



## Glorious Mysteries

### 1<sup>st</sup> Glorious Mystery The Resurrection of Jesus

*“For he is risen, as he said.” (Mt 28:6)*

The Resurrection of Jesus was the defining moment for human life, not just the defining moment for Jesus. In the Resurrection, Jesus overcame death for himself as well as for all who will live with God in eternity. Resurrection is the key to the importance of life in this world and the next. Jesus conquered death for all. As we now minister in building a culture of life, we are the instruments of Jesus as we seek to overcome that which ends life instead of upholding life. Mary was one of the first to discern what happened to Jesus and what his resurrected body meant to the new Christians at her time. We, too, see the Resurrection as the greatest gift of life that Jesus gives to each individual, the gift of our own life with God in eternity. As we live out the legacy of the gift of life in this world and the next, we are called to bring the joy and peace of this gift to our community and our world. The fullness of the Resurrection will be gained when all are one and all life is celebrated in the Body of Christ.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Glorious Mystery Jesus is Ascends to Heaven

*“He was parted from them,  
and was borne up to the heaven.” (Lk 24:51)*

After a long time in the upper room, Jesus left his disciples to return to God in heaven. In his time on earth, Jesus was fully human. He became like us, a condition that was the ultimate humble expression. In his human existence, Jesus honored each human person because he became a person. He so loved us that he took the form of a human. The person was so revered by God that he chose to be one of us. In building a culture of life, we are working together to create a world where every one honors the gift of life expressed in every person created in the image and likeness of God. In the same way that Jesus honored our human condition, we strive to honor every person created by the source of all life. Every time we speak out against an injustice toward the life of a person, we are responding in gratitude to the life given to us as gift and honored in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

