

that Jesus not only suffered, but then was also gloriously risen, and that we long for resurrection even through suffering. (KW 1264)

### **The Scourging at the Pillar—Mt 27:26**

When we encounter difficulties that we are unable to overcome, or are beleaguered by temptation, let us not lose heart, but always turn to Mary in full confidence, as children toward their mother. She will infuse us with the light and the strength we need, will hold us close to her heart and sweeten the most bitter sorrows. No place on earth will ever be completely free of crosses: if we had no crosses, we would not have the chance to gain heaven. Therefore, let us not try to avoid the cross too much, and if we need to take it on our shoulders, let us carry it willingly out of love for the Immaculata. (KW 751)

### **The Crowning with Thorns—Mt 27:29-30**

I also fear suffering and especially humiliations, but I brighten up thinking that not even Jesus in the Garden wanted to feel otherwise. Graces come to us when we most need them. (KW 373)

### **The Carrying of the Cross—Lk 23:26-32**

It is beautiful, that way; the true royal way, that is, the way of the Cross, which leads directly to heaven. Love is burning behind these thorns. Pray that I do not remain behind. (KW 42)

### **The Crucifixion—Jn 19:18-28**

God descended on earth, became man: the Man-God, Jesus Christ, offered the example of His own life, and taught with the Word. The souls who loved God came forward in great numbers to emulate that basic model, to make themselves like Him, to unite themselves to Him, to change themselves into Him. To attract the souls and turn them into Himself through love, Christ showed His own bound-

less love, His own heart inflamed with love for the souls, a love that drove Him to ascend the Cross, to stay with us in the Eucharist, to enter our souls, and to bequeath to us His own Mother as our Mother. The more a soul imitates Him, the more it makes itself like Him; and the more it makes itself like Him, the holier it becomes. (KW 1296)

## **The Glorious Mysteries**

### **The Resurrection—Mt 28:1-10**

Dearest children, in difficulties, in darkness, in weaknesses, in dejection remember that paradise... paradise... is approaching. Every day that passes is a whole day less to wait. Courage, then! She awaits us there to clasp us to her heart. Also, pay no heed to the devil, if he ever wants to make you believe that heaven exists, but not for you, because, even if you had committed all possible sins, one single act of perfect love washes everything clean, to the point that not even a shadow remains. (KW 509)

### **The Ascension—Mk 16:19-20**

This life shall pass and then our true reward will begin. Nothing, not even the smallest effort, even the smallest suffering embraced for the glory of God will escape a lavish reward, and that for all eternity... As we can see from history, God will reward not only what we have done, but also what *we would have desired to do*, even though we did not have enough strength to put it into effect. We should desire, then, but desire without limits! (KW 1248)

### **The Descent of the Holy Spirit—Acts 2:1-41**

Even after Christ's death the Holy Spirit works all things in us through Mary. In fact, what the Creator said to the serpent in reference to the Immaculata, "She will crush your head" [cf. Gn 3:15], is, according to the teaching of theologians, to be understood to have no limitations of time.

It is the task of the Holy Spirit to form the new members of those predestined to the Mystical Body of Christ until the end of the world. But, as [St.] Louis Grignion de Montfort demonstrates, this work is brought to fruition with Mary, in Mary, and through Mary. (KW 1229)

### **The Assumption—Is 61:10**

The Immaculata is the ultimate limit between God and creation. She is a faithful image of God's perfection, of His sanctity.

One's degree of perfection depends on the union of one's will to the will of God. The greater the perfection, the closer the union. As the Blessed Mother, with her perfection, surpassed all the angels and saints, so also her will is united and identified most closely with the will of God. She lives and works solely in God and through God. Therefore, by fulfilling the will of the Immaculata we fulfill by that very reason the will of God. (KW 1232)

### **The Coronation—Rev 12:1-6**

What could we possibly wish her who, exalted above all creatures in heaven and earth, became the Mother of God and now reigns eternally in heaven? She is Queen of heaven and earth, Mediatrix of us all; through her hands all graces flow unto the earth. What should we wish you, therefore, most noble and sweet Lady? Many still do not know you... Well then, Holy Queen, on this beloved day of your feast, with all our hearts and with all our souls we wish you to take full and swift possession of our hearts and the hearts of one and all, without exception, be they Catholic, Protestant, Schismatic, Jew, pagan, good or bad. Reign over us all and in us all, poor inhabitants of this earthly globe which glides across the heavens; reign not only during this our earthly pilgrimage, but also forever and ever, for all eternity! (KW 1037)

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# *Rosary* MEDITATIONS



## **FROM THE WRITINGS OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

*“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”*  
—St. Maximilian Kolbe



## The Joyful Mysteries

### The Annunciation—Lk 1:26-38

[Our Lady is] “Full of grace” because she could not possibly have been deprived of any grace. How beautiful is such fullness of grace, whose abundance flows back unto us in profusion! Or rather, that fullness is a source of grace for us.

“The Lord is with you!” It is true: God is always with her and in such a close, perfect manner! Is she not in some way a part of the Holy Trinity Itself?... And where she goes, she takes along the whole Holy Trinity. How true are the words whereby in the universe everything happens “in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit through the Immaculata!” (KW 991)

### The Visitation—Lk 1:39-56

Nearly two thousand years have passed since the day when the Immaculate Virgin paid her visit to Elizabeth, her relative. Actually, the Holy Mother’s visits have continued up to this very day and occur for every soul, much more often than the soul may imagine. Each grace, without exception, is the coming of the Mediatrix of all graces.

