



The Eucharist and the Rosary.

The Joyful Mysteries.

Second Mystery.—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin.

The Eucharistic Visit.

LOOKING away down the centuries, back to the days when the verdant earth was fresh from the hand of God, we see Him beautifying a little corner of it and making it a home for the creations of His love. And there God visited our first father in that garden of delights which was destined to be the Motherland of a blessed, holy race. But we all know the sad story, the disappointment that hurt God's Heart so keenly. And yet, after that first sin God did not retire into the depths of His beautiful heaven, but in His mercy He came to this desolate earth of ours from time to time. He visited Abraham under the oak in the valley ; He visited Isaac in his tent ; Jacob in his sleep ; Moses in the summit of Sinai. He came to the prophets in a thousand luminous, terrible and sublime apparitions. He came to His people to censure them for their sins, to warn them against impending dangers, to threaten them when He perceived that they were growing flabby under the surrounding temptations to idolatry ; to console them in their sorrows, and to make covenants with them all these