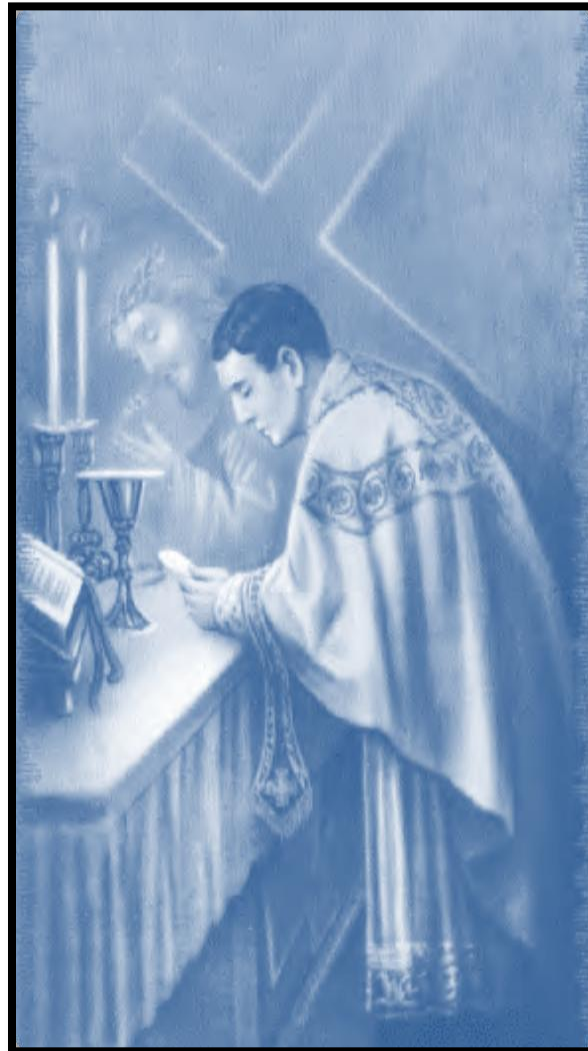


## 5. The Last Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist

Jesus, as the ultimate sign of His love and in order to be with us forever, gave us His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

We pray that our priests will have a very special love for our Eucharistic Lord. May their love for Jesus foster a respect and reverence for Him in Eucharistic Adoration and encourage more men to hear and answer the call to a priestly or religious vocation.

# PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS



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## THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

### 1. The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary, a virgin, that she will become the mother of God, Word made Flesh. For all centuries to come, Jesus will become flesh in the Holy Eucharist to nourish us in a most intimate union with Him.

We pray for all priests who daily, through the words of the Consecration at Mass, and through Holy Communion, bring us the Body and Blood of Christ.

We pray for all future priests now being formed in the wombs of their mothers, that they may be safe from physical and spiritual harm, and come to Ordination as God intends.

We pray for all future generations of priests.

We pray also that priests may treasure the gift of celibacy.

### 2. The Visitation

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who recognized Mary as the living tabernacle for their Divine Lord.

We pray especially for priests who bring Holy Communion to the Sick, the shut-ins, and Viaticum to the dying.

We pray for the priests who minister to the sick in other ways, counsel, comfort and console them.

### 3. The Nativity of Jesus

Jesus is born in Bethlehem. The angels announce His birth; kings and shepherds come to adore Him.

We pray that all seminarians will grow in knowledge and love of God to become holy priests.

We pray especially for those who will be ordained soon, that they may remain faithful all their lives to the sublime privilege of being “other Christs” among us.

We pray that everyone will come to value the Eucharistic Feast and the Priesthood among God’s greatest gifts to us.

We pray that every priest will consider himself a member of the Holy Family, a true son of Mary and Joseph, and a brother-priest of Jesus, the great High Priest.

### 4. The Presentation in the Temple

Mary and Joseph, in obedience to the Law, bring Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. Simeon expresses his gratitude to God for revealing the Messiah to him before he dies.

We thank God for all priests who, like Simeon, have given us decades of faithful service. We pray that they may be rewarded for their generosity and self-sacrifice.

We also pray for priests whose hearts are pierced by loneliness, depression, and rejection.

### 5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Jesus is found among the teachers in the temple. He returns home and is obedient to Mary and Joseph.

We pray that priests will be found going about their Father’s business, and will be obedient to the teaching Magisterium of the Church, our Holy Father and the Bishops in communion with him.

We pray for young priests that the love and dedication they experience in the first years of their priesthood may increase with time.

