

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Entrance Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING,
"GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the Book of Numbers

The Lord said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R/. May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. **R/.**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide. **R/.**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **R/.**

Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1:1-2

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. **R/.**

Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O, Lord.**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe the You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Thanksgiving After Mass

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

I give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, who have been pleased to nourish me, a sinner and your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, this through no merits of mine, but due solely to the graciousness of your mercy.

And I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for me an offense to be punished, but a saving plea for forgiveness. May it be for me the armor of faith, and the shield of good will. May it cancel my faults, destroy concupiscence and carnal passion, increase charity and patience, humility and obedience and all the virtues, may it be a firm defense against the snares of all my enemies, both visible and invisible, the complete calming of my impulses, both of the flesh and of the spirit, a firm adherence to you, the one true God, and the joyful completion of my life's course.

And I beseech you to lead me, a sinner, to that banquet beyond all telling, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you are the true light of your Saints, fullness of satisfied desire, eternal gladness, consummate delight and perfect happiness.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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