**Jesus is Scourged**

Jesus is cruelly beaten by the soldiers.

We pray for all priests who are persecuted or physically and mentally abused, for all those who are imprisoned or prevented in some way from offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or from receiving Holy Communion. We pray for all priests living under any form of oppression.

**Jesus is Crowned with Thorns**

We pray for all priests who suffer for the defense of authentic Catholic doctrine. We pray that all Bishops will uphold the true teachings of the Catholic Church and resist temptations to compromise doctrine in the face of cultural and social pressures.

**Jesus Carries His Cross**

We pray for all priests with heavy crosses and for all those who are weak, lonely, or who have fallen from God’s grace in some way. We pray for our Holy Father, who perhaps has the heaviest of crosses: the widespread persecution and abandonment of the Church from within and without.

**Jesus Dies on the Cross**

Jesus sheds the last drops of His Precious Blood to redeem us from sin and death.

We pray for all priests who are in their last agony and for those who will die today. We pray for all those who thirst for the salvation of souls. We pray that the crucifixion of their wills may accomplish God’s designs for the salvation of the whole world. We pray that all priests may take Mary into their hearts, as St. John the Apostle, one of the first priests, took Mary into his home.

**The Glorious Mysteries**

**The Resurrection**

Jesus rises from the dead and appears to the Apostles.

At times priests may suffer from depression and despair that plague them when they see so little fruit from their labors. We pray that priests will always remember that the Crucifixion is followed by the Resurrection, and that darkness is always followed by light. We pray that all priests may share the joy of the Risen Christ.

**The Ascension**

Jesus instructs His Apostles and returns to His Father in Heaven.

We pray that priests may carry out Jesus’ instructions to evangelize the whole world, instructing and baptizing countless souls. We pray especially for missionaries who live lives of utter poverty and deprivation to bring the gospel to the unchurched.

**The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles, who are gathered with Mary.

We pray that all priests may be open to the graces of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them for their task of bringing souls to God and God to souls. We pray that all priests may be on fire to convert the most hardened sinners and to bring God’s love to the whole world.

**The Assumption**

Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. While she was on earth, she loved and prayed for the Apostles, the first priests.

We pray that all priests will be devoted to Mary and trust in her ever present love and protection, for she is the Mother of priests, the Virgin most powerful, who always prays for them, and who is their sure refuge against Satan and his cohorts who seek the destruction of priests and the priesthood.

**The Coronation**

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and earth; she is rewarded for her faithfulness to God.

We pray that Mary, Queen of the Clergy, will be the model of faith and joy, and the constant guide of all priests, until they reach Heaven where a crown, jeweled with the many souls entrusted to them on the day of Ordination, will be their reward for faithful and loving service.

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The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary, a virgin, that she will become the Mother of God, the Word made Flesh. For all centuries to come, Jesus will become Flesh in the Holy Eucharist to nourish us in a most intimate union with Him.

We pray for all priests who daily, through the words of the Consecration at Mass, and through Holy Communion, bring us the Body and Blood of Christ. We pray for all future priests now being formed in the wombs of their mothers, that they may be safe from physical and spiritual harm, and come to Ordination as God intends. We pray for all future generations of priests. We pray also that priests may treasure the gift of celibacy.

The Visitation

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who recognizes Mary as the living tabernacle for our Divine Lord.

We pray especially for priests who bring Holy Communion to the sick, the shut-ins, and Viaticum to the dying. We pray for all priests as they minister to others, that they may counsel, comfort, and console them.

The Nativity of Jesus

Jesus is born in Bethlehem. The Angels announce His birth; kings and shepherds come to adore Him.

We pray that all seminarians may grow in the knowledge and love of God and become holy priests. We pray especially for those who will be ordained soon, that they may remain faithful all their lives to the sublime privilege of being “other Christs” among us. We pray that all priests may increase with time. We pray for all future priests now being formed in the wombs of their mothers, that they may be safe from physical and spiritual harm, and come to Ordination as God intends. We pray for all future generations of priests. We pray also that priests may treasure the gift of celibacy.

The Presentation in the Temple

Mary and Joseph, in obedience to the Law, bring Jesus to the Temple, to be dedicated to God. Simeon expresses his gratitude to God for revealing the Messiah to him before he dies.

We thank God for all priests who, like Simeon, have given us decades of faithful service. We pray that they may be rewarded for their generosity and self-sacrifice. We pray also for all priests whose hearts are pierced by loneliness, depression, and rejection.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Jesus is found among the teachers in the Temple; He returns home and is obedient to Mary and Joseph.

We pray that priests will always be found going about their Father’s business and will be obedient to the teaching magisterium of the Church, to our Holy Father and to the Bishops in communion with him. We pray for young priests that the love and dedication they experience in the first years of their priesthood may increase with time. We pray for all priests who teach the faith to children and adults.

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of the Lord

John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan; the Holy Spirit descends on Him and the Voice of the Father is heard.

We pray that priests may always practice humble self-forgetfulness and seek only that our Lord be known and honored. We pray that priests may pour the life-giving waters of baptism over countless souls and help all those entrusted to their care to live holy lives and attain eternal salvation.

The Wedding of Cana

Jesus performs His first miracle at the request of His Mother, thereby manifesting His Divinity.

We pray that priests will confidently turn to Mary in all their needs, particularly when they feel they have nothing left to share, and following her example, do whatever Jesus tells them to do. We pray that all priests may grow in their faith that just as Jesus turned water into wine, He changes wine into His Precious Blood.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

The Apostles fall asleep; Jesus sweats blood at the thought of His coming Passion and death; angels come to comfort Him.

We pray that priests are suffering and are on the way to Calvary may be comforted by God’s presence and that those who have betrayed or denied the faith through weakness, may repent and return to God’s love. We pray that all priests may live only to do our Father’s Will, as Jesus always did.