



Fourth Mystery – The Presentation in the Temple: On the eighth day the infant was circumcised and named **Jesus**. After 40 days **Jesus** was presented (*consecrated*) in the temple to the **Lord**. The prophet Simeon had been told by the **Holy Spirit** that he would not die before he had seen the **Lord's Christ**. Holding the infant and praising **God**, he said, "**Sovereign Lord**, as you promised you now dismiss your servant in **PEACE**. For my eyes have seen your



SALVATION, which you have prepared for **all people**: a light for revelation to the **Gentiles** and the glory of your people **Israel**." Then he said to Mary, "Your child is destined to **cause** the **falling** and **rising** of many, and to be a **sign** that will be **spoken against**, so that the **thoughts** of many **hearts** will be **revealed**, and a **sword will pierce through your soul too.**" (*Your soul is located behind your heart.*)

After **Jesus** was born, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, **“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?** We saw his **star** in the east and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly disturbed. He called the high priest and teachers and asked, “Where is **Christ the king** to be born?” They answered, “In Bethlehem of Judea.” Herod called the Magi and asked them the exact time the **star** had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “When you find the child, report to me, so that I may also worship him.” They found the child and presented him with gifts of **gold, myrrh, and frankincense** and then were warned in a dream not to return to Herod.

An angel warned Joseph in a dream: “Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt. Stay there until I tell you; Herod is going to search for the child to **kill** him.” When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the Magi, he was furious and gave orders to **kill** all of the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity, who were two years old and under, according to the time the **star** had appeared to the Magi. But after Herod died, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to return to Nazareth in Galilee. (*Lk. 2:21–40; Mt. 2*) **The Magi spot the star, foretelling Christ's 1st coming, through a pyramid (card 16)**



Fifth Mystery – Finding the Boy Jesus in the Temple: Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for Passover yearly. When **Jesus** was twelve, they went up to the Feast. When they returned home, **Jesus** stayed behind and they were unaware of it. They traveled for a day, thinking that he was in their caravan. Then they began looking for him. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them many questions. Everyone was amazed at his understanding and answers!

When his parents saw him, they were astonished! His mother said, “**Son**, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” He asked them, “Why were you searching for me? Don't you know I must be about my **Father's** business?” But they did not understand him. Then he was obedient and went back to Nazareth and was subject to them. His mother treasured these things in her **heart** as **Jesus** grew and became strong in wisdom, stature, and in favor with **God** and men. (*Lk. 2:41–51*)

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY WITH YOUR PRAYERS, DEFEAT SATAN'S ATTACKS!

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Card 7

👑 **The Christmas Story** 👑

THE KING OF PEACE IS BORN
The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary: God's Peace Plan



Part I of the Gospel

Mary has been calling the world to prayer from Medjugorje (Med.) since 1981 (card 15).

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST TO THE VIRGIN: The angel **saluted** Mary, “**Hail, you who are FULL OF GRACE, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among (above all) women**” (*Lk. 1:28*). 👑



“I call you to be carriers of PEACE and GOODNESS in this world that is WITHOUT A FUTURE because it does not have its heart open to God, who is your SALVATION” (*Med. 7/25/12*).

“I pray to my Son not to punish the world. You cannot imagine what is going to happen nor what the Father will send to earth. Be converted, renounce everything, do penance. I carry all this to my Son to obtain an alleviation of His justice against the sins of mankind.” (*Med. 6/24/83*)

Our Lady sometimes appears joyful, other times sad, often on Christmas she appears with the infant Jesus: “Dear Children, today I bring you little Jesus that He may bless you with His blessing of peace and love. Give your love as an example to your family. Put God in the first place in your families so that he may protect you from war and every attack of Satan. Decide for God.” (*Med. 12/25/91*)

“PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS BY MEANS OF PENANCE, PRAYER, AND WORKS OF CHARITY.” (*MED. 12/5/85*)

Christ's birth is celebrated on December 25th.

“This day you will know that the Lord will come and save us; and in the morning you will see His Glory” (*Ex. 16:6–7*).

“A virgin will conceive, and bear a Son, and will name Him Immanuel—‘God with us’” 👑 (*Isa. 7:14/Mt. 1:23*).



Praying the Rosary may at first seem taboo for non-Catholics; but in these troubled times there is no greater **peace** than the **peace** that our Eternal Mother offers, which is the **PEACE OF KNOWING HER SON**. Mary has obtained from her Son **promises of the greatest graces of peace, favor, mercy, and protection** for all who recite the **Rosary while meditating on the Gospel**. We are



promised the light of God, during life and at death. We will not die a bad or unprovided for death, but rather in God's graces, delivered from purgatory to share in eternal life. We are also promised signal graces—signs and warnings of things to come (card 16), and relief of suffering, also special protection, and that we will not be overwhelmed by misfortune. The **Rosary** is a powerful armor against sin, producing virtue by withdrawing hearts from the vanities of the world through contemplation on the eternal things contained in the **Gospel**.



