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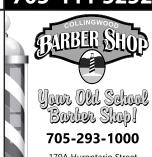




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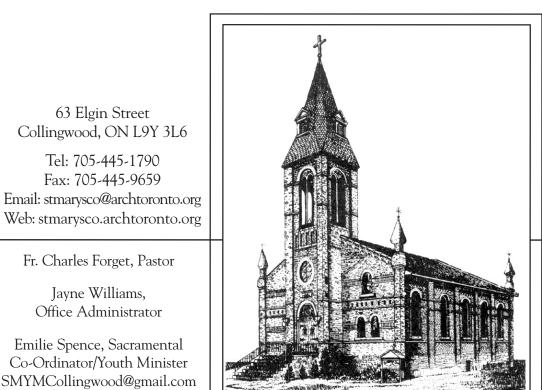
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# THE 4 SETS OF MYSTERIES OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of Mary and the Most Holy Rosary. It is holy because the prayers contained within the Rosary are truly and unexaggeratedly powerful. The late Fr. Amorth, the Vatican exorcist, said that one single 'Hail Mary' had such power as to infuriate the demons. In this four-part series of bulletins this month, I will contemplate the sets of mysteries and each of their five mysteries beginning with Monday thru Thursday.

#### THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES



On Monday's and Saturday's, we pray the Rosary using the Joyful Mysteries. These mysteries reflect joy because all of them would result in the joy that is promised by God in obedience to His will. Mary was obedient to the will of God and in her "yes" to God she was faithful. What made Mary able to give her 'fiat' to the Angel Gabriel? The faithfulness she had already before that day which would forever change the world and our lives

#### THE ANNUNCIATION

While Mary was a woman of great faith, nothing else but faith would have prepared her for what she was about to experience when out of the every day ordinariness of her life a great and terrifying Angel appears to her, telling her not to be afraid – because she would have been. Gabriel tells her that God has a special plan for her and that she is to give birth to the Saviour of the world! Mary, being 100% human, questions the Angel, "How can this be?" Through the power of the Holy Spirit, explains the Angel. Mary ponders this great and mysterious request and finally says, "Yes" to God and in that moment she becomes a mother. She willed motherhood and it happened in that moment. The demons of the world must have been tremendously stirred at that same moment, knowing that the holiness in a single human being and a heartfelt consent for the will of God to take place in her, had shaken alive suddenly all of the former promises of God, that He would send a Messiah. And that reality began here.

#### THE VISITATION

In Mary's surreal meeting with the awesomeness of Gabriel, the Archangel had also given Mary word that her cousin Elizabeth was sixmonths pregnant. So Mary went quickly travelling to see her and assist her. Yet as soon as Mary arrives, even without saying a word, Elizabeth is given a manifestation of God by the Holy Spirit and she responds to this prompting by exclaiming the words that compose the first half of the 'Hail Mary' prayer. It is even in Elizabeth's question, "Who am I that the Mother of my Saviour comes to me?" Elizabeth verbalizes that title which has split Christians as the Church declares with Elizabeth that Mary is the Mother of God! And her own child not only moves within her at the sound of Mary's voice, but leaps. John the Baptist, the foretold forerunner of Jesus manifests already his own joy while in the womb of the Saviours presence. In a world that says an unborn child is not a baby or a child but a 'thing', Elizabeth and John respond with voice and jumping proving otherwise and even that a child in the womb can be the One who saves the world at His coming.

Mary stays with Elizabeth until John the Baptist is born, a sign that Mary is not only about revelation but down to earth care of others, you and me. Mary has become our Mother.

