy Spirit to spread the love of the Two Hearts in this world that is in darkness.
- 7. Dear Mary, help the priests, your beloved priest-sons, to realize the great mission to which the Father has called them. Help them to lead the flock to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ.
- 8. Help us to be proud to be a part of your Church, to be a part of the living Body of Christ alive in this world today.
- 9. The Church is the Body of Christ. He is the head and we are the members. We are all one in this Body of Christ. Unite us ever closer with you, Mary, Mother of the Church. Lead all in the Church to the most burning love of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!
- 10. Oh no! Mary has not left! She is truly here in our midst! She is mothering us and she is mothering the Church!

The Coronation of Our Lady

- 1. "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rv. 12:1)
- 2. Mary is Queen of Heaven and Earth! The Sacred Heart of Jesus will reign and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph on this earth!
- 3. There will be an era of peace. Peace is only found in God and in doing His will. We must turn our hearts back to God, follow the Ten Commandments, do all that He is asking us to do, say we are sorry for our sins, and draw our hearts into union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- 4. We are the children of the Father! Jesus loved us so much that He gave His very life for us. We are the favored children created uniquely by the Father and He cares for us this day with great love. Lead us ever closer to union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit through the Immaculate Heart of our Mother Mary!
- 5. *Song:* "Hail, holy queen enthroned above, O Maria! Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria! Triumph, all ye Cherubim! Sing with us, ye Seraphim! Heaven and earth resound the hymn, Salve, salve, Regina!"
- 6. All souls are joined in the Church with the souls in purgatory and with the angels and saints in heaven. We are all one in His Body. Let us love God, for we are children of God. We are brothers in Christ!

- 7. Help us to see more and more the big picture. Help us to let go of little details. Help us to see more with the vision of God all that we need to see to do His work here on this earth. Help us to let go of the little daily distractions. We are His soldiers marching on a world that is Godless. Help us to realize that souls are at stake and that Mary and Jesus are calling us to be these soldiers to spread His love.
- 8. Who are we that God is so good to us?
- 9. Mary, our Queen, lead us ever closer to Jesus' Heart. Be with us as we walk with Jesus on Calvary. Be with us and lead us to everlasting life so that we may one day be united with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.
- 10. May the saints and angels guide us on our way to eternal salvation. May we know God more and more. May He outpour His love on us, His beloved ones. We are His and He loves us so much!

Rosary Meditations

Instructions for Children and Parents

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES APRIL 26, 1995

The Resurrection of Jesus

- 1. Jesus died. As had been foretold, He rose on the third day. Death has no power over Jesus!
- 2. The soldiers had rolled a gigantic stone up to the tomb where Jesus was buried. "On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering they could not find the body of the Lord Jesus." (Lk. 24:1-3) Mary Magdalene and some of the other women came to put spices on Jesus.
- 3. There were two men at the tomb and they said to the women, "... Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?" (Lk. 24:5)
- 4. Mary Magdalene was weeping. She saw a man she thought was the gardener, but it was Jesus.
- 5. Jesus appeared to His beloved Apostles and they did not recognize Him at first.
- 6. The Apostles did not understand all that Jesus had told them.
- 7. We must pray to God to open up our minds and hearts so that we may understand Him more, for He is a mystery!
- 8. He gave to the Apostles the power to baptize and to forgive sins. It is through Baptism that we are reborn into new life.
- 9. In Baptism, we were made children of God and heirs of heaven.
- 10. Let us see Jesus holding us close to His Heart.

The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

1. See Jesus as He extends His arms and goes up to heaven. See the Apostles below. They are filled with fear and confusion to see their beloved Jesus leave.

- 2. These are the Glorious Mysteries. Our hearts are filled with such immense joy to picture Jesus rise from the dead and go up into the sky! Think of this!
- 3. God is a mystery! We can meditate on this mystery of Jesus rising from the dead and of His going up to heaven. He wants us to meditate on the mysteries of His life and His Mother's life.
- 4. He wants us to live His life, death, and resurrection in our lives this day.
- 5. God the Father loved us so much that He created us in His own image and likeness. It is in meditating on the mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's lives, that we can model the way we live after Jesus and Mary.
- 6. Jesus gives us a special calling at Baptism to go out and show others His immense love and to tell others about our good God that we love so much.
- 7. Jesus has not left. He remains with us, truly present, the same as the day He walked the earth. He remains in the Eucharist in His divinity and His humanity.
- 8. Jesus loves us. When we are baptized, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit dwell inside of our hearts in a very, very special way.
- 9. Jesus loves the little children. We must bring the children and sit in front of the tabernacle. Tell the children Jesus loves them.
- 10. Jesus is waiting for us to come to the tabernacle, be with Him, and tell Him we love Him so much. He waits for us to come and to talk to Him. We must share all those things that are in our hearts with Him.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary

- 1. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. The Holy Spirit transforms us so that we are not afraid. Pray to the Holy Spirit. We must ask Him to help us to have the courage to talk about God in front of our friends.
- 2. Jesus and Mary love us so much more than any earthly person could ever love us.
- 3. The Father created each one of us! He loves us so much!
- 4. The Father gives us the special talents that we have this day. He loves us so much and wants us to use our talents to do the work of God.
- 5. The Holy Spirit is such a dear friend! We must pray to the Holy Spirit everyday for He loves us so much.
- 6. The Holy Spirit lifts our spirits. Satan is in this world and wants to keep us depressed. We must pray to the Holy Spirit to lift our hearts high and to be filled with God's love.
- 7. Jesus wants the little children to come to Him. We must bring children to church and pray with them. We must pray the rosary.

- 8. Think about the stories of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Think about how Jesus died on the cross for love of you.
- 9. *Song:* "Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid, to fill the hearts which Thou hast made, to fill the hearts which Thou hast made."
- 10. Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire with the fire of God's love!

Mary Is Taken up into Heaven, Body and Soul

- 1. Mary is our beloved Mother. She loves us so much! Jesus gave to us His very own Mother!
- 2. She loves us far more than any earthly mother could ever love us.
- 3. Her love is a personal love.
- 4. The more we realize how close our Mother really is to us, the more we will feel secure as she wraps her mantle about us and leads us ever closer to her beloved Son, Jesus.
- 5. Mary will protect us from the world; she is forever with us.
- 6. *Song:* "Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing. You reign now in splendor with Jesus, our King. Ave, ave, Maria. Ave, ave, Maria."
- 7. Jesus, when He ascended into heaven, went to prepare a place for us. The gates of heaven were opened!
- 8. Now Mary, some twenty years after Jesus' death, was taken into heaven. But Jesus and Mary are here with us this day! Jesus dwells within us and remains in the tabernacle, truly present.
- 9. We, too, will be taken up into heaven. These are the Glorious Mysteries. If we love and serve the Lord, we will be given such glory in heaven.
- 10. Let the lives of Jesus and Mary grow in your hearts. Meditate on these mysteries and learn more about Their lives. Always pray to the Spirit to lead you into deep meditation.

Mary Is Crowned Queen of Heaven

- 1. The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph! The Sacred Heart of Jesus will reign! There will be an era of peace! "But in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph...and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world." ²⁵
- 2. We will struggle. We must stay close to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
- 3. Jesus and Mary show us Their love for us.
- 4. We cannot imagine the deep and most tender love that Jesus has for us. We must pray to the Spirit to open our hearts so we feel more and more the great love that Jesus has for us.

- 5. God wants us to be with Him forever and ever in the courts of heaven. We must seek holiness. The devil goes about this earth prowling and aiming to trip men in their paths. Jesus loves us with the deepest love. Focus on the love of Jesus.
- 6. We must answer God's call to spread His love to the world. Mary called at Fatima.
- 7. We are commissioned through Baptism to go out into this world and spread the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot hold back. We must let our hearts be forever open. The love of God will flow from us and radiate from our very being.
- 8. Mary loves us with the most maternal love. She wants us to go to her heart.
- 9. Dear God, help us to be more aware of the great gifts that You are giving to us this very day. Help us to be sensitive to the grace of the Lord, our God.
- 10. *Song:* "Hail Holy Queen, enthroned above, O Maria. Hail Mother of Mercy and of Love, O Maria. Triumph all ye cherubim. Sing with us ye seraphim. Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, salve, Regina!"

