

# Marian Rosary Procession

## University of Dayton

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### Route:

- 1 Serenity Pines (Statue of Mary, Seat of Wisdom)
- 2 Our Lady of Cana statue at Marianist Hall
- 3 Humanities Plaza
- 4 Immaculate Conception on the Pillar statue near Roesch Library
- 5 Immaculate Conception Chapel



## Script:

### **Station 1: Our Lady of the Seat of Wisdom**

**Priest or Deacon:** Introduction about 7-10 minutes:

Tonight we pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. We contemplate the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

A Way to be walked with Jesus

A Journey of Faith with Mary

A Call for us to Proclaim the Good News to our world which is plagued by doubt yet still longs for something more.

We long for you, O Lord. We long, too, to know how to share the hope we know in finding you with others.

So, Holy Mother, we turn to you. Blessed are you who believed – and saw promises of God fulfilled in your life. Blessed are you who received the Word of God so wholeheartedly that you gave birth to Him and to this day continue to show us Christ. Show us Christ this evening as we walk with you. Tell us of your Son so we can know him and tell of Him to others.

**Rosary Opening Prayers** [Leader will lead the praying of the Rosary—  
The Apostles Creed – 1 Our Father – 3 Hail Marys – 1 Glory Be]

Procession to Waterfall-Serenity Garden

### **1st Mystery: Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew  
Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Priest or Deacon:** As we meditate the Mysteries of the Rosary tonight let us try to learn from Mary the great Woman of Faith, Mary. Even let ourselves imagine what Our Mother Mary might have to say to us as we meditate each mystery.

The Woman:

When people in Nazareth knew that Jesus had gone to John they started to talk! “Mary, you, a widow! How could you let your son leave you? What a dreamer He is! What is to become of you now?”

But I believed and so I knew! I did not know exactly where his life was headed now. The Angel had said that he would be great and would be called the Son of the Most High. I knew it was time for Him. I knew it was time for me too: to TRUST, to BELIEVE. I already knew he was God’s Beloved Son and now others were to come to know that too.

Believe, trust and, so, KNOW that when He calls you to something you may even think you are not prepared for, in Christ you too are the beloved child of God – and of Mary. We are well pleased. We are with you! Believing and loving, you radiate the Light of the World!

As Jesus left me to go to John, I blessed him. John would baptize him with water. I bless each of you now as I blessed Jesus!

*Here the priest or deacon blesses the holy water.*

At the waterfall there will be tiny bottles of water with string – these will be given to each of the participants. The bottles of water will be blessed before given out. [Two baskets of bottles are needed at the waterfall – volunteers needed to assist with the distribution]

After the blessing the water bottles will be given out as people begin a procession to the next station.

**Song:** *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

**Priest or Deacon:** As we pray the first decade, I invite all to proceed to our next station.

**The 1st decade of the Rosary will be prayed** [Leader will lead the praying of the Rosary—1 Our Father – 10 Hail Marys – 1 Glory Be] while processing to the next station.

The procession will go right then left down the hill, turn right after O’Reilly Hall, walk straight to the Statue of the Wedding at Cana.

**Song:** Then after praying this decade, one verse and refrain of the *Fatima Ave Maria*

## **Station 2: Our Lady at the Wedding Feast at Cana**

### **2nd Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." The Gospel of the Lord.

**Priest or Deacon:** Let us imagine what Mary might say to us this evening.

Woman: I do acknowledge that after so many years of journeying with Jesus, I was familiar with the Ways of the Spirit. I sensed there was something special about this wedding. It was marvelous how things came together. Because I was going, Jesus said he wanted to attend too... and then this group of new friends. I did not understand everything. I believed and I could see something unfolding before my eyes. These are the Ways of the Spirit.

I knew how the Spirit opens our eyes to see.

I saw there was no wine.

Countless times I had seen before how a simple act of love opens us to something much greater than ourselves so I did not remain silent. I shared my concern with Jesus. Yet still I myself was taken by surprise. What was this about "His Hour"? His strangely abrupt response seemed to leave me with EYES WIDE OPEN to see.

A SIGN: WATER TURNED TO WINE. NEW WINE. FINE WINE. A NEW COVENANT TO BE Poured OUT IN HIS BLOOD. A NEW CREATION BEGINNING. A CELESTIAL BANQUET REVEALED IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EARTHLY ONE. THE BELOVED SON IN WHOM THE FATHER IS WELL PLEASED.