#### THE NATIVITY - THE BIRTH OF JESUS OUR SAVIOUR

Perhaps one of the several sad lines of the scriptures from the Gospels are the words, "There was no room at the inn". As Fulton Sheen said. "There was no room at the inn for the very One who would become the Inn of every human heart". Mary and Joseph, at the time Mary is about to give birth, have no place to go or stay or be comfortable. Our Saviours Birth is so humble that it is unseen by the waiting world and witnessed only by cattle and donkeys, the beasts of work and burden. Yet it is here that God physically lands on the earth, so to speak, at His birth, "lying in a manger", the feeding trough of the animals. In this bed meant for food lies the Food of Life, the Bread of Life. He is born in Bethlehem which means, "House of Bread". He will become the Bread of Life that feeds us with His very flesh and blood in the manifestation of the Holy Eucharist, which continues still to feed and strengthen and be a real help of soul to all who are hungry for more than "bread and circuses". Why did God come to earth in this way? Fulton Sheen says that God took on a human body because He knew that we couldn't love anything we couldn't get our arms around.

#### THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

My mind is always filled with rich imagery when I contemplate this scene of God coming into His temple as a days-old helpless baby in the arms of Mary. They have come to fulfill their religious duty of presenting the child Jesus to God, 'God from God'. Strange it is that this takes place since Jesus is God. And old Simeon, who himself had received word from God that he wouldn't die until his eyes beheld the long-awaited Messiah, now takes and holds Jesus, the Son of God, in his tired hands and arms, suddenly strengthened now by the One who in fact holds him. In all of the strange and wonderous things that were said about Jesus, Simeon makes known, again by the prompting and witness of the Holy Spirit, some strange truths that will become known and manifest in the life of not only Jesus, but also of His Mother, Mary. The "falling and rising of many in Israel", "a sign that will be opposed",

and to Mary personally, "... and a sword will pierce your own heart too". Any one of us would be tempted in that moment to take the baby back and make a quick exit from this strange scene. Yet Mary and Joseph stay and listen and ponder all that is slowly yet overwhelmingly being revealed to them. St. Joseph stands as the strong and silent protector throughout the Gospels, pondering with Mary the greatness of God who has rewarded their faithfulness with Jesus.

#### THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Mary and Joseph, while travelling with many others in a great caravan of talking and walking people, somehow lose Jesus. Yet the One who came to save and redeem 'the lost' cannot Himself be lost in the world He created. But for His parents they are struck with fear and concern in their search to find Him, which leads them to retrace their steps all the way back to the City of Jerusalem. Frantic is their searching and inquiring of strangers as to whether they have seen a young boy of twelve. In their haste to find Jesus they hear His familiar but young voice in exchange with the rabbis who are gathered with and around Jesus. They are talking with one another and Jesus, in their midst, is talking. listening and teaching them – as Jesus does with us as well today in this beautiful closeness. But Mary and Joseph are not calm in that their fear has turned to a more serious tone, one that every parent would feel when their relief in finally finding their lost child becomes a more serious tone of "What were you thinking?" "Did you not know....". Of course, Jesus did know of their search for Him and He was in fact, home, for He is in His Father's holy temple. "Did you not know that I would be in my Father's House?" This strange statement of Jesus would be for them the cause of much pondering and wondering. Jesus would become our home, our refuge. (Fr.C)

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Tuesday October 12th

8:30am + In Memory of Mother & Friend Addie Slaughter

Requested by Susan & Fred Holmes

Wednesday October 13th

7:00pm +Deceased members of the Massa Family

Requested by the Family

Thursday October 14th

8:30am Intentions of Jean McMillan & Family

Requested by Susan & Fred Holmes

Friday October 15th

7:30am HOLY HOUR

8:30am Intentions for Health & Joy Kevin Spreitz

Requested by Catherine Spreitz

Saturday October 16th

4:30pm Confession

5:15pm + Richard Babiarz

Requested by Jeannie Babiarz

Sunday October 17th

9:00am For the Parishiors of St. Mary's

11:00am Special Intentions of the Guerrero Family

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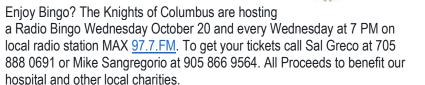
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