

The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY in Salvation History

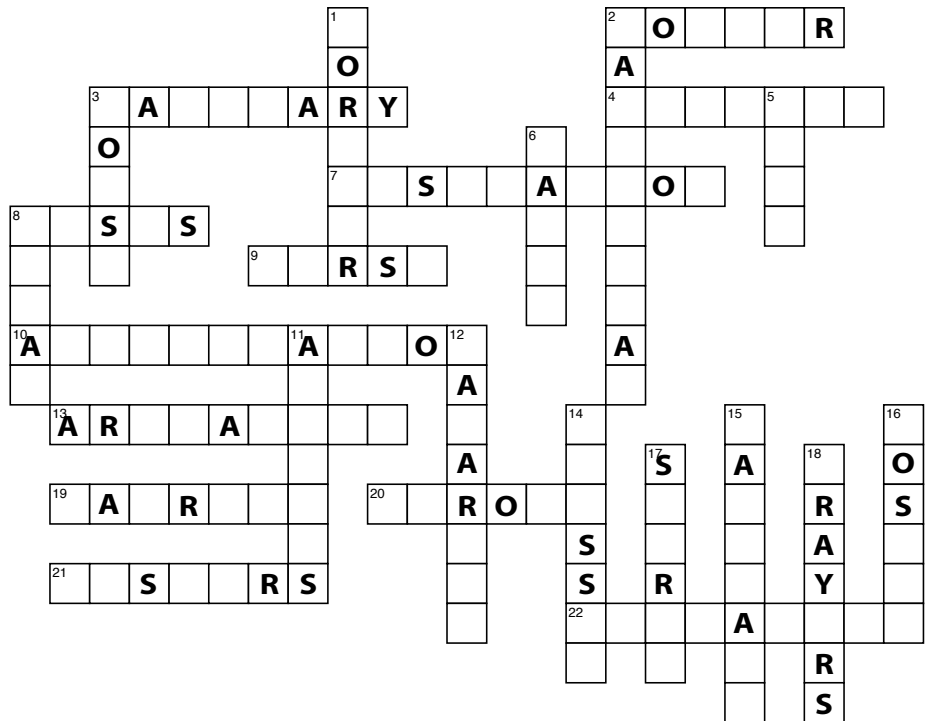


WATCH today's "Jesse Tree" video—it tells the story of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the person closest to Jesus Christ from the moment of His conception until His death on the Cross!

Think about what it must have been like for Mary and St. Joseph as it got closer and closer to the time for Baby Jesus to be born! They were the parents of the King of the Universe!

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** wants to help you... and one way to do it is by helping you pray the **Rosary!**

We want to help you, too. That's why we have already filled in all the letters from the word "rosary" wherever they appear in the crossword.



ACROSS

- 2 Elizabeth called Mary the "_____ of my Lord."
- 3 Prayed 10 times each rosary decade (2 words)
- 4 Nazareth is in this region
- 7 The 2nd Joyful Mystery
- 8 Gabriel told Mary to call her son this name
- 9 This Joyful Mystery mentions all 3 Persons of the Trinity
- 10 The 1st Joyful Mystery
- 13 Gabriel is this
- 19 The "Hail, Mary" has this Archangel's greeting
- 20 Mary's son will have the _____ of his father David
- 21 The Magnificat is prayed during this
- 22 Mother of John the Baptist

DOWN

- 1 Gabriel said Jesus' Kingdom would last this long
- 2 This prayer is said during Vespers
- 3 Mary's son will rule over the _____ of Jacob
- 5 Gospel records 1st & 2nd Joyful Mysteries
- 6 Joseph was of the "house of _____"
- 8 Elizabeth lived in this region
- 11 Reminds us of Jesus becoming a baby in Mary's womb
- 12 Gabriel appeared in this town to Mary
- 14 All generations will call Mary _____
- 15 "Behold, I am the _____ of the Lord"
- 16 Mary was betrothed to him
- 17 When she heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy _____
- 18 We use beads to count our _____ in the rosary.



READ the Picture Bible pages 554–561.

It is getting very close to Christmas! Think about the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph. They did not know what it would be like to have a baby in their family—and this would be not just any baby, but the Son of God, whom they had to protect and care for.

Your parents had to protect and care for you when you were a baby, too. **ASK** them to tell you what they did to prepare for the day you were born—they were loving you and taking care of you before they could even see you!

COLOR the picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph below.



An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son. And you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20-21)

SATURDAY / December 21 – ANSWER KEY

Blessed Virgin Mary

Crossword

Solution:

