

The Family Rosary Way of Grace

Home Session: Confirmation 3

“Become who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze.” St. Catherine of Sienna

Glorious Mysteries: Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Parents, please read this aloud with your child(ren):

Holy Scripture: *There was a woman, whose dress was the sun and who had the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. [Revelations 12:1](#)*

Prayer: (Sign of the Cross) Heavenly Father, please bless, inspire and guide our family as we grow in our faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (Sign of the Cross)

Story: In the fifth Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary we meditate on (think about) our mother Mary being crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth. In the times of the Old Testament, the mother of the king would be known as the “Queen Mother”. The king of the land would listen very closely to her opinions and requests. Since Jesus is the High King of the entire universe, it makes sense that his mother would be the Queen of heaven and earth. It brings great joy to our Lord Jesus and His beloved mother when we invite her into our lives and prayerful conversations with God.

During the Rite of Confirmation the bishop (or priest the bishop has appointed), makes the sign of the cross with Sacred Chrism oil and prays the words, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. As we talked about during the first home session of the Confirmation unit, this *sealing with the gift of the Holy Spirit* stirs up, invigorates, enlivens, and makes stronger the presence of the Holy Spirit who was given to us in our Baptism. The Holy Spirit lives within us and longs to help form us into the person God has created us to be. When we say “Yes” and allow the Holy Spirit to live fully in our hearts we are able to live powerfully the *abundant life* Jesus promises (Jn 10:10).

As we prepare for (or think about our own) Confirmation, we are encouraged to pray about the Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit. God wants to personally touch each of us and make us stronger Christians in the world. Let us ask the Lord how He wants to bless us with the gifts of fortitude, piety, fear of God, counsel, understanding, wisdom, and knowledge (cf Isaiah 11:2-3). And how do we see the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives and those around us; Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? (Galatians 5:22-23)

Biblical People: Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, started out as a humble and poor little girl in a small town in the Middle East. She showed great humility and great courage. God chose her, out of all the women who have ever lived, to be the mother of His only Son. When God invited her to this challenging call, through the Archangel Gabriel, Mary bravely said yes, even though it meant she would have to suffer greatly, and she was blessed to be the Mother of the long-awaited Messiah and would even be called the Mother of God! May we each partner with the Holy Spirit within us to courageously and humbly become who God has called each of us to be!

Discussion/Reflection:

Everyone: Which Gift or Fruit of the Spirit caught your attention? Is this a gift God has blessed you with or one you would like to pray about receiving more fully?

Response: Discuss and plan when and how your family can serve others and share the Good News in your **larger community** this week. Share what your family does with the parish DRE.

(Parents: see suggestions in the Parent Preparation Guide.)

Family Prayer this Week: As a family, please pray the Glory Be and St. Augustine’s prayer to the Holy Spirit prayer each day this week. Also, on the day your family chooses, please pray 1 decade of the Rosary, meditating on (thinking about) today’s mystery: 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be, & 1 Fatima Prayer (Oh my Jesus). [Click here for help with prayers.](#)

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Glorious Mystery #5: Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth
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