I realized His startling response was another call and challenge to me TO BEGIN A NEW MISSION WITH HIM: through my request, the Kingdom was revealed and his new friends were now his community of disciples. From then on, they all called me MOTHER.

Call to me now, your Mother!

Believe as I did, as together we call out to Jesus THROUGH OUR WORDS AND THROUGH OUR ACTIONS for all those who have no joy... or no food... or no job... or no hope.

Prayer cards are passed out to each participant. [Volunteers needed to distribute the prayer cards]

*Priest or deacon invites all to pray together the prayer on the card.*

**Song:** *Pescador des Hombres*

**Priest or Deacon:** As we pray the second decade, I invite all to proceed to our next station.

**The 2nd decade of the Rosary will be prayed** [Leader will lead the praying of the Rosary—1 Our Father – 10 Hail Marys – 1 Glory Be] while processing to the next station.

The procession will go right towards to the statues of St. Joseph and Jesus – then right to the plaza. People will be invited to take a seat on the grass and/or the stone slabs embedded through the grassy area.

**Song:** After the decade, one verse and refrain of the *Fatima Ave Maria*.

### **Station 3: Humanities Plaza**

#### **3rd Mystery: Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord....

The Woman:

Filled with the Spirit, when with the Word of God was conceived in my womb, I did not hesitate to go to Elizabeth. I wanted to serve her and through this act of love I was bringing the Good News! The Word made Flesh in me reached out to John and Elizabeth immediately when I reached their home.

My words proclaimed the Kingdom of God. My soul magnifies the Lord. My Spirit rejoices in God my Savior. The Almighty has done great things. Holy is His Name! His Mercy... His Power... He scatters the proud. He lifts up the lowly. He fills the hungry. HIS PROMISES TO HIS CHOSEN ONES is fulfilled in the babe I was carrying within me.

Later He was to teach: THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS WITHIN YOU, AMONG YOU.

I knew that as I carried Him in my womb and then carried him in my arms – and forever in my heart – I WAS BEARING THE KINGDOM OF GOD. All generations have come to call

me BLESSED: THEOTOKOS, THE ONE WHO BEARS CHRIST. I have been with each generation as they have proclaimed the Gospel and I do the same now.

O my children, O children of the Holy Mother Church, proclaim his Kingdom and call souls to TURN to him now BY YOURSELVES BEING BEARERS OF CHRIST. Carry him in the womb of your hearts. Know Him, love Him, BE in His Heart so that HE WILL BE IN YOU. Let His Light shine as you look on each one you meet with His Love!

... Followed by a dance meditation

**Priest or Deacon:** As we pray the third decade, I invite all to proceed to our next station.

**The 3rd decade of the Rosary will be prayed** [Leader will lead the praying of the Rosary—1 Our Father – 10 Hail Marys – 1 Glory Be] while processing to the next station.

The procession will go through the middle of the plaza and to the right – then left on to the road – then past the chapel and right towards the Statue of the Pillar of Mary/IC statue.

**Song:** After the decade, one verse and refrain of the *Fatima Ave Maria*.

#### **Station 4: Immaculate Conception on the Pillar**

##### **4th Mystery: The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**Priest or Deacon:** Holy Mother Mary, show us your Son Jesus.

The Woman:

The Lord has taught us: Believe and you will see the Glory of God. When the Angel Gabriel delivered God's message to me, I believed and so I carried the Glory of God with my womb. How warm and tender were those months and years, carrying Jesus in my womb and in my arms – yet how profound. Yet in my own journey with Christ He challenged my faith, so as to enter ever more into its heights - and its depths!

“Blessed is she who believed,” said Elizabeth. “The promises of the Lord would be fulfilled.

After Peter, James and John descended from the mountain with Jesus, I knew that they had seen something with Him. Something of what I had seen. There was a new peace about them that lasted some time...

Would it be strong enough to face what was to come in Jerusalem? Would their faith be that strong?

... (a bit of a pause)... Of these three, only John was there with me at the Cross. Great faith allows you to have faith even in the face of your crosses so as to come again to see the glory of God through them.

At the foot of the Cross I came to see that **THE CROSS ITSELF IS CHRIST IN HIS GLORY TOO!** God was truly revealed as the God who gives His Life away for us!

O my children, o children of Holy Mother, the Church, He calls you to this great faith in your personal lives and in the life of the Church today, in very challenging times so that **YOU WILL SEE THE GLORY OF GOD.** You too can witness transfiguration in your lives.