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES JULY 15, 1995

The Resurrection

- 1. See the picture of Jesus as He hangs on the cross, His withered body dead on the cross. See next to this the picture of Jesus as He rose from the tomb on the third day, victorious and covered in light. See so clearly in His hands and His feet the glorified wounds of Christ. This is our beloved Savior. He came to this world to save man from his sins and to give to him His divine life. We see so clearly, in His hands and His feet, these wounds.
- 2. Jesus wants the little children to come to Him. The children should pray, pray the rosary. Children must tell other children about the love of God. Satan is pressing so hard on the youth! The youth are so open and thirsty! Older people, many times, are set in their ways. Children are young. They can hear about the love of God and change very quickly. We must reach the children and the children will carry the

- message of His love for many, many years. They will pray the rosary for the rest of their lives.
- 3. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. When she got there, the stone had been rolled back. She began to cry. While she was crying, she saw a man she thought was a gardener. It was Jesus. She recognized Jesus. She was overjoyed to see Jesus.
- 4. "... 'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.'..." (Lk. 23:34) We should always forgive our brothers. Jesus came to show us the way. Jesus forgave all those who persecuted Him. It is in loving God and loving one another that we will have peace, joy, and love within our hearts.
- 5. As we are in our hearts, so shall we be in this world. We are called to holiness. We must pray. We must let go to Jesus.
- 6. Come, give me life, abundant life. I thirst to be with Thee.
- 7. Look at the starved children of this world. See their skinny little bodies. There is such suffering in this world today. We hold back from talking about the love of God for fear of what people will think. We must speak and tell all of the love of God. It is through these rosaries that we will touch many hearts.
- 8. Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the upper room. The first time He appeared, Thomas was not with them. The second time, Thomas was with them. Thomas wanted to see the nail prints. Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn. 20:29)
- 9. We pray for faith. We ask God to help us believe, to strengthen our faith. We can ask Him to help us not to look for signs and wonders, but rather to feel the Almighty God inside, His almighty presence within us.
- 10. Jesus wants the children to come to Him. He came to this earth to give us life. He loves the little children. Their hearts are so pure and so gentle! This world is teaching many lessons that are evil. We must go out into the world and lead the little children to Jesus' Heart. He is calling us to bring the little children to Him.

The Ascension

- 1. Jesus gave the Apostles the power to baptize and to forgive sins. It is through Baptism that we are made children of God and heirs of heaven. We partake in His divine life.
- 2. He lives in the hearts of men. Today, He operates in the hearts of men. Jesus Christ came to this earth. He walked the earth, He suffered, and He died. He rose on the third day. He ascended into heaven, but He leaves behind His apostles to carry out His mission in their lives.

- 3. The Incarnation goes on this day in the Church.
- 4. We are constantly being formed in the spiritual womb or heart of the Virgin Mary to be more and more like Jesus. Dear Holy Spirit, transform us in the womb of the Virgin Mary, so that we may grow more and more in this likeness of our beloved Savior.
- 5. There are so many pure and tender hearts in the little children of this world. The children this day are being taught such vile things! How people hold back! They do not talk about the love of God with reverence. He wants us to speak to the children. People do not realize that the children need to know God's love. Many times parents pray themselves and do not talk to their children about God. He is sending us into the world. We must talk to the children about the love of God.
- 6. We are soldiers. We are mighty soldiers. We must carry the message of God's love to the youth.
- 7. See before your eyes a group of children with their hearts filled with the love of God and singing. Children's hearts are open and pure. We can turn many children's hearts to the love of God. Children have not yet turned off their hearts, not yet turned their hearts to hearts of stone. Go to the children and tell them about the love God has for them. Tell them about the Eucharist. He ascended into heaven, but He remains with us this day, in His divinity and humanity, in the Holy Eucharist. He remains in the hearts of men, who are in the state of grace, in a very, very special way. Let the little children go to Him. Do we want the world to change? We must reach the children and the priests. We are His soldiers. It is through our examples that this world will see the mighty lessons of His love.
- 8. This is our mission. We were commissioned in Baptism to carry out His life, death, and resurrection in our lives. Will we follow this calling? He is Jesus, our Savior. He is asking us to go forth to this Godless world with our banners held high and with the love of God across our chests. "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, You are my beloved Jesus." Let us shout it from the highest mountain and declare it from the rooftops. Jesus has died, He has risen, and He will come again. He is alive. He is alive. He lives this day.
- 9. We make many things so difficult! They are so simple! If we go to the scriptures, we see exactly what God is saying. If we read the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the Apostles went from town to town and many were converted. It is through our efforts to spread this love of God that many will be converted. Let our hearts be fervent and on fire for the

- love of God. We must reach the children. If we reach the children, we will reach the world.
- 10. And He raised His arms and He ascended into heaven, but He left behind the Apostles to carry out His work.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles

- 1. They were all gathered in an upper room, the Apostles and the Virgin Mary. See the Virgin Mary. She is seated above the Apostles (in the window). The Holy Spirit descends upon them in parted tongues of fire and their hearts are transformed from fear to fearlessness.
- 2. They are filled with such vibrancy and fire that they go out into the world to preach the Gospel message, the message of the love of God.
- 3. Let us meditate on the mystery of God's love. Let us put aside all of the distractions in our minds and focus only on His abundant love. He is outpouring such love to us in this room as we pray the rosary. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, remains in the tabernacle and longs to communicate with us. He wants to be so close to us! He longs to be so close to us! He is the sweetest and most tender lover. He is waiting and waiting by the door of our hearts.
- 4. Jesus wants us to bring the children to Him. Children must be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Children must pray to the Holy Spirit! Children need to have the courage to stand up for God in the circles wherein they mix this day. Many children are Godless. Many other children are mocked for professing the faith, making the sign of the cross, or saying grace. The children must go to Jesus. Teach the children about praying to the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that they will be transformed from fear to fearlessness. As the Apostles carried out the Gospel message, so the children too will carry out the message of God's love.
- 5. Many children sit idle all summer and are looking for things to do. Tell them about the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates prayer chapters. Encourage the children to pray. They need to pray. The Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates is a movement to touch the youth of this world.
- 6. We must circulate this rosary on the love of God. We must tell children about the love of God.
- 7. Song: Come Holy Ghost
- 8. We must remain fearless, unattached, surrendering, and yielding. He is giving to us abundant graces to carry His love into the world. His youth will march on this world with hearts filled with fire for the love of God.

- 9. These rosary meditations can be used in many ways, including being used in the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates Movement. These meditations are to be used at the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates meetings. The children must consecrate their hearts to Jesus and Mary.
- 10. Many are called, but few are chosen. The children must unite in the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates Movement and carry this movement across the United States to children who are hurting and in pain. Many children this day are suffering far beyond our realization. Let us join as children in the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates movement and give our hearts to Jesus and Mary.

The Assumption of Our Lady

- 1. Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul. She remained on the earth after the death of Jesus and now she is taken to her final glory.
- 2. Mary remains as Mother of the Church and Mother of each one of us. She is by our sides. She is with us, molding us and forming us in her womb, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be more and more like her Son Jesus.
- 3. We must reach the children now. Some children will lose their souls and be condemned to the fires of hell. It is through your efforts to spread this movement, the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates, that we will help to save so many children.
- 4. Little children's prayers are so powerful! We must man the forces and have the little army of children ready to march on this world with their pure little hearts and talk about the love of God. Children love to sing and they will love to pray when they know about the lives of Jesus and Mary. We must teach children about the Mass and the great gifts they are given.
- 5. We are missing a big source of our power by not contacting the children. When children pray, there is power. Children joined in numbers are a vital force for spreading this movement across the United States and elsewhere. Our land is a land that is very sick. It is in curing the children of their illnesses that our land will prosper.
- 6. Think of the little children coming to Mass and longing to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Think of them coming with their little hearts and telling Jesus of their love. Mary wants to hold the children tenderly, close to her heart. She loves each precious little young child. We must reach out to the children.

- 7. Children are being taught at such an early age about sex, but they are not being taught about the love of God. You must have courage to stand up and talk about the love of God. Think of how the children are being taught this day about all the vile things. People have the courage to stand up and spread such filth, but so few speak to the children about the burning love of Jesus. Jesus loves the little children. Let the little children go to Him.
- 8. Help us circulate these rosaries to children. Encourage children to pray the rosary with these meditations. Mary loves the children. She is Mother of all the children of this world. She is watching over them.
- 9. Think of how a mother loves her children. Mary loves her children with the tenderest motherly love. Will we lead these tender young hearts to the Heart of Jesus, on fire for love of them? Many souls will be condemned to hell for their sinfulness. We must talk to the children about the love of Jesus.
- 10. These rosary meditations must be circulated among the children. Jesus loves the children.

The Crowning of Mary

- 1. The soul was created by God to know and love God. Nothing on the face of this earth will feed the starved soul except the love of God. Make it clear to the children that their souls were created for the love of God. Their souls are hungry. They need to feed their souls with the love of God.
- 2. Mary was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. Someday, if we love God and love each other, we, too, will be given a place in heaven far beyond our comprehension. We cannot understand the immensity of the love of God. Jesus Christ came to this earth. He was born a little baby. He suffered and died. He rose on the third day and ascended into heaven. He wants us to be with Him forever and ever in heaven.
- 3. Many of the ways of this world are very evil ways. The little children are being taught such evilness! Children need to know the love of Jesus. We must reach the children. We must know that Satan will press very hard to try to stop any efforts that we may make in trying to reach the children. Think of Mary. She is protecting us with her motherly mantle.
- 4. If we instruct the children on the lives of Jesus and Mary, they will love to pray the rosary.

