

## **1<sup>st</sup> Joyful Mystery**

### **The Annunciation**

One day the Angel Gabriel from heaven appeared to Mary. He said, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women." He told her that she was to be the mother of the Most High. Mary answered, "Yes!" Although she was a bit frightened, Mary trusted God's request. She prayed that she would be a good mother.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mystery- The Visitation**

Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth who was going to have a baby too. They would each become the mother of a special person. Mary's son would be Jesus, our Savior. Elizabeth's son would be John, who would later become "the Baptist". Mary stayed with her cousin until John the Baptist was born. John the Baptist would preach the coming of the Savior.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Joyful Mystery- The Nativity**

Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. Bethlehem was full of visitors they could not find a place to sleep. In a stable, Jesus was born. A glorious star shone in the heavens and the angels sang out. Shepherds came to adore the newborn King. Wise Men from the east brought Him lovely gifts. This was the first Christmas. It is celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup>

## **4<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery**

### **The Presentation**

Mary and Joseph brought their infant son Jesus to the Temple to thank God for their baby and promise to love and cherish Him. A great prophet Simeon saw the baby Jesus and knew this was the Savior of the world. He cried aloud in his joy. A wise old lady named Anna blessed Jesus and Mary.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery- The Finding in the Temple**

When Jesus was 12 years old, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem where the temple stood. Jesus loved His Father's house. So when His parents left, He stayed behind. For 3 days and nights Mary and Joseph looked everywhere for Jesus. Finally, they found Him talking to the priests and teachers. When Mary and Joseph found Him, they were filled with joy and thanked God. Jesus promised to be obedient to his parents from then on.