

Luminous Mystery of the Rosary

Thursday

The Baptism in the Jordan

1st Luminous Mystery

John is baptizing in the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance.

"I am the voice of one crying in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."

"One mightier than I is coming after me."

"I have baptized you with water, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Seeing Jesus, John exclaims: "Behold the Lamb of God."

After Jesus' baptism a voice from Heaven: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

The Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

In this heavenly manifestation is instituted the sacrament of baptism.

The divine Trinity is manifested: the voice of the Father is heard as the Spirit descends upon the Son.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom

3rd Luminous Mystery

"Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

"My kingdom is not of this world."

"Unless a man be born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God as a little child will not enter into it."

"I have come to call sinners, not the just."

"Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you."

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied."

"Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

The Transfiguration

4th Luminous Mystery

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain to pray.

Jesus was transfigured before them.

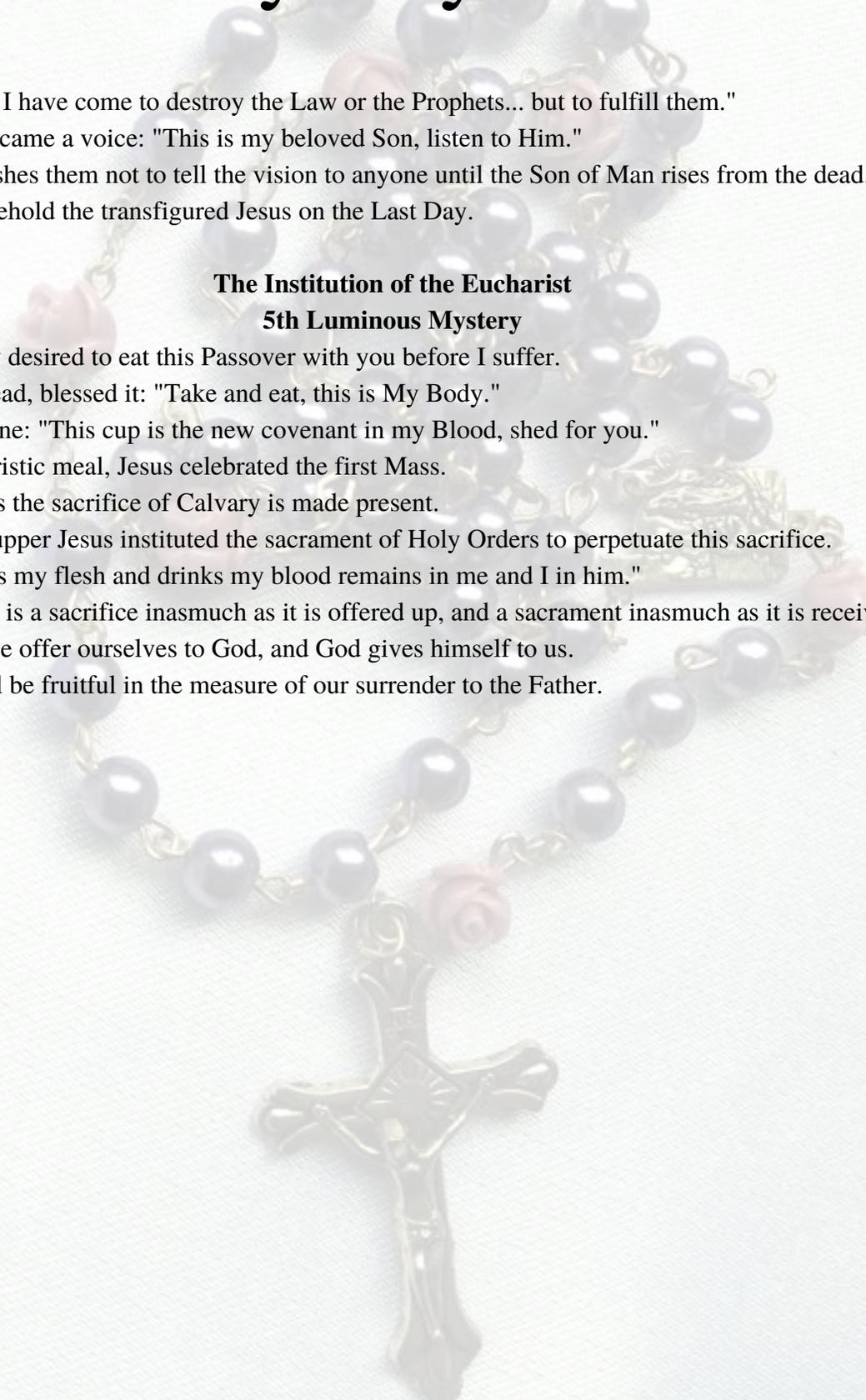
"His face became as dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light."

This was to fortify their faith to withstand the coming tragedy of the Passion.

Jesus foresaw the 'scandal of the cross,' and prepared them for it by this manifestation of His glory.

Moses and Elias (representing the Law and the prophets of the Old Testament) were conversing with Jesus about His passion.

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"Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets... but to fulfill them."

From a cloud came a voice: "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

Jesus admonishes them not to tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man rises from the dead.

We too will behold the transfigured Jesus on the Last Day.

The Institution of the Eucharist

5th Luminous Mystery

I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Jesus took bread, blessed it: "Take and eat, this is My Body."

Taking the wine: "This cup is the new covenant in my Blood, shed for you."

At that eucharistic meal, Jesus celebrated the first Mass.

At every Mass the sacrifice of Calvary is made present.

At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Orders to perpetuate this sacrifice.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

The Eucharist is a sacrifice inasmuch as it is offered up, and a sacrament inasmuch as it is received.

In the Mass we offer ourselves to God, and God gives himself to us.

The Mass will be fruitful in the measure of our surrender to the Father.