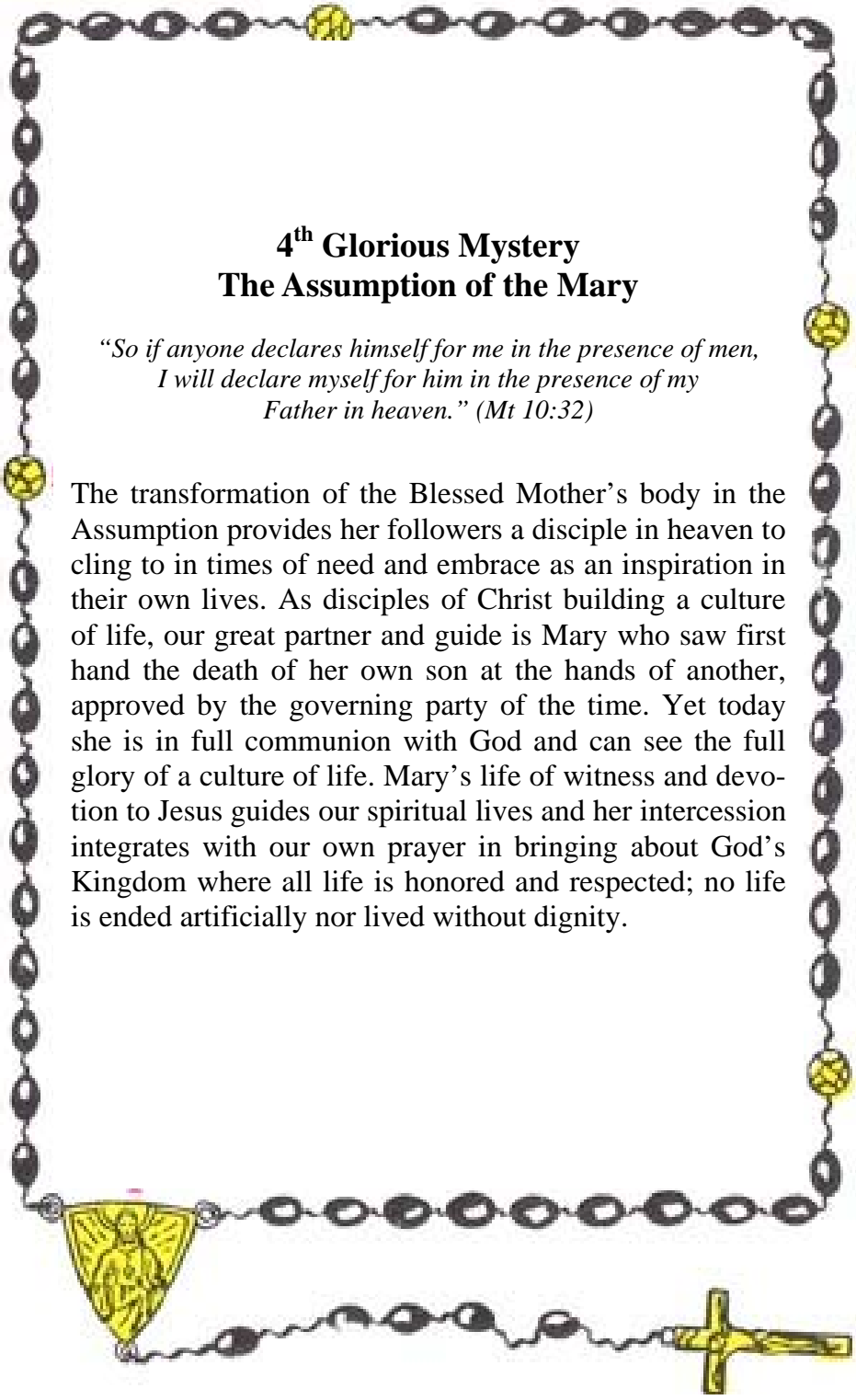


### **3<sup>rd</sup> Glorious Mystery**

## **The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

“And they were all filled  
with the Holy Spirit . . . “(Acts 2:4)

God became incarnate and Jesus lived his life fully human unto death. Then God sent the Spirit to each and every person, so that each person filled with the Holy Spirit can be an expression of God’s great love in the world. This is the teaching that solidifies the sanctity of each person since everyone is given the Holy Spirit. We are all called to respond to the Spirit by the treatment of our own bodies as well as the expression of love that God has given to each of us individually. When we live out of the knowledge that the Holy Spirit lives in us and in every person created by God, life is respected and no life is terminated by another. We must pray and discern the Holy Spirit’s action within each of us so that we can faithfully live our lives in full expression of the One who loves us infinitely. We must also honor the gift of the Spirit alive in every person at every stage of life. We do that in our active engagement in the world by working to open hearts to the Spirit of God alive in every unborn child, each sick and suffering person, even individuals in the state of sin who needs encouragement to believe they are worthy of God and God’s forgiveness. We, like Mary, are honored to share our lives intimately with the Spirit of God within us. This calls each of us to our own discipleship, however that is expressed.



**4<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery**  
**The Assumption of the Mary**

*“So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men,  
I will declare myself for him in the presence of my  
Father in heaven.” (Mt 10:32)*

The transformation of the Blessed Mother’s body in the Assumption provides her followers a disciple in heaven to cling to in times of need and embrace as an inspiration in their own lives. As disciples of Christ building a culture of life, our great partner and guide is Mary who saw first hand the death of her own son at the hands of another, approved by the governing party of the time. Yet today she is in full communion with God and can see the full glory of a culture of life. Mary’s life of witness and devotion to Jesus guides our spiritual lives and her intercession integrates with our own prayer in bringing about God’s Kingdom where all life is honored and respected; no life is ended artificially nor lived without dignity.



**5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery**  
**Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven**

*“A great portent appeared in heaven;  
a woman clothed with sun” (Rev 12:1)*

Mary’s title as Queen of Heaven was not just a gift to Mary herself; it was a great gift to all of humanity. We have been given, during our lives here on earth, the sacred connection to Mary and the Communion of Saints. We live our lives in communion with Mary and the saints each and every day. There is an actual partaking of the mystery of life after death for each of us every day. Some times the choices made by people in the world that cause the very beloved children of God to be destroyed can feel overwhelming. It may seem that the task to helping all to live as one in the Body of Christ is more than we can handle. It may even seem that those who support the taking of innocent life out number those who honor the sanctity of every person. With Mary and the communion of saints, we are assured a vast and constant community dedicated to every person made in the image and likeness of God. In our every endeavor and prayer, we are joined in a spiritual unity with Mary the Mother of God in her heavenly state, as well as every saint living in the communion of life.