- 5. We will reach the youth throughout this world through the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates Movement.
- 6. Children everyday need to consecrate their hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- 7. When we are tired and weary, we must know that Satan is pressing on us. We are receiving abundant graces to carry out this work. We must pray as we have never prayed before. Pray that the Father will answer our prayers. Pray in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, through the intercession of the Sorrowful Mother.
- 8. There are many little innocent babies slaughtered in the womb of the mother. Many children's minds are being slaughtered in the classrooms. Speak out; pray for courage from the Holy Spirit to speak out for the love of God. If this world can talk about so many vile things, if it shows movies in the movie theaters where Satan is coming out of the screen, we can surely talk about the tender, burning Heart of Jesus.
- 9. Many young hearts will be converted and, in that conversion, the power of their prayers will be magnified far beyond our comprehension. This is a rosary from July 15, 1995. This is a call to reach the children in the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates Movement, to bring them to the Immaculate Heart, that they may consecrate their hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
- 10. Tell the children to pray to Jesus and the Holy Spirit for the courage to go into this world. They are fighting a battle everyday in this world. Mary loves the little children of the world. We must lead them to the burning love of Jesus' Heart.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES APRIL 25, 1996

Resurrection

- 1. This is a rosary for the children of America and around the world. This is a rosary on this April 25th of 1996. May the children of America and elsewhere unite in one heart, in one mind and love Jesus with all their hearts.
- 2. We are the children of light. We join to march across this world and to carry the banner of His light in our hearts. We see His life within us and praise the Almighty God Who loves us with His burning Heart of love.

- 3. See Jesus adorned in the brightest light as He comes forth from the tomb. This is the Almighty God, all-powerful and clothed in all splendor and glory. He has called us, for this mission to help lead the light across this world. Generations to come will remember our fervor and our love of God as it spreads from our hearts to all those we touch.
- 4. He is alive and He lives in this world in the hearts of men. The youth will carry the love of Jesus for the future generation. We are the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates Movement. Our purpose is to lead the children and the adults to the love of the Almighty God.
- 5. He came, He died, and He rose on the third day to give us life. He is filling each one of us with His abundant life, that we will go into the world and He will live in us in all of our actions.
- 6. The world is filled with such sin and agony. We must carry His light into the darkness.
- 7. Will we go to Mary and let her fill us with her motherly love, that we will have the strength to carry the message of Jesus' love into the world?
- 8. Song: Here I Am Lord
- 9. We need to spread God's love.
- 10. See the Heart of Jesus after the resurrection, the glorified Heart of Jesus filled with such light and vibrancy, radiating His love. See it pulsate. This is the love that He has for all men.

The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven

- 1. Our mission is to tell the world Jesus is alive. We must be holy in our hearts. He is calling us to holiness. He is calling us to love God. We are His apostles to spread His love to this world.
- 2. He took the Apostles near the town of Bethany. He raised His arms and He ascended into heaven.
- 3. Jesus no longer walks the earth. He lives in us as we walk this earth. He loves through us. He touches others as we live according to the will of the Father.
- 4. Our whole life is to be spent in this oneness with God, that He can touch others through us.
- 5. We are commissioned in Baptism to carry out His life, death, and resurrection in our lives.
- 6. We must open our hearts and let Him fill our souls with His love. We are so precious to Him. He is guarding every moment of our lives. He is watching over us. We will truly be His apostles that will lead many to His burning love. He loves us so much.

- 7. The Apostles saw Jesus ascend into the sky. Before Jesus ascended into the sky, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to them, that they would be fearless and spread the message of His love to the world.
- 8. The Apostles were so filled with fear that they locked themselves in the upper room to wait for the Holy Spirit.
- 9. The more we pray the consecration prayers to Jesus and Mary, the more we must surrender and not give into the temptation to go astray. God is Almighty. He guards our every heartbeat. He is watching us. He knows every thought that we think.
- 10. Satan aims to trip us up and stop us on our paths. Jesus is here to guard us and to give us His grace.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles

- 1. Put yourself in the room with the Apostles and the Virgin Mary and hear the wind and the roar of a fire. There appeared over the head of the Apostles parted tongues of fire. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and they were transformed from fear to fearlessness.
- 2. The Apostles many times were afraid. Peter denied Jesus. We see how they did not always know what was going on, but, now the Holy Spirit descended upon them. They were filled with this fearlessness, that they went out to preach the Gospel.
- 3. We are the young shepherds. We are young apostles of this world. As we hear the scriptures during this time of the year, we think of ourselves as we go into the world to spread His love to the world that is hurting and in pain.
- 4. Oh youth of America, do you see how the children and the young adults are being poisoned every moment by the television and with video games? He is the Almighty God. We must pray fervently with our young hearts, for the Father will hear our prayers and He will give to us great grace to help us carry out this mission.
- 5. He sends us as sheep among wolves. We will calm the angered heart and many will turn their hearts to God because of the love for God in our hearts.
- 6. Pray to the Holy Spirit fervently all through the day.
- 7. He will give us a greater share in His divine wisdom. We will know far beyond our human comprehension and understand so much of the plan of the Father for this world.

- 8. Jesus can give us clear understanding in less than a second. He is the Almighty God. He wants to shower us with His divine wisdom.
- 9. Many people are stiff-necked. They harden their hearts and they walk away. They have made idols their gods. Jesus waits and longs for their love. Will we be His apostles to tell this world of His burning love? Many will be saved through our prayers and through all our efforts to spread this love to the world.
- 10. We help in the act of redemption. All of our actions should be offered united to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven

- 1. The Almighty God controls our every breath and our every heartbeat. We are totally dependent on Him. If we go to the highest mountain we cannot escape Him. He is with us and in our hearts at every moment. We must be at peace in our hearts, or we will not feel good in our lives.
- 2. The television and video games have drawn many of the youth totally outside of themselves for excitement, but their hearts are withering and dying inside. There must be time spent everyday that we can hear God speak in our hearts.
- 3. To go to the world for pleasure and to forget the inner workings of our hearts is to lead a life of loneliness and pain.
- 4. Mary speaks at Fatima:

"I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day." ²⁶

- 5. Mary wants us to give her our hearts everyday and to tell her of our love. She will place our hearts in the Heart of her Son and we will be at peace and know Their love for us.
- 6. The world is vast, the world is wide. The Almighty God created the world, the sun in the sky, and everything in it. He has all the power. We must turn to Him and realize that He controls our lives.
- 7. If a heart has turned to darkness, how dark is dark?
- 8. The devil wants to take the little children more and more deeply into sin. Look at the violence in our world. We must be children of the light. We must pray and to go to Mary's heart.

- 9. Do not be willful. Obey authority. This teaches you to obey the Father.
- 10. To His death on the cross, Jesus always obeyed the will of the Father.

Mary Is Crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth

- 1. Jesus obeyed always the will of His Father. Satan wants us to be willful. We must be obedient to God.
- 2. We must pray to be humble and filled with all the virtues. We must pray that our hearts will be rooted in the love of God.
- 3. We see Mary as the angel appeared to her and asked her to be the Mother of God. She obeyed and said "yes". Then we see that the Father crowned her Queen of Heaven and Earth.
- 4. We must reach with our hearts. Our hearts must be alive and filled with love. We must spend time alone with our beloved Jesus.
- 5. Satan is aimed at the youth of this world. He wants to cut the youth off from their hearts. We are chosen ones to lead the fire of His love across the land.
- 6. This day is April 25th, 1996. We are children of the light. We will march on the darkened world and many will be filled with hearts of love.
- 7. We help in the work of salvation.
- 8. The Father has a great plan for each one of us. We are the children of the light.
- 9. See the souls shriveling in the fires of hell. So many this day are dropping into hell like drops of rain. As we pray fervently from our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we will see clearly the plan of the Father for us. We must pray to the Holy Spirit all through the day and spend time alone with our beloved Jesus.
- 10. If we do not spend time each day alone with Jesus, we will have problems in our lives, for it is in those quiet moments that He teaches us about Himself and that He reveals the Father's plan for us.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES MARCH 20, 1997

The Annunciation

1. Our heavenly Mother Mary, gave messages associated with the major Fatima apparitions. She told Jacinta, one of the three visionaries at Fatima...

"'Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask grace from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her.'²⁷

"This last message offers us an excellent opportunity to summarize the Fatima message. It tells us "that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"At the center of the veneration for which Our Lord calls is the act of consecration to His Sacred Heart and to Mary's Immaculate Heart." ²⁸

- 2. You should not be afraid, for Jesus and Mary are with us. They are watching us, and they are helping us in everything that we do. God is in charge.
- 3. So we come to this rosary to gather and to pray as the Junior Shepherds of Christ Associates. It is in this rosary that we will receive help to not be afraid, to help to take the light to the dark world.
- 4. It is in going through our Mother Mary that we will be formed more and more into the image and the likeness of Jesus.
- 5. The Child Jesus was formed in the womb of the Virgin Mary, through the power of the Holy Spirit. When we go to the heart of Mary, the spiritual womb, we are transformed more and more to be children of light.
- 6. How Mary loves the children of this world. She guards them and mothers them more than any earthly mother. Mary guards us with her motherly care, and watches over us, and wants to lead us to the Heart of her Son. Jesus.
- 7. Christ showed us. He was born of the Virgin Mary. He came into this world in the Virgin Mary. We too must go to the Virgin Mary in order to have this close union with God. Mary is the gateway into the Heart of Jesus.
- 8. At Fatima, Mary spoke to the children and she called them her children. We must realize that she is calling us, her children, to the Heart of her Son, Jesus.
- 9. What of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary? The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are our refuge in this life. They are the Hearts of true love. It is in giving our hearts to Jesus and to Mary that we will have hearts filled with holy love.
- 10. So much of this world has turned to hearts that are cold. Jesus wants

love, burning love, from the children of this world, and He is given a cold heart.

