

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Year B

Friday, January 1, 2021

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: Let us celebrate Mary's yes to the Lord.

Today we celebrate and honor the Holy Mother of God, Mary, whose yes to the Lord's plan allows her to bear Jesus, the salvation of the world. We join the shepherds in their amazement at the goodness of God's plan for his people.

In the first reading from Numbers, we hear the priestly blessing in which the Lord tells Moses to offer a blessing to the people. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he reminds the early Christians that God sent his Son born of Mary so that we may receive adoption into God's family. In the Gospel, the shepherds travel to Bethlehem to find Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and to make known the message that had been told to them about the Child.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Our mother Mary is an example of faith, hope and affectionate care.
We unite our prayers with hers.**

**For the Church may she grow in unity through the words we have been taught to pray.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all nations of the earth, may war, racism, discrimination and
corruption disappear from the world.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,
may Christ be their constant companion.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

**For all who have died, may they be rewarded with the fullness of his peace.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For this community,
may God grant us faith like Mary's to say yes to him
when he asks us to surrender to his will.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For our own personal intentions... (pause).
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

PRIEST:

**Father, in your goodness hear our prayers today and answer them,
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**