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The Gospels make only such mention of the Rosary as to connect the Mother of Christ with His personal history. But when the religion He had founded filled the East and West and surrounding countries with flourishing churches, the followers of Jesus felt a deep interest in knowing all about the revered parents of Our Lord, and this inquiry was stimulated by the misstatements and calumnies regarding Mary and Joseph.

The early Christian writers, including St. Jerome, worked successfully in the land of Jesus and Mary to gather and transmit to all future generations the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments. Then came Origen, St. Justin, Martyr, St. John Damascene, St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. Augustine, St. John Chrysostom, and many others who vouched for the existence and the authority of the tradition relating to the parentage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of her birth and early life up to the point where St. Luke and St. Matthew mention her story in their Gospels.

The same authorities and many others tell us of Mary's life after the Ascension of Our Lord.

She was born in the town of Nazareth in Galilee, which was also the home of St. Joseph, and where the "Word Incarnate" was to live in obscurity for thirty years. St. Justin, Martyr, a native of Palestine who died for the faith, says that Mary was des-

cended in a direct line from King David. Her father's name was Joachiam and her mother's name was Anne.

However wondrously glorious are those aforementioned holy figures, they are all outshone by Mary, Queen of Angels and Saints: Mary, the Mother of Christ.

Like every creature in Heaven and on earth, She was created out of nothingness. An infinite distance separates her from the Infinite, from the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And she has no grace which she does not owe to the Divine Mediator. Both in her natural and supernatural being, she is wholly the gift of God, "full of grace". (St. Luke 1-28). All the strength of her faith culminates in the words she spoke to the Archangel: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word". (St. Luke 1, 38).

These are no common words. They have preceded all others along the way of redemption, and helped to prepare that way: therefore she was and is for all the "Gate of Heaven".

With these preliminary remarks we now enter upon our task,—that of condensing into a few pages a number of Gospel texts showing the life of the Second Eve, the Mother of the True Life, so dear to all who hold Christ to be the Second Adam and Saviour of our race. We propose to do this more interestingly by explaining the Rosary with the aid of films and talking and silent motion pictures, quoting our authority for each mystery from these Gospel texts as we proceed.

The word "Rosary" means a garland of roses. The prayers in the Rosary are taken from the Bible and are therefore in perfect accord with the mind of God.

An intimate connection exists between the Rosary and the Apostles' Creed which is not at once apparent. The words of the Apostles' Creed afford matter for the whole fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

On the words "conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary", are formed the five Joyful Mysteries. On the words "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried" are formed

the five Sorrowful Mysteries, and the short sentence, "rose again from the dead and ascended into Heaven" gives us the five Glorious Mysteries. Thus we can see what an important part the Creed has in the Rosary, of which it forms the basis:

Faith is the germ, as it were, the root, and the Rosary is the flower. "There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up

out of his root". (İs. Xİ, 1).

With Mary's co-operation, when she addressed these words to the Archangel Gabriel, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to Thy word", our Saviour has accomplished these fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

Thus the life of Jesus and Mary is the lovely rose garden into which we enter when we say the Rosary. This lovely rose garden is planted in the Sacred Soil of the Gospel: it is enclosed within the impregnable walls of the Apostles' Creed, out of which it blooms in mysterious splendor. History tells us that the Monks of the early ages used beads to count their prayers, and, according to a tradition, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Dominic in the thirteenth century and asked him to spread the devotion of the Rosary as an antidote to the heresies of the time. It is admitted by all church members that the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory be to the Father, reverently said, during each mystery, while meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary, cannot fail to be a source of joy in the lives of Christians.

We present the following Gospel Texts with accompanying motion pictures, hoping that our efforts may create in the Souls of all who see them, an ardent desire to extend the Kingdom of God.

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY

The Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Gospel Text

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to

a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and thou shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord shall give unto him the throne of David, his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

And Mary said to the angel: "How shall this be done, because I know not man?" And the angel answering, said to her: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy One, who shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: because no word shall be impossible with God.

And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (St. Luke 1, 26-38).

THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin to Her Cousin, St. Elizabeth.

Gospel Text

And Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste, into a city of JuJda. And she entered into the house of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost and she cried out with a loud voice and said:

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb! And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come unto me? For behold as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord!

And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handsmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation unto generation to them that fear him.

He hath shewed might in his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

And Mary abode with her about three months, and she returned to her own house. (St. Luke 1, 39-56).

THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY

The Birth of Our Divine Lord in the Stable of Bethlehem.

Gospel Text

And it came to pass, that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with

Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear.

