

Grace Through the Mysteries

1 Corinthians 2:11-16

New
Testament
Reading

"We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God." 1 Corinthians 2:12



Before Jesus ascended into Heaven He established His Church on earth through which we receive the graces necessary to live holy lives full of heroic virtue. In other words, He has given us the tools to become saints!

These tools are the Mysteries (Sacraments) that we receive through the Catholic Church. Jesus gave us seven Mysteries. Some of these Mysteries we receive once in our life (Baptism and Chrismation). Some of the Mysteries we should receive often (Confession and Holy Communion). And some of the Mysteries we may or may not ever receive (Crowning or Marriage, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the sick).



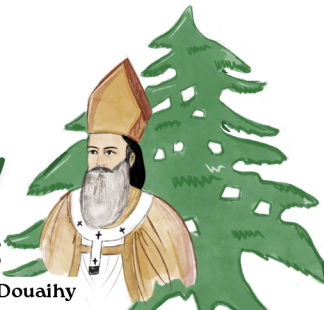
Any and all of these Mysteries give us grace which helps us understand the world of faith. People who never receive the Mysteries that the Lord has graciously given to us will struggle to understand why we, as Christians, do the things we do or believe what we believe.

However, as a body of unified believers in the Church that Jesus founded, we can have the peace that only comes from the Lord, we can understand the order of life that God intended for the world, and we have the hope of eternal life. And we can share our hope with the world who does not yet know Him.

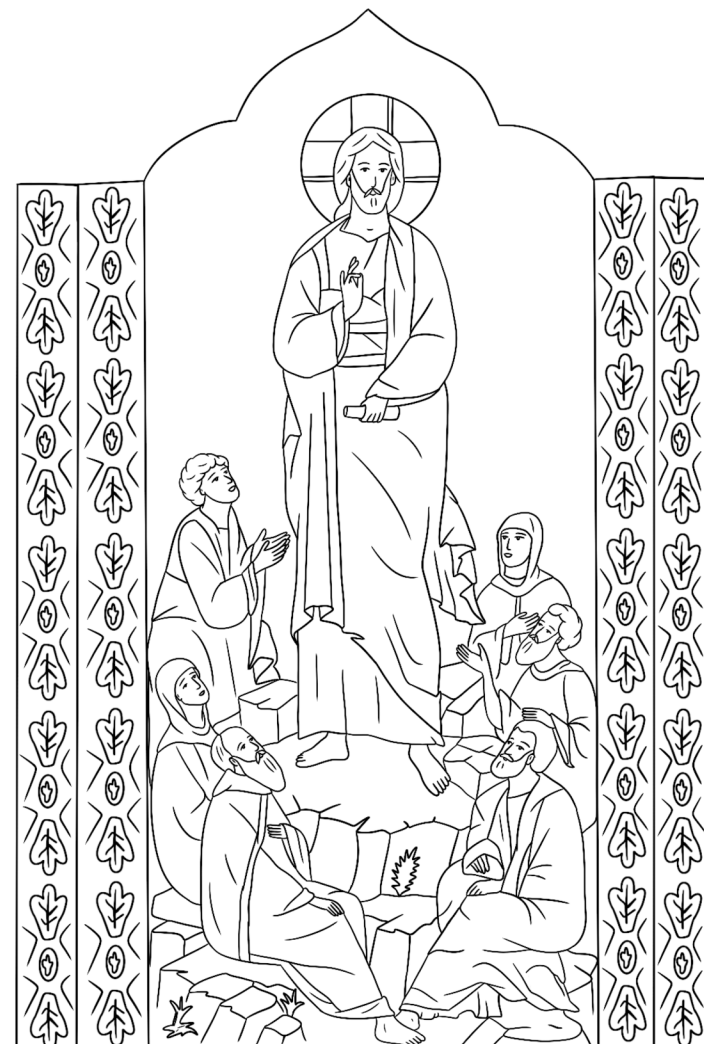


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"Turning to the disciples in private [Jesus] said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.'"



Gospel Corner

Luke
10:21-24

Do you ever wish you could see Jesus in the flesh? Maybe if you could go back in time and see Jesus walking on the earth, it would be so much easier to believe in Him? We might be tempted to think the disciples were so lucky because they got to be with Jesus for all those years.



Jesus himself told his disciples how blessed they were to be able to walk with him, to see him every day, to converse with him and ask him questions. Throughout the books of the Old Testament, God promised to send the Messiah to rescue his people. And as Jesus said, there were many prophets and kings who wished to see this Messiah for themselves, to sit with him and listen to him speak.

Although the Person of Jesus does not walk on this earth today, the Lord God is still with us and truly present for us in so many ways. The most important way we can see and be with Jesus is through the Holy Mysteries, or Divine Liturgy, when we receive Jesus - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - in Holy Communion.



During this Season of Pentecost, we are also constantly reminded of the presence of the third Person of the Holy Trinity - the Holy Spirit - who is with us to teach us, to guide us, to strengthen us in our faith, and to give us courage to persevere.



Remember - the Lord God is with us always, even if you can't physically see Him. Be sure to pray to Him every morning and evening, and even throughout the day.

Did you know?

OMNIPRESENCE

In Catholic theology, omnipresence means God is infinitely present everywhere simultaneously. Because God is spirit, He is present by His power (sustaining all things), His knowledge (knowing all things), and His essence (existing within all creation), without being limited or reduced by space.

What you can do



If you are old enough, receive the Eucharist as often as you can.

Try to go to confession once per month.

Invite a friend to attend Divine Liturgy with you and explain what they can expect before you go.



Mystery Match



Match the Mystery (Sacraments) to its description.

1. Holy Communion

A. When a man is ordained as a deacon, priest, or bishop.

2. Confession

B. When a couple gets married.

3. Baptism

C. Receiving Jesus through the Eucharist.

4. Chrismation

D. Repenting of your sins to a priest and receiving forgiveness from Jesus.

5. Holy Orders

E. The first Mystery to be received.

6. Crowning

F. Being sealed by the Holy Spirit.

7. Anointing of the Sick

G. Prayer by a priest for protection and healing when gravely sick or before a surgery.