The Visitation

- 1. We carry Jesus within our hearts.
- 2. When we visit others we bring the Jesus that lives within us to the other person. We embrace Jesus when we embrace each other in love.
- 3. Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. The Child Jesus was within Mary's womb. We carry Jesus within ourselves. We receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. When we go to Communion, we go to our pews, and we have the Son of God within our hearts. He is as present in our hearts as He was when He was carried in the womb of Mary, when she went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth.
- 4. We do not even realize the great gifts God has given to us when He gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. Think of what it would be like if He took away the gift of the Holy Eucharist, if He took away the Mass.
- 5. We must be strong. We are the youth that are being sent to go into a world that has turned sinful. Some have turned their backs on God. We must realize, that we must be strong. It is hard in this world, but we must go to Jesus. We must spend time with Him everyday.
- 6. Jesus is the Son of Mary. Jesus and Mary are with us.
- 7. Hail Mary...
- 8. We must listen to the words of scripture, the words that we are given as teachings. We must pray to the Holy Spirit that we will comprehend the word of God, for God is speaking to us in His word. The Holy Spirit gives us understanding into these words that we will know God and love Him.
- 9. Mary brought forth an infant child. She watched Him. She cared for Him. All through His life, she stayed close to Him. All through our lives our Mother Mary is forever by our sides.
- 10. We must be strong, for we are being called by God. It is not a myth. He is calling each one of us to be leaders to help to lead the other youth to God.

The Birth of Jesus

- 1. The heavenly Father allowed Mary to appear at Fatima, and she told us what we must do. She told us that in order to have peace in the world we must give our hearts to her and to her Son, Jesus.
- 2. She said that if we did not pay attention to her there would be a great war. Man ignored the pleading of Our Lady at Fatima, and there was

- World War II. Many, many people were killed. They suffered a brutal death.
- 3. At Fatima, she showed the three young children the fires of hell. They were very young, and they said they would have died of fright had Our Lady not assured them that they would not go to hell.
- 4. Why would Our Lady appear to children and show children the souls suffering in the fires in hell?
- 5. Mary appears at Fatima, and she is ignored. To this very day we do not do what Mary told us to do at Fatima. At Fatima she promised in the end the Sacred Heart of Jesus will reign, and her heart will triumph.
- 6. Jesus Christ came into the world in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He came as the Light of the World. He will be, in this great era of peace to come, the King and the center of all hearts.
- 7. He came in poverty. He was born in a stable. He came to show us that the great riches are not found in the riches of the world, that they are found in Him. He is the King, but He comes into this world in poverty.
- 8. The greatest riches are found in the Heart of Christ.
- 9. It is so simple. Why do we not love God, why do we not love one another?
- 10. Why does man think that he can ignore God, that he is in control, that he can do his own will?

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

- 1. The old man Simeon said in the Temple that "Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed—" (Lk. 2:34)
- 2. And he said to Mary, "and a sword will pierce your soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." (Lk. 2:35)
- 3. Mary is the Mother of all the children of the world, and look how she is treated by so many of her children. Many abuse her name. They abuse her images. They do not love her. She is their Mother, and they do not love her.
- 4. Mary told us at Fatima what we must do in order to have peace in this world. The fourth commandment tells us we must obey our earthly mother. What makes us think that we do not have to obey our heavenly Mother?
- 5. She said that man was sinful and that he was offending God. She said to Jacinta before she died, "I can no longer restrain the hand of my Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes." ²⁹

- 6. Here it is 80 years after Fatima and we have disobeyed our heavenly Mother and the wishes that she gave to us when she appeared at Fatima. After World War II you would think that everyone would have heeded her message of Fatima.
- 7. Satan goes about the earth as a roaring lion, searching for souls to devour. When Mary showed the children at Fatima the fires of hell, she was telling them that hell was a reality and that we must go about the world and try to lead others to her Son.
- 8. What if you were one of the children at Fatima and our Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to you, in her light, and in her beauty? What if she said, "You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go...If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed..." ³⁰ What if she showed you the fires of hell and the souls suffering? Would you help?
- 9. Would your life change if Mary appeared to you and told you these things? Would you go and spend your life trying to tell others about the vision that she gave to you? Would you take this with the utmost urgency? If Mary was appearing to you, would you do something to heed her warnings?
- 10. Remember Noah and the Ark? The people were sinning up to the time that Noah entered the Ark.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

- 1. They were warned. They were warned over and over again of their sinfulness. They were told that they must change, but they would not obey and so God told Noah to build an Ark.
- 2. And all men were destroyed, but those men on Noah's Ark.
- 3. Mary searched for the Child Jesus in the Temple. Today, there are many searching for those things that will make them happy. We will not be happy if our lives are not rooted in God.
- 4. We must go to Mary in order to be close to God. As Noah went into the Ark for his refuge, we to must go to the heart of Mary. She is the Ark that will lead us to the Heart of her Son.
- 5. So many this day are sinning. They must go to the temple. Mary is the temple that we go to, in order to find God. We go to her spiritual womb, to her heart, and we find God. We must do as Our Lady told us

- at Fatima, and give Mary our hearts. All through the day we give Mary our hearts and Jesus our hearts.
- 6. This is our job, to spread the Fatima message, to do what Mary has told us to do at Fatima, to give Jesus our hearts, and to tell all the other youth that we must do what Mary said at Fatima. We must give Mary and Jesus our hearts, pray the rosary, go to church on first Saturday, and tell Jesus and Mary we are sorry for the sins in this world.
- 7. Mary's peace plan is so simple to follow. We have disobeyed our heavenly Mother at Fatima. Mary appeared on July 13, 1917 to the three children. Mary showed the three children a vision of hell. She told them,

"You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish, in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." 31

We must obey Mary. The plan is the same plan today. We must reach the youth of this world with the consecration We must tell them to give their hearts to Jesus and Mary.

- 8. Mary is the temple. We will find Jesus if we go to Mary. *Song:* "Oh Holy Dwelling Place of God..."
- 9. We have been given great gifts from Our Lord and from Our Lady. We want to be leaders, to lead other young people to Jesus and to Mary. We must thank them for the gifts we are given, for what we do with our lives will make the difference to so many souls. She showed the children the souls in hell. Visualize this as clearly as possible in your mind. What you do to help to spread the message of His love will make the difference to so many souls.
- 10. Can we truly look at our Mother, Mary? See her before us, adorned in the greatest light. See her glistening? Look into her beautiful face, into her eyes. Tell her we must help to lead her children to the Heart of her Son, that you will help her to help others so they will not be lost to the fires of hell forever.

The Rosary Chapel Windows



The Annunciation
THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY



The Visitation
THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY



The Birth of Our Lord
THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY



The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY



The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple the fifth joyful mystery



The Agony in the Garden
THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY



The Scourging at the Pillar THE SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY



The Crowning with Thorns
THE THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY



Jesus Carries His Cross
THE FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY



Jesus Dies on the Cross
THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY



The Resurrection
THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY



The Ascension
THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY



The Descent of the Holy Spirit
THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY



The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
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The Coronation of Our Lady

THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

The Seven Sorrows of Wary



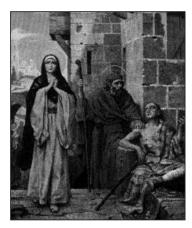
1. The Prophecy of Simeon

Mary, Joseph and the Child Jesus went to the Temple. Simeon, the prophet, inspired by the Holy Spirit, met them and told Joseph and Mary of the great sufferings of Jesus and Mary. He told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart. From that point on, Mary ever remembered the prophecy of Simeon whenever she beheld her child. When she looked at His little body, even as an infant, she knew He would suffer. Every time she clothed Him and watched Him at play, her heart was torn in her chest as she knew what He would suffer. And a sword, too, shall pierce your heart, O Mary!



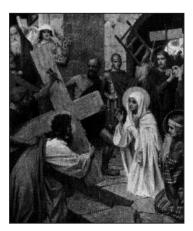
2. The Flight into Egypt

Joseph was told by the angel to flee. Joseph, Mary and the Child Jesus had to flee because of what might happen to Jesus. They had to pack for a long stay. The Child Jesus was so small! They left on their journey, hearts full of fear, trying to protect Jesus. They were forced to flee into Egypt.



3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple

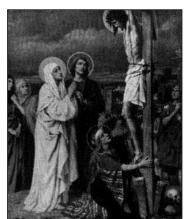
Imagine the sufferings in Mary's heart when she realized the Child Jesus was not with them. Think of how it would be to lose your child and not know where he was or if anything happened to him. With sorrow in their hearts, Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to look for the Child Jesus. And a sword, too, shall pierce your heart, O Mary!



4. Jesus and Mary Meet on the Way to the Cross

Song: See the Eyes that Look at Mary

See the eyes of Jesus and Mary as they met on Calvary. Mary's heart knew Jesus' Heart so well! From the first moment of conception and throughout His life, Mary was so connected with Jesus and now she peered into His eyes. The crown of thorns adorned His head! Blood ran down His face! A heavy cross on His back! Wounded, His whole body covered with bleeding wounds! And her whole life flashed before her, the life that she had spent with Jesus. This was the beloved child that she had held in her arms when Simeon told Mary that a sword, too, shall pierce her heart!



5. Jesus Dies on the Cross

(Silence.)

