

LEARNING TO LOVE – LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1st Luminous mystery: **The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.**

The evangelists tell us that Jesus was commonly known as the son of Mary (cf. Jn 2, 1-2) and the “son of Joseph from Nazareth” (Jn 1, 45; Lk 4, 22). It is at the moment of his baptism in the Jordan, that his true identity is revealed to us: “heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased’” (Lk 3, 21-22). I am also a child of God because it is the heavenly Father who created my spiritual and immortal soul with a special and particular love at the moment I was conceived by my parents. Oh Mary, make this personal love of God for me be the foundation on which I base my life in the midst of all daily difficulties.

2nd Luminous mystery: **Jesus accomplishes his first miracle at the wedding at Cana.**

The evangelist relates to us that Mary was the first one to notice that the wine ran short during the wedding; after Jesus performed the miracle of changing water into wine, the headwaiter who “tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from” congratulated the bridegroom who was surprised himself by the presence of this unknown wine (Jn 2, 9-10). Jesus intervenes in my life to guide me, to help and protect me, all though I don’t notice it; I live in an excessively agitated and superficial way and I attribute to chance or luck all the happy events which occur. Oh Mary, let me emulate your faith so that I may discover how Jesus takes part in the events of my life and so that I may thank him.

3rd Luminous mystery: **Jesus preaches the Gospel and announces the Kingdom of God.**

Jesus revealed to us that at the heart of the great charter of his Kingdom there is his great commandment of Charity which is the source of true happiness: “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete... Love one another as I love you” (Jn 15, 11-12). Oh Mary, by applying myself in the meditation of the mysteries of your rosary, I want to better understand the example and the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel so I may put them in practice to demonstrate that “there is more happiness in giving than in receiving” (Ac 20, 35).

4th Luminous mystery: **Jesus the Transfiguration of Jesus at the mount Tabor.**

The Gospel tells us that Jesus took three of his apostles, Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to pray; there “he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light” (Mt. 17, 2). By manifesting his divine glory, Jesus showed the high esteem he had for these three apostles. Oh Mary, I want to imitate you Son’s humble act; I will respect others, accept their suggestions, and make them feel that they are important.

5th Luminous mystery: **Jesus institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist.**

In the Gospel we learn that during the last Supper “Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is my body’. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins’” (Mt 26, 27-28). Every Sunday Jesus says to me: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11, 28). Oh Mary, by participating in Sunday Mass, I want to draw from Jesus Christ the strength to give to others what they are expecting from me during the week.