Turn to your holy Mother Mary who wants to help you share her faith.

*Priest or deacon will invite pilgrims to receive a candle.*

**Sing:** Magnificat (to the tune of Amazing Grace)

[A table needs to be set up for the distribution of the candles – volunteers are needed to distribute the candles]

**Priest or Deacon:** As we pray the fourth decade, I invite all to proceed to our next station.

**The 4th decade of the Rosary will be prayed** [Leader will lead the praying of the Rosary—1 Our Father – 10 Hail Marys – 1 Glory Be] while processing to the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

The procession will go right towards Immaculate Conception Chapel.

Upon entrance into the chapel the lights will be dimmed...with a spot light on the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Station 5: Immaculate Conception Chapel**

### **5th Mystery: Institution of the Eucharist**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew

The Woman:

Just as Mary in Icons holds the infant Jesus to show Him to the world, she stands at the foot of the Cross so as to say, “Behold the Lamb God”. She personifies the Church at every Eucharist proclaiming to all, “Behold Him who takes away the sins of the World”.

As Mary said YES to God at the Annunciation, she said YES as well to God as Christ offered in sacrifice for our sins, associating herself for ever with the work of salvation. She personifies the Church at every Eucharist as we sing AMEN and Christ’s saving grace is offered to the world. She teaches each of us to say YES to our daily Crosses and so too to be associated with the work of salvation.

As Mary received the Word of God in faith so profoundly that the Word was made flesh with in her and she lived in Holy Communion with Christ in the Holy Spirit, she calls us to listen deeply to the Word of God and to receive him and remain in Holy Communion in the Eucharist.

As Mary’s whole life became the Mission of her Son, she teaches us to receive the Word of God, to become one with Him at the Eucharist so that our whole life will also be the Mission of Jesus. The Body of Christ, Bread for the World. The decade is prayed and we proceed to the benediction rite.

**The 5th decade of the Rosary will be prayed** [Leader will lead the praying of the Rosary—1 Our Father – 10 Hail Marys – 1 Glory Be]

### **The conclusion of Benediction**

**Song:** *Gift of Finest Wheat* or typical

#### **Hymn:**

O salutáris Hóstia,  
Quae caeli pandis óstium:  
Bella premunt hostília,  
Da robur, fer auxílium.

Uni trinóque Dómino  
Sit sempiterna glória:  
Qui vitam sine término  
Nobis donet in pátria. Amen.

O saving Victim, op’ning wide  
The gate of heav’n to us below!  
Our foes press on from ev’ry side:

Your aid supply, your strength bestow.  
To your great name be endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;  
O grant us endless length of days  
When our true native land we see. Amen.

*After exposition, the celebrant incenses the sacrament. If the adoration is to be lengthy, he may then withdraw.*



**ADORATION** – During the exposition there should be prayers, songs, readings from scripture, and a brief homily to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of the Lord.

**BENEDICTION** – Toward the end of the exposition the priest or deacon goes to the altar, genuflects, and kneels. Then the following or another suitable song is sung. **Incense.**

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum  
    Venerémur cernui:  
Et antiquum documéntum,  
    Novo cedat rítui:  
Praestet fides suppleméntum  
    Sénsuum deféctui.  
Genitóri, Genitóque  
    Laus et jubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
    Sit et benedíctio:  
Procedénti ab utróque  
    Compar sit laudátio. Amen

Down in adoration falling,  
    This great Sacrament we hail;  
Over ancient forms of worship  
    Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith will tell us Christ is present,  
    When our human senses fail.  
To the everlasting Father,  
    And the Son who made us free,  
And the Spirit, God proceeding  
    From them Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
    Might and endless majesty. Amen.

**Priest or Deacon:** You have given them Bread from heaven. (P.T. Alleluia.)

**All:** Having all sweetness within it. (P.T. Alleluia.)

**Priest or Deacon:** Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

*Priest or deacon then blesses the people with the Eucharist.*

**REPOSITION** – After the blessing the priest or deacon replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and genuflects.

### **Divine Praises**

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.  
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

**Song:** *Santa Maria del Camino* or typical

**Song:**

Holy God, we praise thy name.  
Lord of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth thy scepter claim.  
All in heaven above adore Thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign. Hark, the loud celestial hymn;  
Angel choirs above are raising,  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.