We pray for all priests who teach the Faith to children and adults.

## THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

### 1. The Agony in the Garden

The apostles fall asleep; Jesus sweats blood at the thought of His coming Passion and Death; angels come to comfort Him.

We pray that priests who are suffering and on the way to Calvary may be comforted by God's Presence; and those who have betrayed or denied the Faith through weakness may repent and return to God's love.

We pray priests may give honor and glory to God by always doing the Father's will, as Jesus did.

### 2. Jesus is Scourged

Jesus is cruelly beaten by the soldiers.

We pray for all priests who are persecuted or physically and mentally abused, all those who are imprisoned or prevented in some way from offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or receiving Holy Communion.

We pray for priests living under Communist oppression.

### 3. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns

Jesus is mocked as king.

We pray for priests who suffer for the defense of authentic Catholic doctrine.

We pray that all Bishops will uphold the true teachings of the Catholic Church and resist temptations to compromise doctrine in the face of cultural and social pressures.

### 4. Jesus Carries His Cross

Jesus embraces the Cross.

We pray for all priests who bear heavy crosses; all those who are weak, lonely, or who have fallen from God's grace in some way.

### 5. Jesus Dies on the Cross

Jesus sheds His last drops of Precious Blood to redeem us from sin and death.

We pray for priests who are in their last agony and those who will die today.

We pray for those who thirst for the salvation of souls.

We pray that the crucifixion of their wills may accomplish God's designs for the salvation of the whole world.

We pray that all priests may take Mary into their hearts, as St. John the Apostle, one of the first priests, took Mary into his home.

## THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

### 1. The Resurrection

Jesus arises from the dead and appears to the Apostles.

At times, priests may suffer from depression and despair that plagues them when they see so little fruit from their labors.

We pray that priests will always remember the Crucifixion is followed by the Resurrection; darkness is always followed by light.

We pray that all priests will share the joy of the Risen Christ.

### 2. The Ascension

Jesus instructs His apostles and returns to His Father in Heaven.

We pray that priests may carry out Jesus' instructions to evangelize the whole world, instructing and baptizing countless souls.

We pray especially for missionaries who live lives of utter poverty and deprivation to bring the Gospel to the unchurched.

### 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles, who are gathered with Mary.

We pray that all priests may be open to the graces of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them for their task of bringing souls to God and God to souls.

We pray they may be on fire to convert the most hardened sinners, and to bring God's love to the whole world.

### 4. The Assumption

Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. While she was on earth, she loved and prayed for the Apostles, the first priests.

We pray that all priests will be devoted to Mary and find in her the love and comfort of a mother, the most powerful intercession of our greatest saint, and the surest refuge against Satan and his cohorts who seek the destruction of priests and the priesthood.

### 5. The Coronation

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth; she is rewarded for her faithfulness to God.

We pray that Mary, Queen of the Clergy, will be their model of faith and joy, and constant guide until they reach Heaven where a crown, jeweled with the many souls entrusted to them on the day of Ordination, will be their reward for faithful and loving service.

## THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

### 1. The Baptism of Christ

The Heavenly Father sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus and says, "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to Him."

We pray for our priests, that they will be given the strength needed to hold firm to their Baptismal promises. May they remain within the loving embrace of the Catholic Church, and successfully fight the inclination to sin.

We pray that they will also bring many into the Church, through the waters of Baptism, and serve with the humility that is pleasing in God's sight.

### 2. The Wedding at Cana

During the wedding feast, Mary responded to the wedding attendants, "Do whatever He tells you."

We pray that our priests will have a special devotion to Mary and lead their flock to that same devotion. May they support the Sacrament of Marriage and teach couples the gift of sexuality and how to be faithful to the teachings of the Church.

We pray that all priests will be faithful to their vows and have a deep respect and obedience to their bishop.

### 3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is within you."

We pray that our priests will be given the graces needed to bring faith, hope and pastoral charity to the world. May they be truly repentant and converted in their own hearts and then share that message clearly with their flock, especially through their example and homilies.

We pray that Christ, our King and High Priests, will reign in the hearts of all priests so that the Kingdom of God may begin here on earth.

### 4. The Transfiguration

The apostles witnessed the glory of God.

We pray that each priest will strive for holiness and with the grace of God be transformed within and then transform the world. May God's law and prophetic message be in the heart of every priest, and may they faithfully administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, reaching out especially to those whose consciences are dimmed and weakened by sin.