

ST. JOSEPH ROSARY*



THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. Annunciation of St. Joseph

An angel appeared to St. Joseph's parents in dreams and told his mother, "the body resting beneath your heart shall be called Joseph; he will be great in the sight of God Most High."

Fruit: the name of Joseph is a holy name.

2. Circumcision of Joseph

When Joseph was circumcised, he cried at first but he eventually became quiet and offered the pain for the coming of the Redeemer for among the many gifts which God bestowed upon him was that of reason. He was able to receive these gifts inasmuch as he was already in grace and friendship with God.

Fruit: pray for the gift of reason

3. Presentation of Joseph

Joseph's parents went to the Temple to offer their son. Joseph accompanied the offering of the

priest by giving himself wholeheartedly to God. After the priest blessed Joseph, he was returned to his parents who gave thanks to God amid tears, their hearts profoundly touched and filled with joy.

Fruit: to give yourself whole-heartedly to God!

4. Joseph's Heart Progresses in Virtue

One day while praying in the fields behind his home, an angel appeared to Joseph and said, "O little one, God has chosen you to be the recipient of a great and sublime favor. I do not know what it is. However, for the present time, pray and thank God above for all He has done and will do for you in the future. Peace."

Fruit: to pray and thank God

5. Joseph Becomes An Independent Carpenter

Joseph carried on his trade and rented for himself a little workshop in the vicinity of the synagogue. Joseph lived a life of poverty and penance. He did it all with great joy while God filled him with heavenly consolations.

Fruit: to live a life of poverty and penance.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. Joseph's Desire For the Salvation Of All Men

Joseph prayed that everyone might obtain knowledge of the true God and be shown the way of salvation.

He prayed in the Temple, exclaiming, "Oh, how blessed the eye is which shall see the Messiah in the flesh, and blessed is the heart which shall love Him."

Fruit: to Love Jesus!

2. Espousal of Joseph to the Virgin Mary

The priest gave to Joseph and each man a dried branch to hold in his hand and prayed that one of the branches would blossom. That man would be the bridegroom of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Not only did Joseph's dried branch blossom but those present then saw a snow-white dove descend from Heaven and settle on the head of Joseph. The espousal ceremony took place and Joseph's heart was full of consolation and joy.

Fruit: To pray for consolation and joy!

3. Joseph Goes With Mary To Visit Elizabeth

Joseph and Mary proceeded in haste and with great joy to see Elizabeth. They prayed and praised God together on their long journey. Elizabeth said the "Hail Mary" and Mary recited the Magnificat. Joseph had to return home to Nazareth to fulfill the Divine Will. He spoke to Mary and told her how sad he was to be traveling alone. Mary replied, "God will be with you, Joseph", and she prayed for him, and God was with Joseph.

Fruit: God is with St. Joseph

4. The Anxieties Of Joseph When He Observes Mary Is With Child

One day Joseph noticed that Mary must be with child and it caused him great pain in his heart. Joseph prayed overnight that God might deliver him, but over time he could not hide his broken heart, so He said, "I must leave her. I leave her in your care, oh Mighty Father."

Fruit: that God might heal our broken hearts.

5. The Annunciation To Joseph Of The Incarnation

After Joseph had fallen asleep, the angel appeared to him and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take unto yourself Mary as spouse, for the Son whom she is bearing within her womb has been conceived through the action of the Holy Spirit. And you will give to Him the name Jesus, and He shall save His people from sin.

Fruit: Joy at the coming of the Messiah!

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Birth of Jesus in Poverty

Rejected at many places, tired, cold and hungry, Joseph and Mary finally reached the cave. St. Joseph lamented to Mary, "When I see God thus rejected everywhere and see You who have been privileged to be His Mother treated so discourteously and so inconsiderately, I am indeed very much grieved." but God gave them

much consolation just as if they had entered a sumptuous mansion.

Fruit: Rejoice over the Birth of Jesus

2. The Exile

One night the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Joseph, Son of David, arise and take the young child and His mother and flee into the land of Egypt and be thou there until I give the word, for King Herod is searching for the child to kill Him.” So Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus fled into Egypt. Joseph was disheartened by the sufferings of Jesus and Mary whom He loved.

