

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD < B

January 1, 2024

**For the Living**

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

**For the Dead**

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

**Concluding Doxology**

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever.  
**Amen.**

**Communion Rite**

**STAND**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

**Sign Of Peace**

*Priest* : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* : **Amen**

*Priest* : The peace of the Lord be with you always

*People* : **And with your Spirit**

*Priest* : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

**Breaking of the Bread**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Have mercy on us.**

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Grant us peace.**

**Reception of Communion**

**KNEEL**

*Priest* : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**  
**[Mother of the Church]**

**STAND**

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord: grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R/ Amen.**

**General Announcements**

**SIT**

**Blessing**

**STAND**

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year; fill your hearts with gladness and make you heralds of his Gospel.  
**R/ Amen.**

And may God, who by the incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with integrity in faith, endurance in hope and perseverance in charity, the gift of his peace and make you sharers with those in heaven.  
**R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
**R/ Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord to proclaim the blessed ever - Virgin Mary, the Mother of Church.  
**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

**Introduction by the Celebrant**

**ENTRANCE ANT.** *[Hail, Holy Mother]*  
**Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.**

**Penitential Act**

Jesus come among those who were his own, and his own people did not accept him. Do we accept him, always and fully ? Let us examine ourselves:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, You bring us the grace of eternal salvation:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you are the author of life: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the prince of peace: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and touch us with your forgiving mercy. Help us live as your sons and daughters and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest**

**C:Collect** *[Mary's Intercession]*

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
**R/ Amen.**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**SIT**

**First Reading** Nm 6:22-27 *[The Aaronic Blessing]*  
*God speaks to Moses instructing him to have Aaron and Israelites pray that he may answer their prayers with blessings.*

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.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 67 *[God Bless Us]*

**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.)**

**Second Reading** Gal 4:4-7

*[Heirs by God's Design]*

*God sent Jesus, his Son, born of Mary, to deliver all from the bondage of sin and slavery of the law. By God's choice we are heirs of heaven.*

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*

**R./ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** Heb 1:1-2

*[God Speaks]*

**STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Gospel** Lk 2:16-21 *[The Name of Jesus]*

*When the shepherds came to Bethlehem, they began to understand the message of the angels. Mary prayed about this great event. Jesus received his name according to the Jewish ritual of circumcision.*

*R/ The Lord be with you.*

*R/ And with your spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*R/ Glory to you, O Lord*

The sheperds 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 sheperds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the sheperds 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.*

*R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

Our loving Saviour has given us the Blessed Virgin Mary to be our Mother. May this New Year be marked by our profound desire to be reconciled to the loving Father, in every way:

*(Pause)*

That Mary, Mother of the Church, will bless, guide and protect the Church with her Motherly love. And may we, Her members, remain faithful to the sacraments and be filled with authentic spirit of repentance. Let us pray:

**Mary our Mother, teach us to pray.**

On this solemnity of Our Lady we begin the New Year; let us entrust to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, the hopes of all the earth and a lasting peace to the world, through the intercession of His Mother. Let us pray:

**Mary our Mother, teach us to pray.**

For our Parish Community: that every good thought, every good act of will, every movement of our hearts: "Through grace received from Mary", will draw us, in solidarity, close to Jesus, our Lord; and for us to make His presence visible to others. Let us pray:

**Mary our Mother, teach us to pray.**

For all families: that this New Year will be a time of strengthening in bonds of love and fidelity between husbands and wives and keeping our family united in peace and God's abiding love. Let us pray:

**Mary our Mother, teach us to pray.**

For all mothers, especially those who are expecting a newborn child: that they may find strength and inspiration from the prayers and example of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us pray:

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For the sick, the orphaned, the lonely, the aged, the forgotten, the oppressed, the unemployed, those in health and financial difficulties at this time of global uncertainty, that the Mother of Mercy, with her intercessions, will bring them helps, consolation and joy. Let us pray:

**Mary our Mother, teach us to pray.**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

**Mary our Mother, teach us to pray.**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray:

**Mary our Mother, teach us to pray.**

Loving Father, You bless us with Mary, the Mother of your Son. May the prayer of Mary, accompany us as we journey together to another year of grace and blessings toward our reconciliation, healings and renewals. Through Christ, our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Song**

**SIT**

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

**Priest** : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People** : **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings  
[Rejoice in Grace]**

**STAND**

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfillment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**STAND**

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

**Preface** (P 56) [*Mary, Virgin and Mother*]

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise, bless, and glorify your name on the Solemnity of the Motherhood of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary.

For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit she conceived your Only Begotten Son, and without losing the glory of virginity, brought forth into the world the eternal Light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer No. 3**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration that they may become the Body and \* Blood of your Son our

Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it,  
for this is my Body,  
which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
for this is the chalice of my Blood,  
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which will be poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this in memory of me.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Priest* : The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

**In Communion with the Saints**

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with Saint *N.*: *Patron Saint* and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

**Intercessions: For the Church**

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.