Mary stood under Jesus' cross as He was put to death. She held in her heart the prophesy of Simeon. "and a sword will pierce your soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." (Lk. 2:35) See Mary in the Temple with Simeon and Joseph holding the baby in her arms. Now Jesus is dead on the cross! He gave His flesh, He gave His blood so that we might be with Him forever in heaven. He held nothing back. He gave His all. Jesus is with us this day. He remains with us in the Eucharist, no less present than the day that He hung on the cross. He longs for us to come and be with Him. He is in our brother. How can we not love our brother when Jesus died for our brother? Her heart was pierced with a sword. His Heart was pierced with a lance. What came forth was blood and water, the sacramental life of the Church. He lives with us this day in the Church. He gives to us His Sacraments, the source of His life! He gives to us the Sacrament of Penance whereby any sin that we commit can be taken away through the priest. He wants us to be so close to Him! He gives us everything to be close to Him. But we see with such limited vision only those things that are right before our face, when the true reality is that which we don't see with our eyes, the reality of the invisible divinity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the consecrated Host! This is reality! This is our life! This is our power! This is God! And a sword, too, shall pierce your heart, O Mary!



6. Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross and Laid in Mary's Arms

If we ever doubted for one second that we were loved, we could visualize the picture of Mary as she sat beneath the cross with the lifeless, battered, bruised and bloodied body of her Son in her arms, the same child that she held when Simeon prophesied her suffering. Jesus gave His last breath. He gave the last beat of His Heart. He gave His all! This is the way He complied with the will of the Father. He came to show us the way. He died in perfect peace. To His death He was in peace because He knew the Father's love. The Father loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son for love of us! The Spirit descended upon the Virgin Mary and the Word was made flesh! The love of the Two Hearts! Such immense love beating for us! In all love there is suffering. Her Heart was pierced with a sword. His Heart was pierced with a lance. And a sword, too, shall pierce your heart, O Mary!



7. The Burial of Jesus

The lifeless body of Jesus was locked in the tomb. What cold reality for Mary to realize that His body is now gone! A stone separated her from her Son! He gave His last breath! He gave the last beat of His Heart for love of each one of us! And she comes to us this day with her sweet, beautiful voice and she asks us to go to her Son and love Him! How can we refuse Jesus who spread His arms and gave His life for each and every one of us? How can we not trust Him when He loved us so much that He allowed them to tear His flesh, to crown Him

with piercing thorns and, lastly, to hang Him on a cross? He truly gave His life for us! He, truly God, is with us this day, the same as the day He died on the cross, in the tabernacle! And we take it so lightly! Death has no power over Him! Locked in the tomb for three days, He rose triumphant on the third day as He had foretold. He comes to give us life. He gives us the sacrament of Baptism that initiates us into His life, that makes us children of God and heirs of heaven if we remain in the state of grace. He asks two things: love of God and love of one another! He came to show us the way and His way is love. To His death on the cross He loved each one of us! He calls each one of us to be His soldiers, to march on a world that has forgotten God, that has forgotten what it is like to love! It is a battle to live in this world. But the battle is won with hearts that are filled with His love, empowered by the grace and might that He pours out in the Eucharist. He calls us to come to the Eucharist and to the tabernacle and be fed with His very flesh and blood. To feed on Divine Life, the great est nourishment, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God! This is the love He gives. This is the love He asks us to share.

The Stations of the Cross



The First Station JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

With angry hearts and hatred on their faces, they poked at Jesus and condemned Jesus to death. He stood so silent, His hands tied, in perfect peace, because He knew the Father's love. He knew the Father's will. We too will stand our trials in perfect peace, the more we realize the immense love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have for us. We must pray to the Spirit to transform us more and more into His image and, through this transformation, we will be led ever closer to the Father. Oh, how Jesus love us!



The Second Station
THEY GIVE JESUS THE CROSS

They gave Jesus a heavy cross, laden with the sins of the world. They placed it on His shoulder. It was so heavy He felt as if His shoulder would break. He asks us to carry little crosses, to experience little pains. He could not remove this cross from His shoulder. The weight was unbearable. It is through His suffering and death that we receive new life. It is through our sufferings this day that we will grow in our life with Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that He took up the cross of salvation. He loves us. To His death He loved us. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



The Third Station
JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

The cross was so heavy Jesus could hardly walk. He held on to His cross for greatest love of us and in compliance with the will of His Father. It became so hard to walk! The cross was so heavy! He fell. He fell and the cross fell on Him. They poked at Him, they struck Him, they demanded He get up. The pain from the instruments they used to poke Him and strike Him was so great! He somehow managed to get up. When we fall under the weight of our cross, we go to Jesus' Eucharistic Heart. He is no less present in the tabernacle and in the Eucharist than on the day He carried His cross. He waits with the same love that He had for us when He carried His cross and suffered such agony. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



The Fourth Station JESUS AND MARY MEET

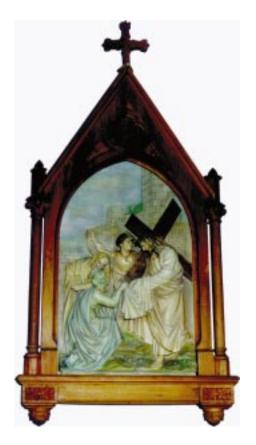
Jesus saw the face of His beautiful Mother. She was weak, her face reddened and full of tears. He saw her tender heart, her love, her anguish, her pain. He saw His dear Mother, Mary. His Heart was comforted by the sight of her, but torn by her suffering.

As Mary looked into the eyes of her beloved Son, she saw His love. His head, bleeding and wounded. His body weak. His clothes covered with blood. She looked into His eyes and she saw His love for us. She wants to call us back to the love of her Son. See through her eyes, as she peers into His eyes, the love He has for us this day. He gave Himself for us. Oh, He loves us so much. We are Mary's little children. See through Mary's eyes the love of her Son. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



The Fifth Station simon of cyrene is forced to help jesus carry his cross

With angry hearts and hatred on their faces, they poked at Jesus and condemned Jesus to death. He stood so silent, His hands tied, in perfect peace, because He knew the Father's love. He knew the Father's will. We too will stand our trials in perfect peace, the more we realize the immense love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have for us. We must pray to the Spirit to transform us more and more into His image and, through this transformation, we will be led ever closer to the Father. Oh, how Jesus love us!



The Sixth Station veronica wipes the face of jesus

Jesus' face was covered with blood. From the crowd Veronica came forward with a cloth to wipe His face. On the cloth Jesus gave to us an imprint of His bloodied face. This remains with us this day as a sign of His immense love for us. But more than any cloth, look beyond the visible consecrated host. Jesus remains with us, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist this day, waiting and longing to be with us. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



The Seventh Station JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

As Jesus went on the way to Calvary, it became harder and harder to walk. The cross was becoming heavier, His body weaker and weaker. His shoulders and arms hurt so much! His head throbbed as He walked. The blood came from His body, from His head to His feet. He was covered with open wounds. He could not go any farther. He stumbled and fell. Again they poked at Him, only harder, and with such hatred they kicked Him. Such vileness in the hearts of men! His greatest agony was not the agonies of His body, but the agonies of His heart for the love He has for all His precious souls. He loved them so dearly. He loved those who persecuted Him. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



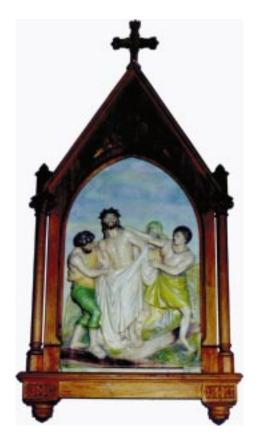
The Eighth Station jesus meets the women of jerusalem

The women came to Jesus with their children, their tender hearts crying and wanting to comfort Him. He saw their love, their care. He saw the coldness of men's hearts for all time, the hatred, the anger, the sins, all the souls that, despite all of His sufferings and death, would be condemned to eternal damnation. He told the women to weep not for Him, but for themselves and their children. His greatest agonies were the agonies of His Most Sacred Heart. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



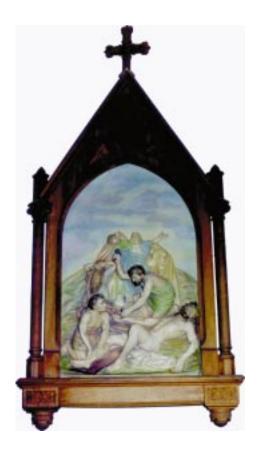
The Ninth Station jesus falls the third time

Jesus fell hard the third time. He was so weakened He could not go on. His body collapsed under the cross from such exhaustion! Jesus' greatest agonies were not the wounds to His body. They were the wounds He experienced to His heart. Do we not realize how much Jesus loves us? It is in meditating on His Passion and death that we will realize His immense love for us. When we fall, when we struggle, Jesus gives us the grace to get up. Jesus never gives us more than we can handle. Our strength will come from Jesus. Come to Jesus' Eucharistic Heart. He is waiting for us this day. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



The Tenth Station Jesus is stripped of his garments

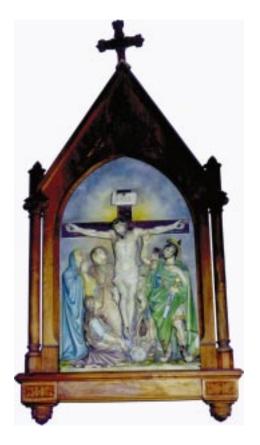
They took Jesus to the hill to crucify Him. They angrily stripped Jesus of His garments. They took off Jesus' clothes to whip Him. They had covered Jesus' bloody wounds with a dirty purple robe. Now, total surrender—they took off Jesus' clothes. He showed us the way to surrender, always complying with the will of the Father. It is in living in His will that we will have peace and joy, and life eternal some day. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



The Eleventh Station
THEY NAIL JESUS TO THE CROSS

See Mary as she holds the little Baby Jesus. See her as she washes His tender hands and feet. See her now as she watches as they pound into those same hands and feet the gigantic nails that fix Jesus to the cross.