Fruit: to obey God!

3. Joseph Is Persecuted

As Joseph, Mary, and Jesus passed through Egypt, they expelled devils and destroyed the Egyptian idols. By the Divine Will of God did they do this. However, when they settled in Egypt, some people were so enraged that they came and said to him, “You are undoubtedly a wicked person and therefore have been driven from your country into exile for your crimes. You have come here to do more harm.” Joseph bowed his head and said, “I have come here only to accomplish the Will of God.”

Fruit: to do the holy Will of God

4. Destitution And Poverty In Egypt

The Holy Family lived in dire poverty. Sometimes Joseph would

receive no payment for his work. It was God’s Will that Joseph at times should suffer the humiliation of begging for his life’s necessities.

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had to suffer the cold of winter and the heat of summer. Sometimes Jesus would warm Joseph by the flame of His Divine Love. This caused great joy to Joseph’s heart.

Fruit: The joy of Divine Love!

5. Joseph’s Love for Jesus

Joseph loved Jesus intensely and desired that He be known and loved by all men, but just as intense was the pain of knowing that Jesus was not recognized as being God but He would be contradicted and persecuted. Joseph asked that he might not live to see the day.

Fruit: To have a great love for the Child Jesus in spite of the pain

THE GLORIOUS MYSERIES

1. Finding The Child Jesus In The Temple

When Jesus went missing for 3 days, it caused great sorrow to the heart of Joseph and Mary. Upon their arrival at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were filled with joy at immediately beholding their one and only treasure, Jesus. Joseph remained silent, being too overcome with joy to speak. He was quite satisfied just to have found his All.

Fruit: to be satisfied with all that Jesus gives us!

2. The Life Of The Holy Family In Nazareth

Joseph sought to become more humble. When Jesus would leave the workshop, Joseph would kiss the floor where the sacred feet had rested. Jesus would ask Joseph in humility how to do His work, so Joseph would instruct Him with the greatest earnestness and love.

Joseph and Jesus spent many hours working in the workshop. When on occasion Joseph would come to eat after a strenuous day’s work, he would find that Mary had already prepared the dish he longed to have.

Fruit: To practice humility

3. Joseph’s Last Days in the Workshop

Many people in the town told Joseph that Jesus was lazy because he spent so much time in prayer, and nothing seemed to be accomplished. Even though Joseph was getting older and was not in good health, he would go to the workshop with Jesus. He would say, “My dear beloved Savior, allow me to be with you to enjoy your dear presence while I am still alive. Joseph and Jesus spent many good hours in the workshop in good conversation. Jesus conceded to Joseph the enjoyment he felt at being in His company in the little workshop.

Fruit: To adore Jesus!

4. Joseph’s Happy Death

Mary called Jesus into the house saying, “Come quickly, Jesus, he is

getting worse!” Jesus came into the room and began to read the Psalms. Then Joseph proceeded to speak as well as he could, asking for a blessing from Jesus and Mary. Jesus blessed Joseph by saying, “You are the Patron of The Dying, now go to Limbo, My father, and proclaim to them that the Savior is here in this world.” The fires of divine love within his heart then became more and more intense, and he passed on to God.

Fruit: Joseph is the Patron of the Dying

5. Joseph’s Most Chaste Heart In Paradise

On the day of Jesus’ glorious Resurrection, Joseph’s glorified soul was reunited to his blessed body, and Joseph made his entry into Heaven together with the Savior on the day of His Ascension. Once in Heaven, Joseph was crowned Saint of All Saints, and the whole heavenly court venerated Joseph’s Most Chaste Heart which was made by God’s divine grace to be similar to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, that heart of Joseph which gave to God so much love.

Fruit: To love and venerate the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph

*This Rosary was composed in 2004 by Chris Curtis, a visionary in Maryland, U.S.A. The mysteries are based on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the writings of Mother Maria Cecilia Baij, in Montefiascone, Italy from 1743-1766.