Sacred Heart Yokosuka Religious Education



Rosary: The Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity

Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Main Topic: Mary

#1: *148-149* ***#2:*** *154-156* ***#3:*** *153-155* ***#4:*** *169-171*

1. The Immaculate Conception: The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. *CCC #491; Ineffabilis Deus*

2. By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long. *CCC #493*

3. Mary is ever-virgin: before, during, and after the birth of Jesus. *CCC #499*

4. Annunciation: Mary was chosen by God to be His mother. *CCC #488*

5. Mary's Fiat: "I am the Handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word." *CCC #494*

6. Mary is the Mother of God (Θεοτόκος). *CCC #495*

7. Magnificat: "My soul magnifies the Lord. My Spirit rejoices in God my savior. From this day all generations will call me blessed." *CCC #722; Luke 1:46-55*

8. Mary is our Mother, the Mother of the Church. Jesus gave her to his disciples on the Cross. *CCC #963; John 19:26*

9. The Assumption: At the end of her life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. *CCC #966*

10. Mary is Queen of Heaven and Earth. *CCC #966*

11. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix. *CCC #969; Lumen Gentium #62*

Faith Focus: The 5Ws of Mary

Who is Mary? The Mother of God *CCC #495; D-Mary*

What is Mary? A human person *cf. CCC #466, #616*

Where is Mary? She was assumed body and soul into heaven *CCC #966*

When was Mary free from Original Sin? From the first moment of her existence *CCC #491; D-Immaculate Conception*

Why is Mary the Mother of God? Because of her perfect obedience. *CCC #494*

Saint: St. Joseph *19 March (Spouse of the Virgin Mary)*
1 May (Joseph the Worker)

Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus, so he is called Jesus' stepfather or foster father. At first, when he found out that Mary was pregnant through the Holy Spirit, he was afraid to marry her because he knew that he was not worthy to be the stepfather of the Son of God, but then an angel appeared to him in a dream and reminded him that he was the son of David the king, and that God wanted him to take Mary into his home.

He took Mary to Bethlehem where Jesus was born, and then he took Mary and Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem for the presentation of the child. He protected Mary and Jesus and took them to Egypt when King Herod wanted to kill Jesus. Then he moved the Holy Family to Nazareth which is where Jesus grew up. Every time he had to make a difficult decision, an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him what he should do.

Saint Joseph worked as a carpenter and provided for the Holy Family and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. This is why he is the patron saint of carpenters and all those who do physical work. He is also the patron saint of a Happy Death because when he died before Jesus started preaching, Mary and Jesus were both at his side caring for him. He is called the protector of virgins and the most chaste spouse, because he married the Ever-Virgin Mary to protect her and divine Son.

Keyword: *Evangelical Counsels* – poverty, chastity, and obedience

The teachings of the New Law proposed by Jesus to his disciples which lead to the perfection of Christian life. The Evangelical Counsels remove anything, even things that are not sins, that can get in the way of us loving everyone as Jesus loved us.

Prayer: Hail Mary (The Angelic Salutation)

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.

Next time…

Rosary: The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation

Luke 2:22-35

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is contradicted (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."