Mary's heart was torn in her chest as they nailed His hands and feet to the cross. She asks us this day to walk the Passion with Him. See through her eyes the love He has for us. He truly was nailed to the cross. They pounded the nails into Jesus' first hand, then they stretched His body and nailed His other hand. The blood poured from these wounds, that went totally through Jesus' hands. His pain was so immense, but then they nailed His feet! We do not know what pain He suffered. For each one of us He suffered this pain. Oh, how Jesus loves us!



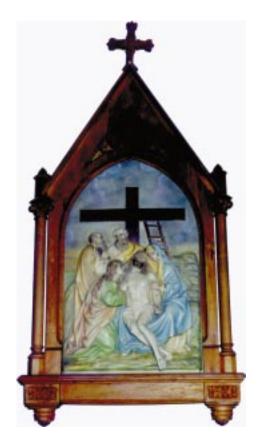
The Twelfth Station JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

(Silence.)

Jesus hung for three agonizing hours on the cross against the darkened sky. His greatest agonies were not the agonies of His body, but those of His Heart for the great love He has for each and every soul. He gave Himself to us. He gave His all. He hung with His arms spread in total surrender. Jesus' head was punctured; His hands and feet were nailed to the cross. He gave Himself to us. He gives Himself to us this day in the Eucharist. Jesus gives us Himself! What more do we want?

Song: I Love You Jesus

They pierced His Heart with a lance and what flowed forth was blood and water, the sacramental life of the Church, water for Baptism and blood for the Eucharist. His life, death and Resurrection live on in the Church this day.



The Thirteenth Station JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS AND PLACED IN THE ARMS OF HIS MOTHER

They placed the lifeless body of Jesus in the arms of His most loving Mother. As she had held the little baby body in her arms, she now received His bloodied, bruised body. This is how He obeyed the Father's will. Jesus gave His life for us. The Father gave His only Son because He loves us so much. Mary, His Mother, our Mother and the Mother of the Church, is forever by His side. See Jesus in the arms of His loving Mother under the cross. This is love. Mary held His lifeless body in her arms. See through Mary's eyes the love He has for us this day. He gives Himself to us today in the Eucharist. Jesus loves us so much!



The Fourteenth Station JESUS IS LOCKED IN THE TOMB

The enemies of Jesus' rolled the stone up to the tomb and were pleased to have buried Him. Mary, outside the tomb, wept bitterly. The cold reality that He was dead! But death has no power over Jesus, for on the third day He rose, triumphant, from the tomb! We are partakers in His divine life. Death has no power over Jesus. He is with us this day. He comes to bring us life to the full. Jesus loves us so much!

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Come to My Heart



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My Open Heart

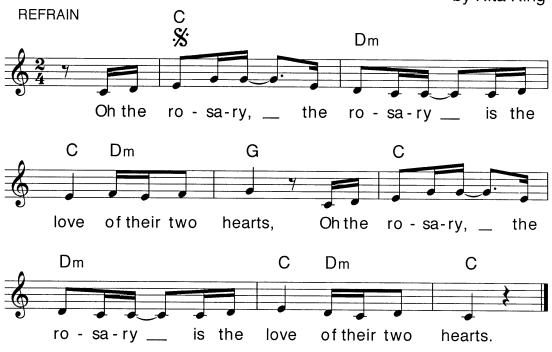
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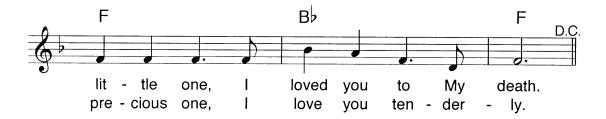
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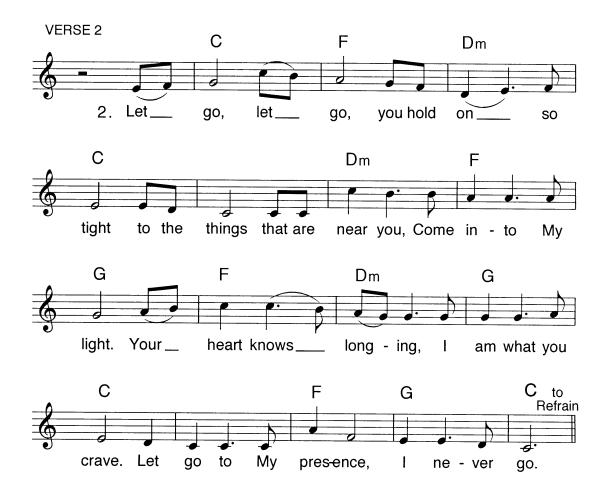


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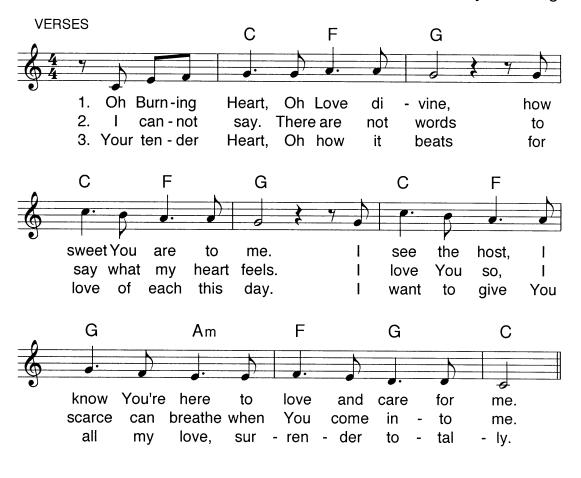


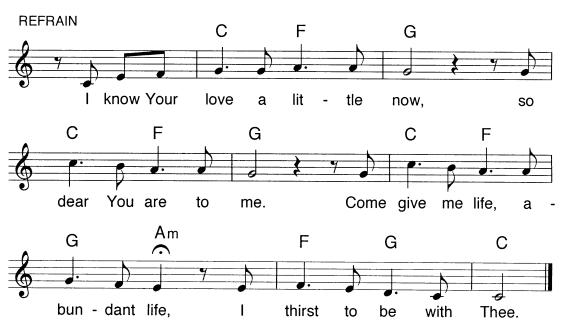


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Teach Me to Love with Your Heart



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Lit-tle ba-by hands and feet, Loved and cared for by His moth-er;



Sim - e-on fore - told the pain, Je-sus Lord is nailed to the cross.

VERSES 1,2,3



- 1. Ten-der ba by lit - tle hands, Mar-y's heart is pierced with a sword;
- is our moth-er too, She will lead us His _ love; to
- 3. Mar y stood be- neath the cross, How her heart _ knows His __ Heart;



He cometo give us life, has He has giv-en us His life, She watched Him her ten-der Child,

God our Fa-ther gave His Son. See Him hang__ Now she takes us

on the cross. to His Heart.

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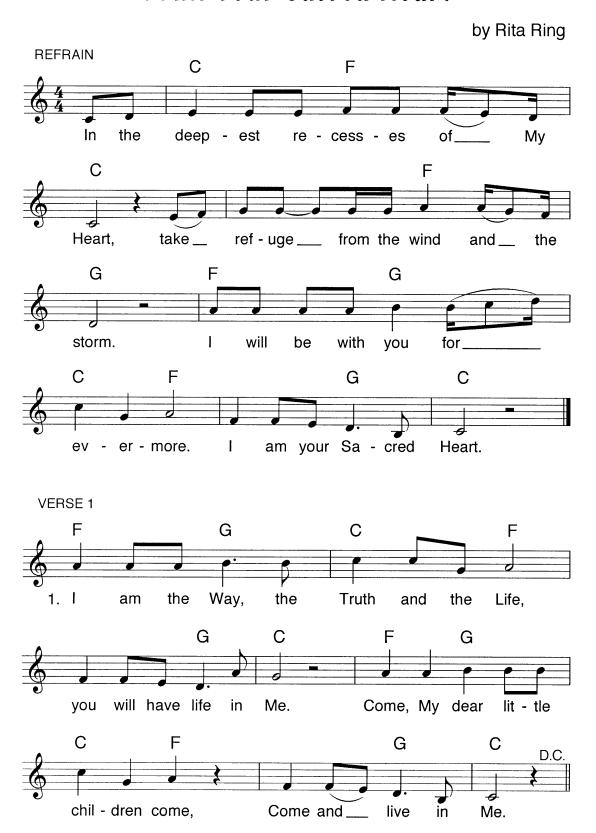
know the joy, Stand be-side Him He has come to bring new life;



Now He ris - es from the dead, Gives us life a - bun-dant life.

