

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Year A

Sunday, January 1, 2020

Readings: 1) Numbers 6:22-27 2) Galatians 4:4-7 3) Luke 2:16-21

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: We celebrate the place of Mary in God's plan of salvation. In her "yes," she accepts the invitation to bring the world its Savior.

With the birth of Jesus, God enters into human history in a new and dynamic way. Mary's role as mother is both essential and another example of how God has chosen and blessed the people who belong to him. With this Christ-filled blessing comes God's peace and our adoption as sons and daughters of God.

God tells Moses to speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them that God promises his blessing and peace to his people. Saint Paul writes to the Galatians about the mystery of the Incarnation – through it God has *sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts* to make us his adopted children. In the Gospel, the shepherds visit Mary, Joseph and the baby, and then glorify and praise God. Jesus is given his name

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Let us bring our prayers and petitions before him with confidence and trust.

For the pope and the whole Church, may we continue to share God's gifts of love, mercy and peace through our words and actions.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For our nation and world, may this New Year be filled with peace.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For all who are sick; in body, mind or spirit, may Christ be their constant companion.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For all those who have died, may they be welcomed into the new and heavenly Jerusalem.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For our parish, may we resolve to follow Christ more faithfully this year.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

PRIEST:

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.

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