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## **Rosary for Life – The First Joyful Mystery**



During May, the month of Mary, please join us as we reflect on the First Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation, and pray for all expectant mothers, their pre-born child and their families.

As an angel proclaimed the conception of Christ in Mary's virginal womb, so do mothers and fathers learn the joyful news every day of the conception of their child. Let us pray to the Mother of all the Living that every child be treasured and protected from the first moment of conception as an inestimable and wondrous gift of God.

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy, inspire the hearts of all newly pregnant women with the joy of which you

sang at the Annunciation. Deliver all parents from fear, and pray that joy may embrace the lives of all expectant parents.

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy, rejoice with the mother who first feels the stirring of the child in her womb. Pray that all might be inspired by the wonder of new life and embrace God's overwhelming gift.

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy, pray for grandparents, that the witness of their joy might be a source of strength to their expectant children. Be with all new parents, that the miracle of new life silently *growing in the womb will awaken in them a commitment to cherish and protect their child.*

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