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I Am Your Sacred Heart





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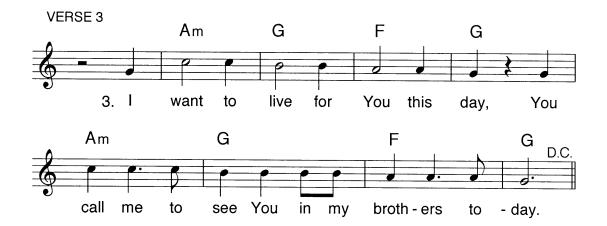
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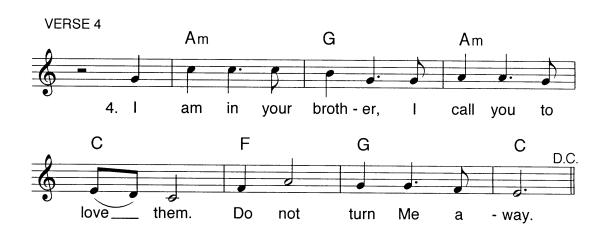
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Glory, Glory, Glory Lord

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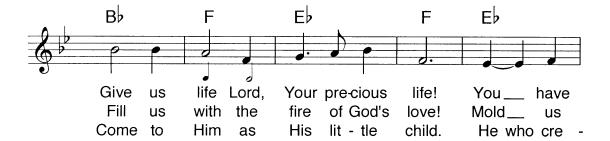


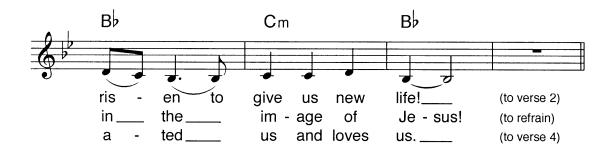


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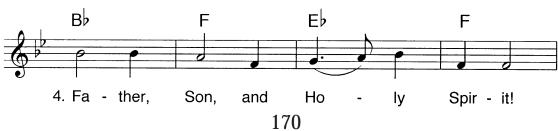
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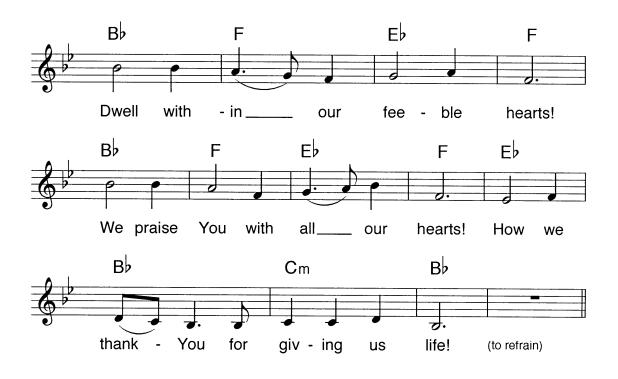


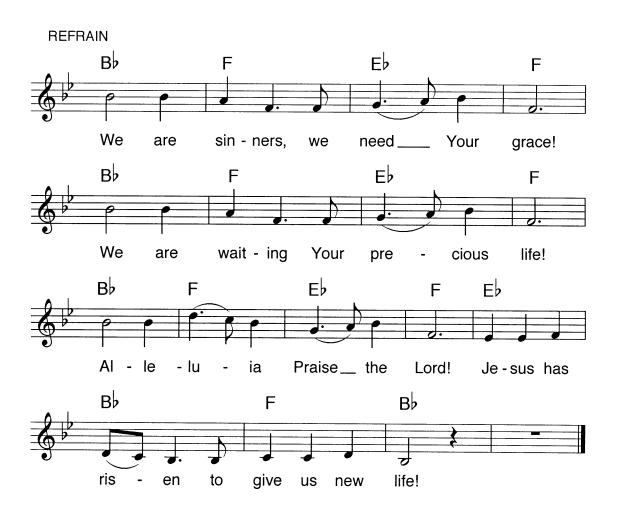












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(THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS RECEIVED THE IMPRIMATUR FROM REV. CARL MOEDDEL, AUXILARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI)

Holy Spirit Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, almighty Sanctifier, God of love, who filled the Virgin Mary with grace, who wonderfully changed the hearts of the apostles, who endowed all Your martyrs with miraculous courage, come and sanctify us. Enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills, purify our consciences, rectify our judgment, set our hearts on fire, and preserve us from the misfortunes of resisting Your inspirations. Amen.

The Seven Sorrows

Mary has promised very special graces to those who do this on a daily basis. Included in the promises of Our Lady for those who practice this devotion is her pledge to give special assistance at the hour of death, including the sight of her face. The seven sorrows are:

- 1. The first sorrow: the prophecy of Simeon (Hail Mary).
- 2. The second sorrow: the flight into Egypt (Hail Mary).
- 3. The third sorrow: the loss of the Child Jesus in the temple (Hail Mary).
- 4. The fourth sorrow: Jesus and Mary meet on the way to the cross (Hail Mary).
- 5. The fifth sorrow: Jesus dies on the cross (Hail Mary).
- 6. The sixth sorrow: Jesus is taken down from the cross and laid in Mary's arms (Hail Mary).
- 7. The seventh sorrow: the burial of Jesus (Hail Mary).

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us (repeat after each invocation).

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of the Church,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled.

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honor,

Singular vessel of devotion,

Mystical rose,

Tower of David,

Tower of ivory,

House of gold,

Ark of the Covenant,

Gate of heaven,

Morning star,

Health of the sick,

Refuge of sinners,

Comforter of the afflicted,

Help of Christians,

Queen of angels,

Queen of patriarchs,

Queen of prophets,

Queen of apostles,

Queen of martyrs,

Queen of confessors,

Queen of virgins,

Queen of all saints,

Queen conceived without original sin,

Queen assumed into heaven,

Queen of the most holy rosary,

Queen of peace,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *spare* us. O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech You, O Lord God, that we Your servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and, by the glorious intercession of the blessed Mary, ever virgin, be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste spouse of Mary, you passed your life in perfect fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly turn to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes; and they turn to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too have known trial, labor, and weariness. But, even amid the worries of material life, your soul was filled with deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with the Son of God entrusted to you, and with Mary, His tender Mother. Amen. — (Pope John XXIII)

Litany of the Sacred Heart

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us* (repeat after each invocation).

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father,

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,

Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,

Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts,

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of divinity,

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased,

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,

Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,

Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke You,

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,

Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,

Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death,

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,

Heart of Jesus, our life and reconciliation,

Heart of Jesus, victim of sin,

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You,

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You,

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, *make our hearts like unto Yours*. Let us pray: O almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Your dearly beloved Son and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers You in behalf of sinners and, being appeased, grant pardon to those who seek Your mercy, in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Promises of Our Lord to those devoted to His Sacred Heart (these should be read by the prayer leader):

- (1) I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- (2) I will establish peace in their homes.
- (3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- (4) I will be their refuge during life and above all in death.
- (5) I will bestow a large blessing on all their undertakings.
- (6) Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
- (7) Tepid souls shall grow fervent.
- (8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection
- (9) I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored.
- (10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- (11) Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
- (12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the first Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the Flock, we pray that in the great love and mercy of Your Sacred Heart You attend to all the needs of Your priest-shepherds throughout the world. We ask that You draw back to Your Heart all those priests who have seriously strayed from Your path, that You rekindle the desire for holiness in the hearts of those priests who have become lukewarm, and that You continue to give Your fervent priests the desire for the highest holiness. United with Your Heart and Mary's Heart, we ask that You take this petition to Your heavenly Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayer for all members of the Shepherds of Christ Associates

Dear Jesus, we ask Your special blessings on all members of Shepherds of Christ Associates. Continue to enlighten them regarding the very special privilege and responsibility you have given them as members of Your movement, Shepherds of Christ Associates. Draw them ever closer to Your Heart and to Your Mother's Heart. Allow them to more and more realize the great and special love of Your Hearts for each of them as unique individuals. Give them the grace to respond to Your love and Mary's love with an increased love of their own. As they dwell in Your Heart and Mary's Heart, abundantly care for all their needs and those of their loved ones. We make our prayer through You to the Father, in the Holy Spirit, with Mary our Mother at our side. Amen

Prayer for the spiritual and financial success of the priestly newsletter

Father, we ask Your special blessings upon the priestly newsletter, Shepherds of Christ. We ask that You open the priest-readers to the graces You wish to give them through this chosen instrument of Your Son. We also ask that You provide for the financial needs of the newsletter and the Shepherds of Christ Associates. We make our prayer through Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, with Mary at our side. Amen

Prayer for all members of the human family

Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessings on all Your children the world over. Attend to all their needs. We ask Your special assistance for all those marginalized people, all those who are so neglected and forgotten. United with our Mother, Mary, we make this petition to You through Jesus and in the Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael and our Guardian Angels:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Pause for silent, personal prayer. This should last at least five minutes.

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lord Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the flock, I consecrate myself to Your most Sacred Heart. From Your pierced Heart the Church was born, the Church You have called me, as a member of Shepherds of Christ Associates, to serve in a most special way. You reveal Your Heart as a symbol of Your love in all its aspects, including Your most special love for me, whom You have chosen as Your companion in this most important work. Help me to always love You in return. Help me to give myself entirely to You. Help me always to pour out my life in love of God and neighbor! Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You!

