Sacred Heart Yokosuka Religious Education



Rosary: The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

Main Topic: Incarnation

***#1:** 36-44 **#2:** 11-15, 46-47 **#3:** 29-42 **#4:** 18-21, 33-35*

1. Jesus is the Son of God *CCC #423*
2. Jesus is True God from True God *CCC #464; Nicene Creed*
3. The angel Gabriel announced that Mary would be the Mother of Jesus *CCC #484*
4. The Holy Spirit caused the Virgin Mary to conceive the eternal Son of the Father in a humanity drawn from her own. *CCC #485*
5. Jesus is True Man *CCC #469, D-Incarnation*
6. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem 2026 years ago *CCC #525; Luke 2:1-16*
7. God became human so that we could become God *CCC #460; St. Athanasius*
8. Jesus grew up in Nazareth until he was 30 and then he began to preach the Kingdom of God *CCC #531*
9. The first miracle Jesus did was to turn water into wine at the wedding of Cana *cf. CCC #1335; John 2:1-11*
10. Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan River *CCC #535; Mark 1:9-11*
11. On top of Mount Tabor, Jesus was transfigured so that Peter, James, and John could see that he was God *CCC #554; Mark 9:2-8*

Faith Focus: The 5Ws of Jesus

Who is Jesus? The Son *CCC #423*

What is Jesus? True God and True Man *CCC #464*

Where is Jesus? He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. *CCC #659*

When will Jesus come back? No one knows except the Father. It might be today, tomorrow, or maybe 2000 more years. *CCC #673; Mark 13:32*

Why did Jesus come and die? To save us from our sins *CCC #457, #601 D-Savior; Matthew 1:21*

Saint: St. John the Evangelist *December 27*

John is the son of Zebedee and Salome, and his older brother is James. He was the youngest of the apostles, probably a teenager when Jesus called him. John was the only apostle who remained at the foot of the Cross with the Mother of Jesus and the pious women, and took Mary into his care as the last legacy of Christ. When they heard that Jesus had risen from the dead, Peter and John ran to the tomb. John got there first, but he waited for Peter before going inside and seeing that the tomb was empty. He is often called the disciple whom Jesus loved. After being an important part of the early Jerusalem Church, John moved to Ephesus with Mary whom he took care of. He wrote the Gospel according to John. The first chapter of the Gospel of John is called the "Prologue". It is considered one of the most beautiful parts of the Bible:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John the Baptist bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'" For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Keyword: *Annunciation* – the annoucement by the Angel Gabriel to Mary of the coming of Jesus

By pronouncing her "fiat" at the Annunciation and giving her consent to the Incarnation, Mary was already collaborating with the whole work her Son was to accomplish. She is mother wherever he is Savior and head of the Mystical Body. *CCC #973*

Prayer: Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Rosary: The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I do not know man?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.