First Mystery – The Annunciation: During the reign of King Herod, there was a priest named Zechariah, his wife Elizabeth was barren. They were both well along in years. While Zechariah was ministering to God in the temple, the angel Gabriel appeared: “Zechariah, your prayer has been heard; Elizabeth will bear a son and you will name him John. He will be filled with the **Holy Spirit** from birth and will bring many people in Israel back to God. He will go before the **Lord**, in the spirit and power of Elijah,



to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—TO MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD.”

Zachariah **did not believe** the angel because he and Elizabeth were old. The angel replied, “I have been sent by God to speak this **good news**. Now you will not be able to speak until the day this happens.” Outside the temple the people were waiting and wondering what was taking him so long. When he came out and could not speak, but only make signs, they perceived that he had seen a vision. When Zechariah finished ministering, he returned home and Elizabeth conceived.

Six months later God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, Galilee, to Mary, a virgin, engaged to Joseph; both were of the House of David. The angel **saluted** Mary, **“Hall, you who are full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you above all women.”** Mary was greatly troubled at this **salutation**. The angel said, “Fear not, Mary, you have found favor with **God (the Father)**. You will conceive, and bring forth a **Son**, and name him **Jesus**. He will be called the **Son of the Highest**. **God** will give him the Throne of David; and there will be no end to his kingdom.”



Mary asked, * “How will this be since I **vowed** not to know a man?” The angel replied, “The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you and the power of the **Most High** will overshadow you; so the **Holy One** to be born of you will be called the **Son of God**. Elizabeth, your relative, is going to have a child in her old age; for nothing is impossible with **God!**” Mary answered, “I am the handmaid of the **Lord**. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Mt. 1:1–17; Lk. 1:1–38/*card 2)



“MY PRAYER IS FOR YOU WHO SEEK THE GRACE OF CONVERSION. YOU KNOCK ON THE DOOR OF MY HEART, BUT WITHOUT PRAYER, IN SIN, AND WITHOUT THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) WITH GOD. LEAVE SIN, DECIDE FOR HOLINESS, THEN I CAN SEEK INTERCESSION FOR YOU FROM THE MOST HIGH!” (Med. 5/25/11).



Second Mystery – The Visitation: Mary hurried to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and she was filled with the **Holy Spirit**. In a loud voice she exclaimed: **“Blessed are you among (above all) women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.** Blessed is she who **has believed** that what the **Lord** has said to her will be accomplished!”

Mary said: “My soul glorifies the **Lord**. **All generations will call me blessed;** the **Mighty One** has done great things for me—**Holy His Name!** His mercy extends to those who fear him. He has shown **might** with his arm, dispersing the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down rulers but lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped Israel, remembering to be merciful, as he promised to Abraham and his seed forever!”

“I CALL YOU TO GATHER INTO GOD'S FAMILY AND BE STRENGTHENED WITH THE FATHER'S STRENGTH!” (Med. 8/2/11)

Mary stayed for three months. Then John was born and his relatives gathered to circumcise him on the eighth day. They wanted to name him Zechariah; but Zechariah wrote that his name was John. Immediately, his mouth opened and all were amazed as he prophesied: “Praise be to the **Lord**. He has raised up a **horn of salvation** for us in the House of David, as he said through his prophets, **salvation** from our enemies and from all who hate us. And you my child will be called a prophet of the **Most High** for you will go before the **Lord** to prepare the way for him, **to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. To guide our feet into the path of PEACE.”**



John grew up strong in the **Spirit**, living in the desert. (Lk. 1:39–80)



Third Mystery – The Birth of Our Lord: When Joseph realized Mary was with child, he decided to **end their engagement** privately, not willing to expose her to public disgrace. But an angel appeared to him in a dream: “Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife because that which is conceived in her is from the **Holy Spirit**. She will give birth to a **Son** and you are to **name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.**” This took place to fulfill what the prophet Isaiah had



said: “The **Virgin** will be with **child**, and will give birth to a **Son**, and will call him **IMMANUEL**, meaning **“GOD WITH US.”** So Joseph did as the angel commanded.

Because a census decree was taken, Joseph left Nazareth with Mary, his espoused wife, to register and be taxed in Bethlehem, his hometown. The time came for the baby to be born and there was no room in the inn, so Mary gave birth to Jesus in a manger. An angel appeared to shepherds nearby, saying, “I bring you **good news of great joy** that will be for **all people**. Today in the town of David a **Savior** has been born; he is **Christ**, the **Lord**. You will find him in a manger.” Suddenly, a host of angels appeared, praising God: **“Glory to God in the highest and on earth PEACE among men of good will.”** The shepherds hurried to find the child. Then praising and glorifying God, they spread the word about what had been told to them by the angel. All were amazed and wondered.



(Mt. 1:18–25, Lk. 2:1–20)



“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the **Lord!** **PEACE** in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Lk. 19:38).