Dear Blessed Virgin Mary, I consecrate myself to your maternal and Immaculate Heart, this Heart which is symbol of your life of love. You are the Mother of my Savior. You are also my Mother. You love me with a most special love as a member of Shepherds of Christ Associates, a movement created by your Son as a powerful instrument for the renewal of the Church and the world. In a return of love, I give myself entirely to your motherly love and protection. You followed Jesus perfectly. You are His first and perfect disciple. Teach me to imitate you in the putting on of Christ. Be my motherly intercessor so that, through your Immaculate Heart, I may be guided to an ever closer union with the pierced Heart of Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the flock.

other prayers

(THE FOLLOWING FOUR PRAYERS HAVE RECEIVED THE IMPRIMATUR)

A Prayer Before the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Let me be a holy sacrifice and unite with God in the sacrament of His greatest love.

I want to be one in Him in this act of love, where He gives Himself to me and I give myself as a sacrifice to Him. Let me be a holy sacrifice as I become one with Him in this my act of greatest love to Him.

Let me unite with Him more, that I may more deeply love Him. May I help make reparation to His adorable Heart and the heart of His Mother, Mary. With greatest love, I offer myself to You and pray that You will accept my sacrifice of greatest love. I give myself to You and unite in Your gift of Yourself to me. Come and possess my soul.

Cleanse me, strengthen me, heal me. Dear Holy Spirit act in the heart of Mary to make me more and more like Jesus.

Father, I offer this my sacrifice, myself united to Jesus in the Holy Spirit to You. Help me to love God more deeply in this act of my greatest love.

Give me the grace to grow in my knowledge, love and service of You and for this to be my greatest participation in the Mass. Give me the greatest graces to love You so deeply in this Mass, You who are so worthy of my love.*

^{*} Most Reverend Carl K. Moeddel, Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop Archdiocese of Cincinnati, April 23, 1996

Prayer for Union with Jesus

Come to me, Lord, and possess my soul. Come into my heart and permeate my soul. Help me to sit in silence with You and let You work in my heart.

I am Yours to possess. I am Yours to use. I want to be selfless and only exist in You. Help me to spoon out all that is me and be an empty vessel ready to be filled by You. Help me to die to myself and live only for You. Use me as You will. Let me never draw my attention back to myself. I only want to operate as You do, dwelling within me.

I am Yours, Lord. I want to have my life in You. I want to do the will of the Father. Give me the strength to put aside the world and let You operate my very being. Help me to act as You desire. Strengthen me against the distractions of the devil to take me from Your work.

When I worry, I have taken my focus off of You and placed it on myself. Help me not to give in to the promptings of others to change what in my heart You are making very clear to me. I worship You, I adore You and I love You. Come and dwell in me now.*

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Consecration of an Unborn Child to Jesus and Mary

Dear Blessed Mother, we gather here in your presence and in the presence of your Son, the Almighty God, here present in the tabernacle and in our hearts. We ask you, Blessed Mother, in union with your Spouse, the Holy Spirit, to be the safeguard of this little child at birth and throughout its life. We ask you, dear Lady, to keep your mantle over this little one as well as (name), the mother. We come to you to consecrate this child to your Immaculate Heart and to the Heart of your Son. Please give this child your special blessing now and for eternity, and guard it from all the evils of the world.

In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen.*

—This Consecration of an Unborn Child is by Harold Kellner

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Morning Offering

My dear Father, I offer You this day all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings, my every breath, my every heartbeat, my every thought, all my actions, in union with Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in the Holy Spirit. I pray the Holy Spirit is with me every second today, enlightening me to do the Will of the Father and filling me with the fire of God's love.

I ask Jesus and Mary to be one in me in all that I do and I unite with all the angels and saints and souls in purgatory to pray continually to the Father for these intercessions, in this prayer, for this day.

For myself, I pray for grace-abundant grace, to know and love God more and more and to follow the Will of the Father. I pray to the Holy Spirit to transform me in the heart of Mary to be more and more like Jesus. I pray that I can forever dwell in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. I pray for conversion of all those I hold dear who need conversion. I pray for each member of my family that they will be filled with Your abundant grace to grow in their knowledge and love of God.

I pray for all my friends that they will receive abundant grace to carry out the great plan of the Father, that they will grow forever closer to Jesus' Heart through Mary's heart, that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit to do His work, that we will, together, carry out the plan of the Father as He intends us to, to spread the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary's heart to this world.

Jesus, I pray for myself so the Holy Spirit descends upon me and opens my heart to Your love so I will grow more and more deeply in union with You. I pray that I do not worry what other people think but try always to please the Father and do His Will. I pray that I may help lead many to Your burning love.

I pray for the following people in particular that they will be filled with the Spirit and grow deeply in their union with You, that they will receive abundant graces to know, love and serve You more. (Include special friends by name...)

I pray for priests the world over, for the success of the Priestly Newsletter, the Chapters and for the finances needed for the Newsletter. I pray for the circulation of the Blue Book messages, rosary meditations and tapes. I pray for all those involved in the publication of these messages.

I pray that You will shower Your abundant graces onto the priests reading the Newsletter the people reading and hearing the Blue Book messages and rosary meditations and all of Fr. Carter's publications.

We pray for the intentions we hold deep within our hearts, for our families and friends, for those requesting our prayers. We pray for children the world over and for the souls in purgatory. We ask God to shower His abundant grace on us and the members of our Shepherds of Christ Chapter so that we may grow more and more in our knowledge and love of God.

We consecrate ourselves to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. We pray for Father Carter, for Father Smith, for Rita Ring, and for John Weickert, for all leaders and helpers in the Shepherds of Christ Movement, for Shepherds of Christ Ministries, and Our Lady of Light Ministry. We pray for all those who are working in these ministries.

We bind ourselves and our children and our friends to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We place the precious blood of Jesus on ourselves, and all we touch, so that we will be protected from the evil one. We pray to St. Michael to cast the devil into hell.

We love You, God, we love You, we love You. We beg that we may receive the grace to love You more and more deeply. We adore You, we praise You, our beloved Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, on behalf of Shepherds of Christ Ministries and Our Lady of Light Ministry, we offer up these prayers of thanksgiving:

Thank You Father for Your love, patience, and understanding. We know we are not worthy of such gifts, but that You give them anyway - because of Your great love for souls.

Thank You Jesus for the many gifts and graces You give us as members of Your Movement - Shepherds of Christ. We offer You our love and gratitude through Your Mother's Immaculate Heart.

Thank You Holy Spirit for Your special gifts. Please inspire us to be grateful for what we have been given. Please help us to give ourselves in love to You and all we meet.

Thank You Holy Trinity for Your boundless love and mercy. Please help us to nurture Your presence within us. Help us to be obedient to Your commands and give all the glory to You - Our loving God. We especially thank You for the gift of our Heavenly Mother, Mary.

Thank you Mary for your example while on earth, and for your constant intercession today. Please help us to grow in holiness and put into action all that your Son, Jesus, asks of us.

We thank St. Michael and the Holy Angels for their prayers, help, and protection. Finally, we thank the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory for their prayers. We ask them to unite with us in giving thanks and praise to the most Holy Trinity - Our Heavenly Father, Our Lord Jesus, and our Comforter- the Holy Spirit.

We love You! We love You! Amen.

—This Prayer of Thanksgiving is by John Weickert

DAILY PRAYERS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

(ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS HAVE RECEIVED THE IMPRIMATUR)

Consecration to Jesus

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love You so much and I give You my heart. Help me to love God. Help me to love my neighbor as a child of God. Help me to love myself as a child of God. Amen.¹

Consecration to Mary

Dear Mary, my holy mother, I love you so much and I give you my heart. Help me to love God. Help me to love my neighbor as a child of God. Help me to love myself as a child of God. Amen.²

Consecration to the Holy Spirit

Dear Holy Spirit, You are my friend. I give You myself. I ask You to dwell deeply inside of me and make me holy. I want to know the fire of God's love. I want to love God with all my heart. Amen.³

Morning Offering

My dear Father, I offer you this day all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings in union with Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in the Holy Spirit.

I unite with our Mother, Mary, all the angels and saints, and all the souls in purgatory to pray to the Father for myself, for each member of my family, for my friends, for all people throughout the world, for all the souls in purgatory, and for all other intentions of the Sacred Heart.

I love You, Jesus, and I give You my heart. I love you, Mary, and I give you my heart. Amen.⁴

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DAILY PRAYERS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

(ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS HAVE RECEIVED THE IMPRIMATUR)

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Oh dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give You my whole heart. I see Your Heart on fire for love of me. I want to be in this fiery furnace and know the love of God. Take me, Jesus. Use me as Your little servant to spread Your love to this world. I give myself entirely to You and I ask the Holy Spirit to make me more like You. I want to be a little child of the Father. I give You my heart, keep me in Your Heart and teach me Your way of love. Amen. 1

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, I give you my heart. I want to love you. I want to love Jesus, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and this world through your holy heart. My dear mother, I place myself in your heart, I know you will care for me in all my needs. I give myself to you, Mary, my mother. I love you so much! Amen.²

Consecration to the Holy Spirit

Dear Holy Spirit, You are my friend. I give You myself. I ask You to dwell deeply inside of me and make me holy. I want to know the fire of God's love. I want to love God with all my heart. Amen.³

Morning Offering

My dear Father, I offer you this day all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings in union with Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in the Holy Spirit.

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I love You, Jesus, and I give You my heart. I love you, Mary, and I give you my heart. Amen.⁴

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