



THE CHURCH, HOPE OF SINNERS

**HOPE AS REFLECTED IN THE
20 MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY
ROSARY**

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THE ANNUNCIATION



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- ❖ **Catechism 1817 – Hope is “the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.”**
- ❖ **Our Lady’s life purpose gives hope: her fiat and to provide the immaculate womb for Our Lord.**
- ❖ **Catena: The Magnificat encompasses why/how she directs us to hope in her Son**
- ❖ **Hope changes the way we feel about suffering and death, with joy and acceptance of God’s will – as Mary did in response to the Angel Gabriel.**

THE VISITATION



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- ❖ Our Lady's arduous journey to help another in need
 - ❖ The Church: 2000+ years of caring for the needy, missionaries & martyrs, educational institutions, hospitals around the world
 - ❖ Personal, one-on-one apostolate; members of Legion strive to do holy apostolate in our works
 - ❖ Pope Leo: "No algorithm can ever substitute an embrace, a glance, a true encounter."
 - ❖ Science backs up the truths of Natural Law and Catholic teaching
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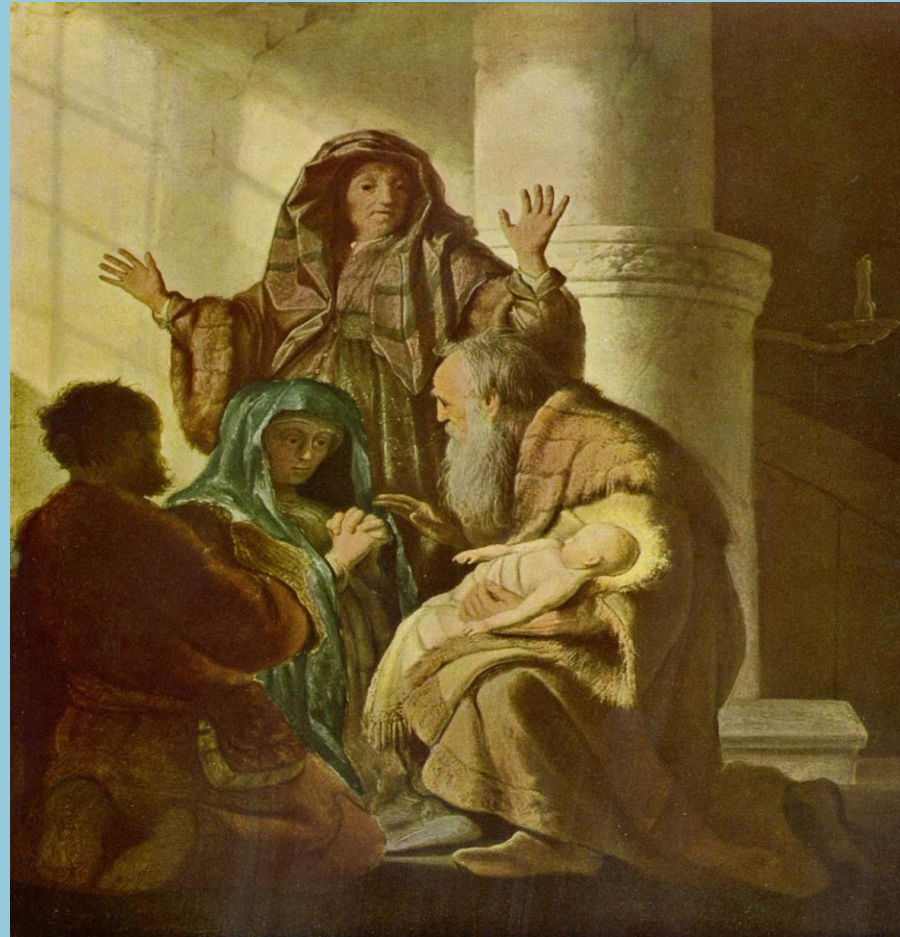
THE NATIVITY



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- ❖ **Shepherds were following a star. It did not fail them.
We follow the Church which guides us and gives us hope**
 - ❖ **Magisterium does not and never will fail us despite
Her trials brought on by personal sin**
 - ❖ **Hope that the Church will withstand current
challenges to the dignity of the human person as did
Our Lady and St. Joseph**
 - ❖ **Pope St. John Paul II: “Jesus is our hope.”**
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THE PRESENTATION



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- ❖ Anna and Simeon witness longstanding hope that they would see the Messiah
 - ❖ Paradox of suffering in the midst of hope; Mary's sorrows/joys
 - ❖ Foreshadowing of sacrament of baptism
 - ❖ Pope Leo XIV on the nature of hope: “The fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up”
 - ❖ Pope Leo XIV specifically entrusted youth at the Jubilee to the “Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope”
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THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE



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- ❖ **Hope is seen in many apostolates for youth that are flourishing throughout the Catholic world**
 - ❖ **Jubilee of Youth 2025, reminiscent of WYD 2000**
 - ❖ **Hope for many vocations and sacramental marriages**
 - ❖ **Frassati Societies, YCP, FOCUS,, etc. to stop the shocking loss of 9 out of 10 cradle Catholics from the faith (recent study)**
 - ❖ **Recent canonizations of Pier Giorgio and Carlo Acutis; youth devoted to Eucharist and Confession**
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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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- ❖ **Our Lord consecrated the waters of Baptism to give hope of eternal salvation to all**
 - ❖ **Sacraments are the one true source of hope in the world**
 - ❖ **Forgiveness of mortal and venial sin is critical for fallen/wounded man**
 - ❖ **Increase in conversions, baptisms, reversions in Europe, particularly in France and England, and in Africa**
 - ❖ **Pray for conversions, priests, sinners -- “ping” their consciences**
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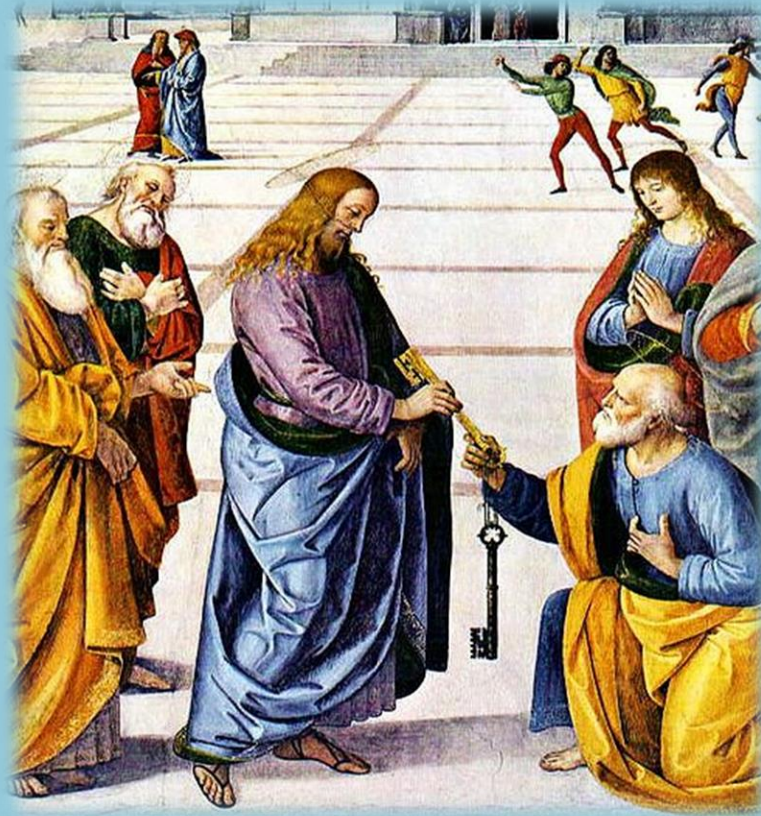
THE WEDDING AT CANA



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- ❖ Jesus' first public miracle at his Blessed Mother's request and at a wedding – He prioritizes marriage
 - ❖ Witness hope to the world via healthy Catholic marriages and fighting for the holiness of matrimony (between one man and one woman)
 - ❖ Mary is our mediatrix, always willing to ask her divine Son for what we request. She is our hope.
 - ❖ Miracles, big and small, at Marian apparition sites continue to this day.
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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM



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- ❖ Jesus telling us to be ready, have hope, the Kingdom is near, gave Peter authority
 - ❖ Catechesis/formation is critical to helping sinners reach the Kingdom of Heaven
 - ❖ Read encyclicals, Bible study, Legion Handbook, reliable (Vatican supporting) digital and social media
 - ❖ Focus on apostolates/works that spread hope by talking charitably with those we encounter, learn to discuss theology with passion and patience
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THE TRANSFIGURATION



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- ❖ **Listen for His voice from within the cloud of modern confusion surrounding us**
- ❖ **Rely on the sacraments of the Church, which give us hope by preparing souls for death in Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick**
- ❖ **Keep asking Him what His will is for us**
- ❖ **St. Faustina: “God’s mercy is unfathomable”**
- ❖ **Invite new members, invite friends to Mass, invite lapsed Catholics to Confession, bring others to meet the Transfigured Lord by example (reflect Christ)**

THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST



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- ❖ The Eucharist is our hope; assist at daily Mass if possible
 - ❖ Stay devoted to Adoration/Eucharist to offset the statistic that up to 70% of Catholics don't believe in the True Presence
 - ❖ Pope Benedict XVI – Eucharist is the “antidote to individualism and selfishness”
 - ❖ Spread devotion to saints who witnessed Eucharistic fervor, e.g., Carlo Acutis
 - ❖ Support reverent liturgies such as the Traditional Latin Mass, *ad orientem* Novus Ordo, make holy Catholic pilgrimages
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THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN



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- ❖ **Having hope means offering up our suffering**
 - ❖ **Pursuing and doing God's will; suffering is not meaningless**
 - ❖ **St. Gianna Molla, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Fr. Emil Kapaun demonstrate hope in suffering**
 - ❖ **Think of many saints who cheerfully accepted God's will**
 - ❖ **Pope Benedict XVI: "Suffering becomes a hymn of praise wherein we patiently wait on Our Lord."**
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THE SCOURGING



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- ❖ Scourging - the pain of mortal sin and its effects on humanity
 - ❖ Pray for poor sinners and beg mercy for them, that they repent, are forgiven, and reach eternal life with God
 - ❖ Promote sacraments of forgiveness; pray Chaplet of Divine Mercy with/for the dying and great sinners
 - ❖ Do Legion works for the hopeless such as prison ministry
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THE CROWNING



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- ❖ Stay hopeful and strong in faith despite persecution for being a devout Catholic in the modern world
- ❖ Do not shy away from sharing the truth and taking on works that may make us uncomfortable
- ❖ Practice giving fraternal correction charitably when necessary; check with spiritual director
- ❖ Pray for those who persecute us
- ❖ Hope enables us to persevere in dark times

THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS



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- ❖ Pray fervently for the Church and all priests and laity, particularly those who are misled and/or are misleading others on moral teachings
- ❖ Decline in mass attendance, immoral sexual practices & IVF, efforts to “ordain” women, conflicts re Synod, struggles of those attached to TLM, and challenges to priestly celibacy
- ❖ Pray for those carrying heavy crosses, e.g., the lost who don’t know the Lord, clergy abuse survivors
- ❖ Handbook Chap. 40 list: “to the least ones...to all afflicted creatures ... no one must evade our search...”

