

The Joyful Mysteries

The five Joyful Mysteries communicate the joy that radiates from the event of the Incarnation. They represent the ultimate causes and deepest meaning of Christian joy.

1. The Annunciation

“The angel said to Mary: Do not fear. You have found favour with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus.” (Lk 1:30-31)

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2. The Visitation

“Elizabeth cried out: Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk 1:42-43)

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3. The Birth of Jesus

“She gave birth to her first born Son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travellers lodged.” (Lk 2:7)

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4. The Presentation in the Temple

“Simeon blessed God with these words: Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace. My eyes have witnessed your saving deed, a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel.” (Lk 2:28-31)

5. The Finding in the Temple

“On the third day they came upon him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” (Lk 2:46)