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This past week we celebrated some special feasts: the feast of St. Therese the Little Flower of Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi, and yesterday the feast of Our Lady of the

Rosary. When I was growing up, my dad would always lead us in praying the rosary together. As we meditated on each mystery of the rosary, we prayed ten Hail Mary's. The mysteries are:

- **The Joyful Mysteries** - reminds us of when the angel told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, when Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also expecting a child, the birth of Jesus, the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, and the Finding of Jesus after he was lost for a time.
- **The Luminous Mysteries** - gives greater light to various experiences of Jesus life: the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, the wedding at Cana when Jesus performed his first miracle, Jesus preaches the Good News, and the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of the Apostles.
- **The Sorrowful Mysteries** - remind us of when Jesus suffered, was scourged, crowned with thorns, carried his cross, and as he died on the cross.
- **The Glorious Mysteries** - remind us that Jesus rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles, Mary was assumed into heaven, and was crowned as queen of heaven & earth.

What speaks to me most in the Glorious Mysteries are the words of the angel:

"Do not be afraid, you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He has risen, and is not here. Behold here is the place where they had laid Him." (Mark 16: 1-8) What speaks to you most in these mysteries of the rosary?

Then next Monday is often observed as a national holiday. In South Dakota it is Native American Day, but others see it as Columbus sailing across the ocean in search for a faster route to the Far East. What he really did was discover that the world is round. Let us pray for the grace to recognize what we are doing.

God bless all of you!

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