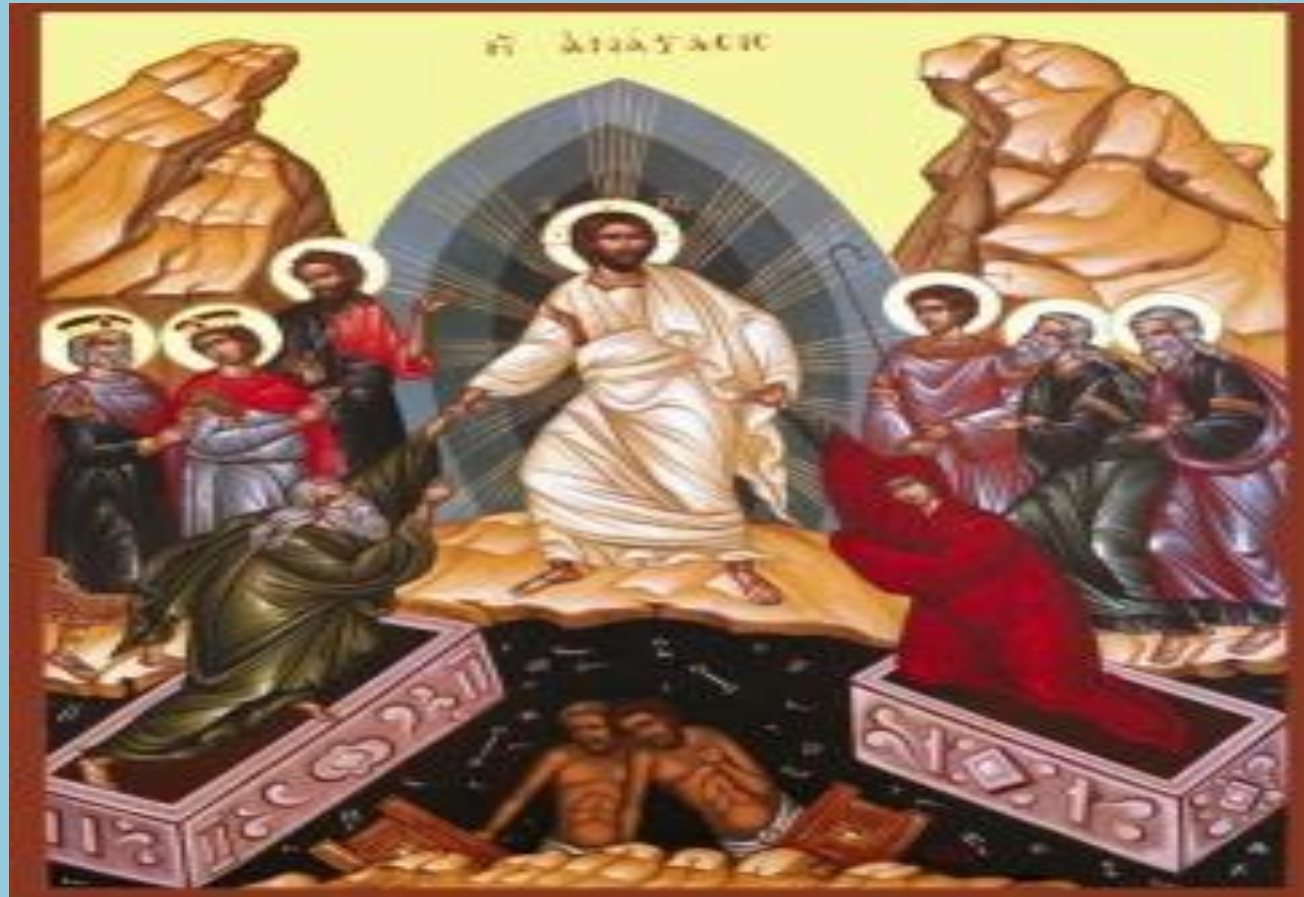
THE CRUCIFIXION



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- ❖ The cross is the eternal sign of hope
- ❖ He took all our sins and put them on His shoulders as He was hanging on the cross
- ❖ Christ transforms pain and suffering by His redemption; He pays our debt so we may hope in eternal life
- ❖ Our duty to live forgiveness publicly (e.g. Fr. Emil Kapaun)
- ❖ We don't know where others' wounds end and their free will begins; only God does – therefore be merciful

THE RESURRECTION



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- ❖ Witness the Resurrection even in an unwelcome setting; our mission is to all non-believers and lukewarm Catholics/Christians
 - ❖ Fr. Spitzer's *Magis Institute*, studies of near death experiences, and Shroud of Turin studies
 - ❖ The fact of the Resurrection is the face of God's mercy today
 - ❖ We witness the hope of the resurrection by our way of life and positivity, by radical and brave apostolic works
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THE ASCENSION



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- ❖ “While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.” (Luke 24:50–52).
 - ❖ His Ascension gives us hope that our mortal bodies have meaning, that Heaven is our true home
 - ❖ Just prior to His ascent, He specifically instructed that His apostles were to
 - (1) wait for Holy Spirit, and
 - (2) go out and evangelize the whole world to bring hope
 - ❖ Carry out our Legion works with great joy
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THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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- ❖ **The Holy Spirit descending on the apostles and Our Lady is a great sign of hope**
 - ❖ **The Church brings hope to the world despite modern challenges like gender ideology and transgenderism**
 - ❖ **Holy Spirit is active: many conversions of young adults, particularly young men seeking meaning**
 - ❖ **Holy priestly vocations are up**
 - ❖ **Cardinal Newman, patron of Catholic colleges and schools to be declared a Doctor of Church**
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THE ASSUMPTION



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- ❖ Mary assumed into Heaven is our hope and exemplar as a loving mother
 - ❖ She awaits us in Heaven and accompanies us on our journey
 - ❖ All people are pilgrims of Hope with Our Lady, following God's holy will on the path to eternal salvation in Heaven.
 - ❖ Mary attends (“supervises”) every Holy Mass
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THE CORONATION



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- ❖ Queen of Heaven, pray for us. She trusted God's will.
- ❖ Pope Pius XII expressed beautifully: "Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular choice [of the Father]. And her kingdom is as vast as that of her Son and God, since nothing is excluded from her dominion."
- ❖ Hope for future generations, for our children and grandchildren, to find the "sweetness" and love of piety rather than despair
- ❖ Padre Pio devotion
- ❖ Spread devotion to Our Lady; pray many rosaries for sinners; apostolate to crowd, giving out rosaries, chaplets and miraculous medals

CLOSING PRAYER OF JUBILEE OF HOPE

Father in Heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed Hope for the coming of Your kingdom.

CLOSING PRAYER OF JUBILEE OF HOPE

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

CLOSING PRAYER OF JUBILEE OF HOPE

**May the grace of the jubilee awaken in us,
pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the
treasures of Heaven. May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.**

**To You, our God, eternally blessed, be glory
and praise forever. Amen.**
