Observing the law of Moses they take Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Lord.

According to the Law the firstborn male child of every family should be consecrated to the Lord. Mary offers her Son to the Father, then ransoms Him back at the price paid by the poor.

Jesus is not subject to the law of Moses, yet to teach obedience, submits to it. Mary is not subject to the law of purification, yet in humility she submits to it.

God had revealed to Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the Messiah. Recognizing the Child, he prays: "Now you can dismiss your servant in peace. You have fulfilled your word."

"This Child is destined to be the downfall and rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed." And to Mary Simeon reveals: "And your own soul a sword shall pierce."

After they fulfill all the Law requires they return to Nazareth.

Spiritual Fruit: Purity of mind and body
The Fifth
Joyful Mystery

Finding in the Temple

10 meditations. One for each Hail Mary.

When Jesus is twelve years old, He goes with His parents to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.

After the feast of the Passover, Joseph and Mary unknowingly set out for Nazareth without Jesus.

At the end of the first day's journey they discover Jesus is missing.

His parents return immediately looking for Him.

This loss causes grief and anxiety beyond our understanding to the hearts of Mary and Joseph.

On the third day they find Jesus in the Temple among the Doctors who were astonished at His wisdom.

Mary: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow."

Jesus: "Why did you search for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"

Jesus goes down with them to Nazareth, and is subject to them.

Mary keeps all these things in her heart.

Spiritual Fruit: Obedience

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Sign of the Cross: (Personal Blessing) Bring your thumb, first and second fingers of your right hand together into a point - or holding the small crucifix on your rosary in your right hand - then touch your forehead and say: "In the name of the Father", touch the center of your chest and say: "and of the Son", touch your left shoulder and say: "and of the Holy Spirit", touch your right shoulder and say: "Amen".

Preparatory Prayer: O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer: O My Jesus, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in the vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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