

June 2, 2020-Reflections for the Easter Season Ms. Albano

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear God, I acknowledge the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for being the ongoing stewards of this traditional territory.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

“Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’ (Genesis 3:11-15)



Did Mary know that within three days Jesus would rise again from the dead? Did she know that forty days later, he would this earth and send the Holy Spirit? Did she even ask those questions as she watches him suffer on the Cross?

Since the Feast of Pentecost is the third most important feast, we celebrate in the Church, behind Christmas and Easter Sunday, it is important that we ponder the significance of that day. To ask who was present when the Holy Spirit came? Present at his birth and death?

A woman who carried him for nine months. The constant woman who pondered all these things on the day of his birth. The woman whose hearts pierced as she presented her Son. The woman who asked her Son to turn water into wine. The woman who the disciple took into his home as her Son instructed at the foot of his Cross. Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church is our example of steadfast faith in prayer and service for all of humanity. She was more than the mother of God, she is the woman who protects and prays for us, as she did when she carried the Lord, and teaches us how to pray and serve Him. In her, we see the gift of the Holy Spirit exemplified, in the way she cherishes her Son, points to her Son, and follows her Son.

Through Mary, may we learn how to endure in these days of uncertainty. In her, may we learn patience to live without and from doing as we please, but to follow the Lord in everything we do. When we feel unsettled and anxious, may we take the moment to pray with her on the rosary beads, to remember the Joyful Mysteries of how God came to dwell among us, to learn in the Luminous mysteries how God shows us his divinity and humanity to pray and serve the Lord. In the Sorrowful Mysteries, to find the comfort to know that God suffers with and for us. May we rejoice in the Glorious mysteries to be vigilant in these moments of suffering, knowing it will end and we will reclaim our purpose to proclaim the Gospel and return to the Lord for all eternity. May the Blessed Mother guides us to ponder and trust in the words of Jesus who said, “Remember I am with you always till the end of days.” Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Joyful Mysteries Mondays & Saturdays



First Mystery - The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces she is to bear a son, who will be named Jesus. Mary is perplexed as she is a virgin. Gabriel explains that the Holy Spirit and the Most High will overshadow her. The child will be the Son of God.



Second Mystery - The Visitation

Mary who is pregnant with Jesus travels to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who will soon give birth to John the Baptist. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."



Third Mystery - The Birth of Jesus

Joseph traveled with Mary to Bethlehem to register according to the decree of Emperor Augustus. While there, she gave birth to Jesus, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there is no room in the inn.



Fourth Mystery - The Presentation

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took Him to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.



Fifth Mystery - Finding the Child in the Temple

After three days, Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the sitting in temple in the midst of the teachers. As Jesus listens and asks question, all marvel at his wisdom. He asks Mary and Joseph, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Sorrowful Mysteries Tuesdays & Fridays



First Mystery - The Agony in the Garden

Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done."



Second Mystery - The Scouring at the Pillar

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him scourged. From the sole of the foot to the head. Wound and welt... a gaping gash...



Third Mystery - The Crowning with Thorns

The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head and a reed in his hand. They dressed Him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking Him on the face.



Fourth Mystery - The Carrying of the Cross

"... and carrying the cross Himself, He went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha."



Fifth Mystery - The Crucifixion

"Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit'; and when He had said this He breathed His last."

Luminous Mysteries Thursdays



First Mystery - The Baptism of Jesus

After Jesus is baptized and is leaving the water, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove upon Him. A voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



Second Mystery - The Wedding at Cana

They run out of wine at the wedding. Jesus tells the servants to fill the empty jars with water and take them to the head steward. The head steward tells the bridegroom that everyone serves the best wine first, but you have saved the best till last.



Third Mystery - Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of God

Jesus says to a paralytic, to rise and go home. He does in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God.



Fourth Mystery - The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James and John to a mountain-top. He was transfigured before them and was seen talking with Moses and Elijah. From above, a voice was heard "This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"



Fifth Mystery - Jesus Institutes the Eucharist

At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to His disciples. "Take and eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and said, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Glorious Mysteries Wednesdays & Sundays*



First Mystery - The Resurrection

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay."



Second Mystery - The Ascension

So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.



Third Mystery - The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The disciples were in one room when suddenly there came from heaven a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the house. Tongues of fire rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit.



Fourth Mystery - The Assumption

"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Upon her death, because Mary was immaculate she was assumed body and soul into heaven."



Fifth Mystery - The Coronation

"You are the glory of Jerusalem... you are the splendid boast of our people. With your own hand you have done all this... May you be blessed by the Lord Almighty forever and ever!"

(*Sundays during Lent are Sorrowful Mysteries and Sundays during Advent are Joyful Mysteries.)