

Novena of Maria Bambina - 2020

Mary, seat of wisdom pray for us



SECOND DAY: 31/8

Mary in the mystery of Christ: Full of grace.

Mary is definitively introduced into the mystery of Christ through this event: the Annunciation by the angel. This takes place at Nazareth, within the concrete circumstances of the history of Israel, the people which first received God's promises. The divine messenger says to the Virgin: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk. 1:28). Mary "was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be" (Lk. 1:29): what could those extraordinary words mean, and in particular the expression "full of grace" (kecharitoméne). [RM n 8]

*Meditating on the **mysteries of Joy***

On the anniversary of the death of card. Carlo M. Martini

Let us pray for those who proclaim the Gospel

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

1st mystery: The angel of God brings glad tidings to the Virgin who conceives by the work of the Holy Spirit

Mary who receives the glad tidings of the Angel, bears in her, the whole of the hope of patriarchs and prophets, all the expectation of the people, the longing and desire for the face of God expressed in the Psalms; her 'yes' is the seal of her hope. Virgin of the Annunciation, make us blessed in the hope; teach us the watchfulness of heart, and grant us attentive love of a spouse (*card. CM Martini*).

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

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2nd mystery: The Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, visits Elizabeth to render her service

Mutual attention and concreteness are at the basis of the dialogue and communication between Mary and Elizabeth. An encounter through gesture and word that expresses the superabundance of the heart, the gratitude and the gratuitousness. Mary, obtain for us that, contemplating on the Mysteries, we also may let our desire to communicate be purified and be penetrated by that light coming from the mystery, and let ourselves to be attracted by this exchange of love (*card. CM Martini*).

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3rd mystery: The Blessed Virgin gives birth to Jesus in the cave of Bethlehem

To welcome the Word we need to cultivate contemplative silence, the capacity to enter into our interiority, to rediscover the center in ourselves, overcoming anxiety and haste that swallow us. Mary did so in front of the disconcerting and unexpected events that happened to her. Mary, Virgin Mother Mary, who became the fertile ground for the coming of Jesus, help us to be like You vigilant and committed in welcoming and in transmitting the gift that comes from God. (*card. CM Martini*).

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4th mystery: Mary presents Jesus in the Temple

In the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Mary understood that her offering has been taken serious; she was not only to live simply the joy of motherhood but she has to enter into the obscure night of faith. May her example inspire us to find, even in our renewed trust in the cross, the meaning of our dedication today to the mystery of God. Mary, make us like us, simple and eloquent offering (*card. CM Martini*).

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5th mystery: Jesus is lost and found again in the Temple

Starting again from God means knowing that we don't see him, but we believe in him and we seek him just as the night seeks the dawn; it means therefore to live in a holy restlessness of a seeking without rest the hidden face of the Father Jesus, the Son, speaks of his Father in a mysterious way, until the day in which he will speak openly of Him. Mary, Mother of Jesus, makes us to find the right way. Do not let us be lost among many ways of our world (*card. CM Martini*).

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Salve Regina...

Canto: Alzate, o Maria, dalla vostra culla,
alzate la tenera vostra manina,
e a tutti impartite
la santa benedizione (2).