

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

15TH AUGUST 2021.



Today we celebrate the feast of the 'The Assumption' it a special day in the church year. Because Mary was very special, she was chosen by God to be the mother of His son, Jesus. After her earthly life, God took Mary, body and soul into Heaven to be with Jesus in heaven. This is what 'Assumption' means.

Mary was always ready to do whatever God wanted.

PRAYER SPACE: Dear Parent's/Guardians, please prepare White cloth, Bible[preferably a children's Bible, Catholic edition] candle, a statue or picture of Mary.

COLOUR: WHITE.

GOSPEL; LUKE: 1: 39-56. THEME : JOY AND THANKFULNESS.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

What did you hear in today's Gospel?

Allow your children to respond in their own words to hearing the word of God.

Questions to stimulate ideas:

1. How do you think Mary felt when she had to travel all the way to the hill countries of Judea to visit her cousin Elizabeth?
2. Why did Mary go to visit her cousin Elizabeth?
3. What was Elizabeth filled with when she heard Mary's greeting?
4. What words did Elizabeth say.
5. In what prayer we find these words?
6. What was the promise made her by the Lord, that Mary believed would be fulfilled?

In today's Gospel we hear when Mary the soon-mother to be of Jesus sings a song with her cousin Elizabeth about what God is going to do. That song is called the 'Magnificat'. And the words in that song are basically saying, how Mary rejoices in God her saviour and all generations will call her Blessed, for God has done great things for her, and Holy is His name. His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. That God wants us to do opposite of the hurtful things that some people experience in this world. For instance, the song says that God wants the hungry to be filled up and wants the weak to be strengthened and wants those who are hurt to know God's mercy and healing. We too can live God's way, a way that is opposite of hurting others and to live to love others. Mary's song known as the 'Magnificat' points us towards the greatness of God. Nothing is impossible for God.

This week think about on some things God has done for you, and give thanks to Him.

Cut along the dotted lines. They become 'The Magnificat' prayer cards for your children.

My soul proclaims the greatness of
The Lord. 1

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
For He has looked with favour on
His humble servant. 2

From this day all generations will
Call me blessed. 3

The Almighty has done great things
For me and Holy is His name. 4

He has mercy on those who fear Him
In every generation. 5



He has shown the strength of His arm
He has scattered the proud in their
Hearts. 6

He has cast down the mighty from their
Thrones and He has lifted up the humble. 7

He has filled the hungry with good things
And the rich He has sent away empty. 8

He has come to the help of His servant Israel
For He has remembered His promise of mercy. 9

The promise He made to our Fathers.
To Abraham and his children for ever. 10



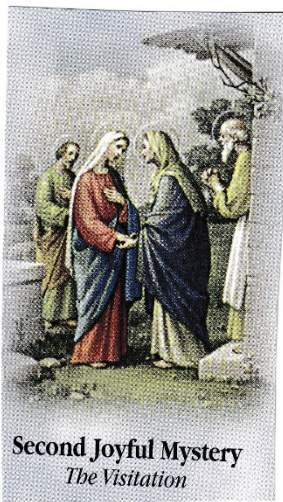
FAMILY PRAYER: Dear God, thank you for Jesus
and the way He taught us how to love and to live in
joy. Amen.

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FAMILY ROSARY:

To help celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with your children, please pray the Second Joyful Mystery: The virgin Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth: And the Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption of Mary in Heaven. On each Mystery please pray, One Our Father, Ten Hail Mary's, and one Glory Be.



THE OUR FATHER:

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.

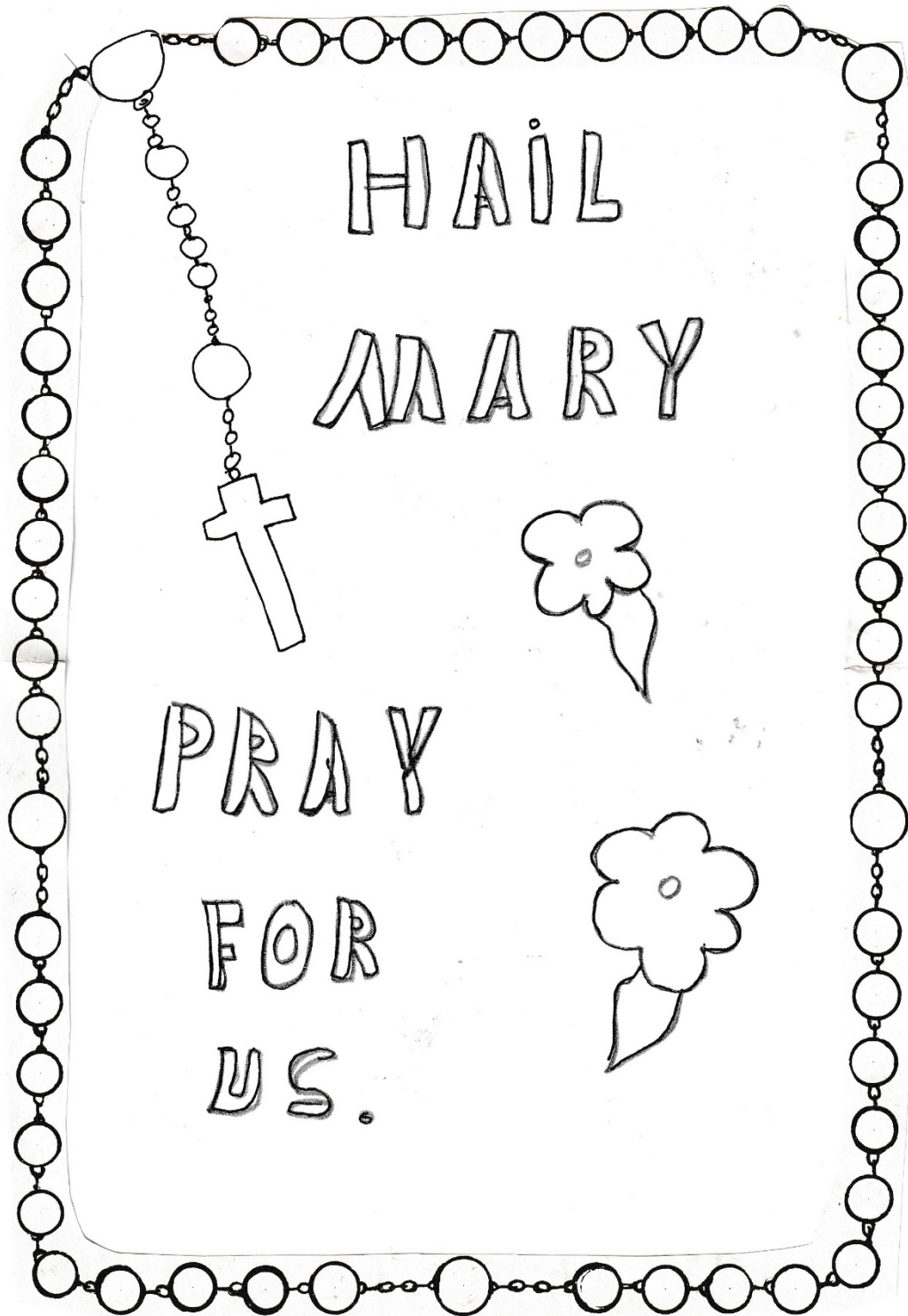
THE HAIL MARY:

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among 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:

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.

COLOURING PAGE FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS.



'May the prayers of the children help renew the face of the earth'.