Do you want her to come often to visit you? Do you want her to dwell permanently in your soul? Do you desire that she, she alone, may direct your thoughts, take possession of all your heart? Do you wish to live entirely for her? If you really desire all this, open your heart completely before her and give yourself to her without reserve and forever, even if only with the yearning of your soul. (KW 1216)

### The Nativity—Lk 2:6-20

What did you think, O Immaculata, when for the first time you laid the Divine Child onto that little bed of hay? What feelings flooded your heart while you wrapped Him

in swaddling clothes, held Him to your heart, and fed Him from your breasts? You knew exactly who that Child was, for the Prophets had spoken of Him. In addition, how many mysteries regarding Jesus must that Divine Spirit have revealed only and exclusively to your immaculate soul!

He is before you now, in the form of a weak newborn child.

What feelings of humility, love and gratitude must have filled your heart at that time as you marveled at the humility, love and gratitude that God incarnate had toward you. I beg you, fill my heart too with your humility, your love, your gratitude! (KW 1236)

### The Presentation—Lk 2:22-39

How short life is, is it not? How quickly time flies!... Let us give it up, offer it dearly, at the highest price possible. The greater the suffering, the better, because after death one can no longer suffer. The time in which one can manifest love is brief. And then we live once only! How many of you desire to consecrate themselves without limits to the Immaculata?... Let us offer ourselves to her every day, all the time, in practice, fulfilling her will and conforming to her will in all things. This means being her instrument. And the more it costs us, the better, since it is the demonstration of greater love. (KW 499)

### The Finding in the Temple—Lk 2:41-51

On earth, we see so many unhappy, misguided souls who do not even know the purpose of their life, who love many short-lived goods instead of the only good, God. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is the love of God toward mankind. His Kingdom is the domain of this love in the hearts of men, the love that Jesus manifested in the manger, throughout His life, on the Cross, in the Eucharist, and in giving us His own Mother as our Mother; and He wants to kindle this love in the hearts

of all men. To conquer souls over to Our Lady, means to win souls over to the Mother of Jesus, who introduces the Kingdom of Jesus into them. (KW 1331)

## The Luminous Mysteries

### The Baptism of Our Lord—Mt 3:11-17

Life on this earth is not long. It is only a matter of preparing well for eternity. Even this speck of dust in the middle of the universe, which is called the earth, will come to its end together with all its problems, including the most important ones. Let us be led by the Immaculata and help souls know her and love her, so that an ever increasing number of hearts may be joined, through love, more and more closely to her and, through her, to the Most Sacred Divine Heart. (KW 936)

### The Wedding at Cana—Jn 2:1-12

Prayer is a means that people do not know about, and yet it is the most effective way to restore peace in the soul, to give them happiness, because it serves to bring them closer to God’s love. Prayer revives the world. Prayer is the indispensable condition for the regeneration and the life of every soul. (KW 903)

### The Proclamation of the Kingdom—Mk 1:14-15

The conversion and the sanctification of the soul has been, is, and always will be the work of divine grace. Without the grace of God, nothing may be achieved in this field, neither through the living word, nor through the press, nor by any other outer means. Grace for ourselves and for others, instead, is obtained through humble prayer, mortification, and loyalty in the fulfillment of one’s ordinary duties, including the most simple. The closer the soul itself is to God, the more pleasing it is to God. (KW 925)

### The Transfiguration—Lk 9:28-36

Jesus, by coming into the world, showed humanity the way to true holiness by exam-

ple and word. The essence of holiness consists in loving God to the point of heroism. Its hallmark is the fulfillment of God’s will, especially as expressed in the commandments of God and of the Church in the duties of one’s state of life. Its means are: continuous self-vigilance and prayer, whereby the soul obtains God’s supernatural graces, indispensable to spiritual progress. The most important stages of prayer are vocal prayer, meditation and contemplation. In contemplation, God may at times draw the soul very close to Himself, in which case the soul is dazzled by unearthly light and kindled with love. (KW 1001)

### The Institution of the Eucharist—Jn 6:33-59

We must constantly strengthen the love for the Immaculata in souls, so that they may become one with her—become her herself; so that she herself may live and love (act) in them and through them. Just as she is of Jesus and of God, so each soul will become of Jesus and of God through her and in her.

Then souls will love the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as they have never loved Him before, because, like her, and in ways they have never experienced before, they will plunge into the mysteries of Love: the Cross and the Eucharist. Through her, God’s love shall kindle the world, set it on fire. (KW 991)

## The Sorrowful Mysteries

### The Agony in the Garden—Mt 26:36-46

Let us trust in God, trust Him without limits. Let us be confident that, if we are concerned only with doing His will, no real harm will ever come to us, even if we were to live in times a thousandfold harsher than the ones we live in now. In all things let us not forget to repeat with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: “Not My will but Thine be done” (Lk 22:42). And if, as happened in the Gethsemane, God were to see fit not to grant our requests and send a cup to drink to the last drop, let us not forget