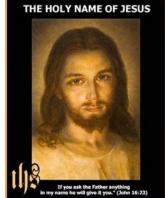


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Most Holy Name of Jesus Sunday between the Octave Day and The Epiphany

GOSPEL Luke 2:21

At that time, after eight days were accomplished, that the Child should be circumcised, His name was called JESUS, which was called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.



The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church since the end of the fifteenth century. The celebration has been held on different dates, usually in January, because January 1st, eight days after Christmas, commemorates the naming of the child Jesus; as recounted in the Gospel read on that day, "at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb."

The Church reveals to us the wonders of the Incarnate Word by singing the glories of His name. The name of Jesus means Savior; it had been shown in a dream to Joseph together with its meaning and to Our Lady at the annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel.

Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. It was promoted in a special manner by St. Bernard, St. Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistrano and by the Franciscan Order. It was extended to the whole Church in 1727 during the pontificate of Innocent XIII. The month of January has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The greatest saint of the Holy Name is St. Bernardine of Siena. In his missionary expeditions he carried it on a banner and used it continually in his sermons. The Holy Name, he says, is first of all fruitful for beginners. For these, for sinners, " it shows the immense mercifulness of God, it enables a devout man to gain a victory in every conflict, whether with the devil, the flesh, or the world. It has the power of healing sickness when rightly used, it fills with joy and exultation those who are in any adversity."

He quotes St. Peter, that "through His name all receive remission of sin who believe in Him"; St. John : "Your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake"; St. Peter again: "There is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved"; the prayer of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, that God would "stretch forth His hand to signs and cures and wonders, to be done by the name of thy only Son, Jesus"; the further statement in the Acts, that the Apostles went forth "from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they were accounted worthy to suffer reproach for the name of Jesus."

The name of Jesus is a name of gladness, a name of hope and a name of love.

A name of gladness, because if the remembrance of past transgressions afflicts us, this name comforts us, reminding us that the Son of God became man for this purpose, to make Himself our Savior.

A name of hope, because he that prays to the Eternal Father in the name of Jesus may hope for every grace he asks for: If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it you.

A name of love. For the name of Jesus brings to our remembrance all the sufferings which Jesus has endured for us in His life and at His death.

- Excerpted from St. Alphonsus de Liguori, The Incarnation Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ

ROSARY ROSTER

9:00 1/3 - Sam Liburdi 1/10 - Martin Crain 1/17 - Mary Crain 1/24 - Ken Peldunas 1/31 - Tony Verzi 2/7 - Pat Lankenau
11:30 Volunteers Needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fr. Gregory's 12th Ordination Anniversary, is January 7th, please keep him in your prayers to continually strengthen his vocation.
- 2021 Religious Calendars are available at the rear of the church. The cost is \$7.
- Parishioners, friends and visitors are welcome to refreshments in the church hall following the 9:00 AM Mass.



The great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, is an appropriate time to meditate upon part of a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great who was Pope from 440 to 461:

The day dearly-beloved, on which Christ the Savior of the world first appeared to the nations must be venerated by us with holy worship: and today those joys must be entertained in our hearts which existed in the breasts of the three magi, when, aroused by the sign and leading of a new star, which they believed to have been promised, they fell down in the presence of the King of heaven and earth.

For that day has not so passed away that the mighty work, which was then revealed, has passed away with it, and that nothing but the report of the thing has come down to us for faith to receive and memory to celebrate; seeing that, by the oft-repeated gift of God, our time daily enjoy the fruit of what the first age possessed.

And therefore, although the narrative which is read to us from the Gospel properly record those days on which the three men, who had neither been taught by the prophets predictions nor instructed by the testimony of the Law, came to acknowledge God from the furthest parts of the East, yet we behold this same thing more clearly and abundantly carried on now in the enlightenment of all those who are called, since the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled when he says: "the Lord has laid bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all upon earth have seen the salvation which is from the Lord our God." and again, "and those to whom it has not been announced about Him shall see, and they who have not heard, shall understand."

Hence when we see men devoted to worldly wisdom and far from belief in Jesus Christ brought out of the depth of their error and called to acknowledgment of the true Light, it is undoubtedly the brightness of Divine grace that is at work: and whatever of new light illumines the darkness of their hearts, comes from the rays of the same star: so that it should both move with wonder, and going before leads to the adoration of God the minds which it visited with splendor.

But if with careful thought we wish to see how their threefold kind of gift is also offered by all who come to Christ with the foot of faith, is not the same offering repeated in the hearts of all true believers

For he that acknowledges Christ the King of the universe brings gold from the treasure of his heart: he that believes the Only-begotten of God to have united man's true nature to Himself, offers myrrh; and he that confesses Him in no wise inferior to the Father's majesty, worships Him in a manner with incense.

May God continue to bless you during this most holy Season!

COVID-19 Virus: At this time, with regard to the Coronavirus event, we are not making any changes in the availability of sacraments or the schedule of mass. However, in an abundance of caution, we are asking all parishioners to make decisions that are prudent for their situation. Elderly parishioners are particularly at risk and are excused from their Sunday obligations. Any parishioners that feel uncomfortable are excused as well. As always, if you are exhibiting any signs of sickness or feel unwell, please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and do not attend mass or any chapel functions. Thank you for your understanding in these trying times. Please stay well and may God bless you.

DRESS POLICY ~ When attending any functions at the chapel, especially Holy Mass, you are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please dress accordingly, with due modesty and respect. <u>Everyone should refrain from jeans, shorts or T-shirts</u>. Ladies, please use a head covering, available in the rear of the church either for loan or for purchase.



Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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