And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all people: for, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of goodwill. (St. Luke 2, 1-14).

THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

The Presentation Of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

Gospel Text

After the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord: as it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord: and to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young doves.

And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was in him. And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before

he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by the spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he also took him into his arms and blessed God and said: Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And his father and mother were wondering at

those things which were spoken concerning him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; and thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts,

thoughts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Aser; she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years; who departed not from the temple, by fasting and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in confessed to the Lord; and spoke of him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel.

And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth. And the child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom; and the grace of God was in him. (St. Luke 2, 22-40).

THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

Gospel Text

And his parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the pasch, and when he was twelve years old, they going up to Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast, and having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him.

And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: "Son, why hast thou done so to us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

And he said to him: "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them.

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. (St. Luke 2, 41-51).

THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Agony of Our Divine Lord in the Garden of Olives.

Gospel Text

Then Jesus came with them into a country place which is called Gethsemani; and he said to his disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder and pray. And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to grow sorrowful and to be said. Then he said to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death; stay you here, and watch with me. And going a little further, he fell upon his face, praying and saying: My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And he cometh to his disciples and findeth them asleep, and he saith to Peter: What? Could you not watch one hour with me? Watch ye and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

And the second time, he went and prayed, saying:

My Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, thy will be done. And he cometh again and findeth them sleeping: for their eyes were heavy.

And leaving them, he went again and he prayed the third time, saying the selfsame word. Then he cometh to his disciples, and saith to them: Sleep ye now and take your rest; behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go: behold he is at hand that will betray me. (St. Matthew 26, 36-46).

THE SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Scourging of Jesus.

Gospel Text

Pilate therefore went into the hall again and called Jesus and said to him: Art thou the king of the Jews?

Jesus answered: Sayest thou this thing of thyself

or have others told it thee of me?

Pilate answered: Am I a Jew? Thy own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee up to me:

what hast thou done?

Jesus answered: My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would certainly strive that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now my kingdom is not from hence.

Pilate therefore said to him: Art thou a king then? Jesus answered: Thou sayest that I am a king. For this was I born and for this I came into the world; that I should give testimony of the truth. Everyone that is of the truth, heareth my voice.

Pilate said to him: What is truth?

And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and saith to them: I find no cause in him. But you have a custom that I should release one unto you at the pasch: will you therefore that I release unto you the king of the Jews?

Then they all cried again: Not this man but

Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

Then therefore Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. (St. John XVIII, 33-40 and XIX, 1).

THE THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns.

Gospel Text

Then the soldiers of the governor taking Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto him the whole band; and stripping him, they put a scarlet cloak about him. And platting a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying: Hail, king of the Jews. And spitting upon him, they took the reed and struck his head. (St. Matthew 27, 27-30).

THE FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Carrying of the Cross.

Gospel Text

Now of necessity he was to release one unto them upon the feast day. But the whole multitude together cried out, saying: Away with this man and release unto us Barabbas: who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for a murder, was cast into prison. And Pilate again spoke to them, desiring to release Jesus.

But they cried again, saying: Crucify him, crucify him.

And he said to them the third time: Why, what evil hath this man done? I find no cause of death in him. I will chastise him therefore, and let him go.

But they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified; and their voices prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be done as they required. And he released unto them him who for murder and sedition, had been cast into prison, whom they had desired; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

And as they led him away, they laid hold of one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country; and they laid the cross on him to carry after Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus, turning to them, said: Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not over me; but weep for yourselves and for your children. For, behold the days shall come, wherein they shall say: Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that have not borne, and the paps that have not given suck. Then they shall begin to say to the mountains: Fall upon us, and to the hills: Cover us. For if in the green wood they do these things, what shall be done in the dry?

And there were also two other malefactors led with him to be put to death. (St. Luke 23, 17-32).

THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Crucifixion and Death of Christ.

Gospel Text

And they took Jesus and led him forth. And bearing his own cross, he went forth to that place which is called Calvary, but in Hebrew Golgotha. Where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the midst.

And Pilate wrote a title also, and he put it upon the cross. And the writing was: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. This title therefore many of the Jews did read: because the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew and in Greek and in Latin. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate: Write not, the King of the Jews, but that he said I am the King of the Jews.

Pilate answered: What I have written, I have written.

The soldiers therefore when they had crucified him, took his garments and they made four parts, to every soldier a part, and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said then one to another: Let us not cut it, but let us cast lots for it, whose it shall be; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saying: They have parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture they have cast lots. And the soldiers indeed did these things.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother

and mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. When Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, he saith to his mother: Woman, behold thy son. After that, he saith to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.

Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said: I thirst. Now there was a vessel set there full of vinegar. And they, putting a sponge full of vinegar about hyssop, put it to his mouth. Jesus therefore, when he had taken the vinegar, said: It is consummated. And bowing his head, he gave up the ghost. (St. John 19, 16-30).

THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY

The Resurrection of Our Lord.

Gospel Text

And the next day, which followed the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees came together to Pilate, saying: Sir, we have remembered that that seducer said, while he was yet alive: After three days I will rise again. Command therefore the sepulchre to be guarded until the third day; lest perhaps his disciples come and steal him away, and say to the people: he is risen from the dead; and the last error shall be worse than the first.

And pilate saith to them: You have a guard; go guard it as you know.

And they departing, made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone and setting guards. And in the end of the Sabbath, when it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalen and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre. And behold there was a great earthquake. For an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and, coming, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. And his countenance was as lightning and his raiment as snow. And for fear of him the guards were struck with terror and became as dead men. And the angel answering, said to the women: Fear not you: for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for

he is risen, as he said. Come and see the place where the Lord was laid. And going quickly, tell ye his disciples that he is risen: and behold he will go before you into Galilee; there you shall see him. Lo,

I have foretold it to you.

And they went out quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, running to tell his disciples. And behold Jesus met them, saying: All hail! But they came up and took hold of his feet and adored him. Then Jesus said to them: Fear not. Go, tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, there they shall see me. (St. Matthew 27, 62-66; 28, 1-10).

THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY

The Ascension of Christ.

Gospel Text

And eating together with them, he commanded them, that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard (saith he) by my mouth. For John indeed baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence.

They therefore who were come together, asked him, saying: Lord, wilt thou at this time restore

again the kingdom of Israel?

But he said to them: It is not for you to know the times or moments, which the Father has put in his own power: But you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem and Samaria and even

to the uttermost parts of the earth.

And when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were beholding him going up to heaven, behold two men stood by them in white garments. Who also said: Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven shall so come, as you have seen him going into heaven.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, which is nigh Jerusalem, within a sabbath-day's journey. (Acts 1, 4-12.)

THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

The Descent of the Holy Ghost.

Gospel Text

And when the days of Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.

Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue. And they were all amazed and wondered, saying, Behold, are not all these that speak, Galileans? And how have we heard every man our own tongue wherein we were born? Parthiana, and Medes, and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphilia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews also, and proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians; we have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all astonished and wondered, saying one to another: What meaneth this? But others mocking, said: these men are full of wine.

But Peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke to them: This is that, which was spoken of by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, (saith the Lord) I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know most certainly, that God hath made both Lord and Christ, this same Jesus, whom you have crucified.

Now when they had heard these things, they had compunction in their heart, and said to Peter, and

to the Apostles: What shall we do, men and brethren?

But Peter said to them: Do penance and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins: and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, whomsoever the Lord our God shall call. And with very many other words did he testify and exhort them saying: Save yourselves from this perverse generation.

They therefore that received his word, were baptized: and there were added in that day about three thousand souls. (Acts 2, 1-14, 16-17, 36-41).

THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Gospel Text

"My abode is in the full assembly of Saints." Eccl. 24:11-13; 15-17.

The Blessed Virgin had passed her 60th year on earth when the Angel of death came to her.

Tradition teaches that the Apostles were all assembled at her death excepting St. Thomas. So great was his grief at not being permitted to bid farewell to the Mother of his Lord, that the tomb was opened, but her immaculate Body had been taken up to Heaven and the coffin was found filled with fragrant flowers.

This Apostolic tradition is the foundation of the belief of the Church in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. While it has not been defined as a dogma of Faith, it seems fitting to accept the belief that the Man God never permitted His Mother to suffer the corruption of the grave.

We can almost hear the Angelic Choir resounding in the Heavens its hymn of thanksgiving and praise as in the very words of the Blessed Mother herself when here below she cried, "My Soul doth magnify the Lord, etc. (Chorus here).

THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

The Crowning of Mary in Heaven.

Gospel Text

It would seem as if the songs of praise of the Blessed Mother on earth, have been continued and magnified by the Angel Chorus in Heaven, as follows:

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold: henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things to me and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation unto them that fear Him.

He hath wrought mightily with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and

hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich He hath sent away empty.

He hath received Israel His servant being mind-

ful of His mercy.

As He spoke unto our fathers, to Abraham and his seed for ever. St. Luke 1:46-55.

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