

The Joyful Mysteries

Mondays and Saturdays

The Annunciation of Our Lord

The Angel said to Mary, "You shall conceive and bear a Son and give Him the name Jesus, and He will be called 'Son of the Most High.'" (Luke 1:31-32) Like Mary, Father Lafleur answered God's call to become a priest and a chaplain in the U.S. Army Air Corps. May we also respond to God's call for us.



The Visitation

"Blessed are you among women and blessed is she who trusted in the Lord's words." (Luke 1:42-45) Father Lafleur had great trust in the Lord; may we trust as well.

The Nativity of Jesus

"While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger." (Luke 2:6-7) Father Lafleur cherished 'his boys' with love and took them under his care. Like Father Lafleur, may we love all people.

The Presentation in the Temple

"When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that He could be presented to the Lord." (Luke 2:22) Like Mary and Joseph, Father Lafleur presented 'his boys' to the Lord in the sinking ship. May we have an attitude of presenting the Lord to each person we meet.

The Finding in the Temple

"They came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were amazed." (Luke 2:46-47) Father Lafleur amazed many people with his teaching and compassionate love, and many conversions occurred. May our lives rest in God's teaching. May others respond to God's presence in us.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesdays and Fridays

The Agony in the Garden

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemani. He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer. "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by." (Matthew 26:36 & 39) Father Lafleur chose to remain in the Philippines rather than leave for safety. He chose to stay with the men in captivity. May we also know God's will and have the courage to do God's will.

The Scourging at the Pillar

The people said, "Let His blood be upon us and upon our children." At that, he released Barabbas to them. Jesus, however, he first had scourged. (Matthew 27:28 & 29) Father Lafleur and the other prisoners of war were in deprivation. Father Lafleur was an example of "turning the other cheek." May we as well be strong enough in life to endure hardship as an example of following Jesus.

The Crowning with Thorns

They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they fixed it on His head and began to mock Him. (Matthew 27:28-29) The enemy was abusive to Father Lafleur and 'his boys' in prison. He tried to see good in his enemies. May we see good in others, especially in those who injure us.

The Carrying of the Cross

Jesus was led away, and carrying the cross by Himself, went out to what is called the Place of the Skull. There they crucified Him. (John 19:17-18) Father Lafleur carried the cross of Jesus as a prisoner of war. In the face of evil, he loved like Jesus. May we not fear evil, but overcome evil with Jesus' love.

The Crucifixion and Death

The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two, Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit." After this, He expired. (Luke 23:45-46) Father Lafleur's first concern was the safety of others as he helped the other prisoners of war escape the sinking ship. Father Lafleur gave up his life with those who were not able to find safety. May we live God the Father's will as Jesus, His Son, and Father Lafleur showed us.

The Glorious Mysteries

Wednesdays and Sundays

The Resurrection of Our Lord

The angel spoke, "Do not be frightened. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, but He is not here. He has been raised, exactly as promised." (Matthew 28:5-6) Witnessed by other prisoners of war, Father Lafleur's example of great faith and hope in Christ's Resurrection, empowers us to hope in our lives for a share in Christ's Resurrection.



The Ascension into Heaven

"He then led them out near Bethany, and with hands upraised, blessed them. As He blessed, He left them, and was taken up to heaven." (Luke 24:50-51) Jesus teaches us He will always be with us. Like Father Lafleur, let Jesus' presence console us in life's difficulties and joys.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

"Tongues as of fire appeared which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:4) Father Lafleur was filled with many gifts of the Holy Spirit which he generously shared with those he met. May we too be generous in sharing our gifts and in glorifying God.

The Assumption of Mary

"May you be blessed, my daughter, by God most high, beyond all women on earth; and may the Lord God be blessed, the Creator of heaven and earth." (Judith 13:18) All who met Father Lafleur knew he persevered in living a Christ-like life! May we follow his example in following Christ, that we may live forever in Heaven with Jesus, Mary, Joseph and all the saints.

The Coronation of Mary

"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Revelations 12:1) Father Lafleur performed many heroic deeds and faced many dangers. May we always have the faith, hope, and love we need to win a crown of glory in the end.