

Did you know . . .

The Thankful Mysteries – Part II

The First Mystery: For the Beauty of Creation.

The Second Mystery: For Life and Our Time on Earth.

The Third Mystery: For Human Love. This is probably the greatest mystery. Many songs and books have been written in praise of and seeking to understand love. Ms. Robertson says, “Nothing can sink us into despair, arouse our anger or lift us up in ecstasy as love can.” But with great love comes sorrow; sorrow is the price we pay for love. C.S. Lewis said, “The joy now is part of the pain later.” Yet in times of sorrow, we can be thankful that we have loved and been loved. So we are also thankful to be able to grieve, for grief witnesses to love.

The Fourth Mystery: For Church. Ms. Robertson includes both faith and Sacred Scripture here. Faith sustains us through difficult times and Sacred Scripture guides us. It comes through the form of a human institution, the Church. Yet the Church is more than that. It is a sacrament of the divine, founded by Christ, but still human, fallible and a mystery. It has miraculously prevailed through the centuries despite trials, persecutions and corruption. Certainly the good in the Church far outweighs the negative. Church challenges us to grow as well as provides us a sense of community and belonging to something greater than ourselves.

The Fifth Mystery: For Jesus, God With a Human Face. Jesus is the best gift of all. God took on human form because of His great love for us. He became one like us in all things but sin. He is the human face of God. What would we do without Jesus? What would our world do without Jesus? We give thanks for the gift of Jesus in our lives.

Thankfulness is a state of mind that can change our outlook, help us deal with frustration and sadness and allow us to lead healthy and fruitful lives. Praying these thankful mysteries may help to bring us out of ourselves and remind us of all the reasons we have to be grateful.

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