

## AUGUST 5, OUR LADY OF THE SNOW

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Tradition tells us that during the pontificate of Pope Liberius, in the Fourth Century, in the heat of August, the plan of the church of St. Mary Major was traced out in a miraculous fall of snow. For this reason that basilica is known as St. Mary-of-the-Snow, and the name is also given to the feast of its dedication. The stations at Christmas are held in this church because some relics of the Crib of Bethlehem are preserved there. The Pope was also accustomed to officiate there on the first Sunday in Advent, at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

### INTROIT Sedulius

Salve, sancta Parens, enixa puérpera  
Regem: qui cælum terrámque regit in  
sæcula sæculórum. (Ps 44: 2)  
Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum:  
dico ego ópera mea Regi. Glória Patri  
et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in  
princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in  
sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Salve,  
sancta Parens, enixa puérpera Regem:  
qui cælum terrámque regit in sæcula  
sæculórum.

### COLLECT

Concéde nos fámulos tuos,  
quæsumus, Dómine Deus, perpátua  
mentis et córporis sanitáte gaudére: et,  
gloriósa beátæ Mariæ semper Vírginis  
intercessióne, a præsentí liberári  
tristítia et æténa pérfrui lætítia. Per  
Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,  
Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in  
unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per  
ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### LESSON Ecclesiasticus 24: 14-16

Ab inítio et ante sæcula créata sum, et  
usque ad futúrum sæculum non  
désinam, et in habitatióne sancta  
coram ipso ministrávi. Et sic in Sion  
firmáta sum, et in civitáte sanctificáta  
similítiter requiévi, et in Jerúsalem  
potéstas mea. Et radicávi in pópulo  
honorificáto, et in parte Dei mei  
heréditas illíus, et in plenítudine  
sanctórum deténtio mea.

### GRADUAL

Benedícta et venerábilis es, Virgo  
María: quæ sine tactu pudóris invénia  
es Mater Salvatóris. Virgo, Dei  
Génetrix, quem totus non capit orbis, in  
tua se clausit víscera factus homo.

### LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Post partum, Virgo,  
invioláta perí mansisti: Dei Génetrix,  
intercéde pro nobis. Allelúja.

### GOSPEL Luke 11: 27-28

In illo témpore: Loquente Jesu ad  
turbas, extóllens vocem quædam  
múlier de turba, dixit illi: Beátus venter,  
qui te portávit, et úbera, quæ suxísti. At  
ille dixit: Quinimmo beáti, qui áudiunt  
verbum Dei, et custódiunt illud.

### OFFERTORY Luke 1: 28, 42

Ave, María, grátia plena; Dóminus  
tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus, et  
benedíctus fructus ventris tui.

### SECRET

Tua, Dómine, propitiatióne, et beátæ  
Mariæ semper Vírginis intercessióne,  
ad perpétuam atque præsentem hæc  
oblátio nobis proficiat prosperitátem et  
pacem. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum  
Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit  
et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti,  
Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### PREFACE OF THE BVM

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et  
grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater  
omnípotens, æténe Deus: Et te in  
Festivitéte beátæ Mariæ semper  
Vírginis collaudáre, benedicere et  
prædicáre. Quæ et Unigénitum tuum  
Sancti Spirítus obumbratióne concépit:  
et, virginitátis glória permanénte, lumen  
æténum mundo effúdit, Jesum  
Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Per  
quem maiestátem tuam laudant Ángeli,  
adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt  
Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque Virtútes  
ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne  
concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras  
voces ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur,  
súplici confessióne dicéntes:

### COMMUNION

Beáta víscera Mariæ Vírginis, quæ  
portaverunt æténi Patris Fílium.

### POSTCOMMUNION

Sumptis, Dómine, salutis nostræ  
subsídiis: da, quæsumus, beátæ  
Mariæ semper Vírginis patrociniis nos  
ubíque prótegi; in cujus veneratióne  
hæc tuæ obtúlimus majestáti. Per  
Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,  
Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in  
unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per  
ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Hail, holy Mother, thou who didst bring  
forth the King who rules heaven and  
earth for ever and ever. (Ps. 44: 2) My  
heart hath uttered a good word: I speak  
my works to the King. Glory be to the  
Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen. Hail, holy Mother, thou  
who didst bring forth the King who rules  
heaven and earth for ever and ever.

Grant us Thy servants, we beseech  
Thee, O Lord God, to enjoy perpetual  
health of mind and body; and by the  
glorious intercession of blessed Mary  
ever Virgin, to be delivered from  
present sorrows and to enjoy  
everlasting gladness. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and  
reigneth with Thee in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

From the beginning, and before the  
world, was I created, and unto the  
world to come I shall not cease to be,  
and in the holy dwelling place I have  
ministered before him. And so I was  
established in Sion, and in the holy city  
likewise I rested, and my power was in  
Jerusalem. And I took root in an  
honorable people, and in the portion of  
my God his inheritance, and my abode  
is in the full assembly of saints.

Thou art blessed and venerable, O  
Virgin Mary, who with purity unstained  
was found to be the Mother of our  
Savior. Virgin Mother of God, He  
whom the whole world was unable to  
contain enclosed Himself in thy womb,  
being made man.

Alleluia, alleluia. After childbirth thou  
didst still remain an inviolate virgin:  
Mother of God, intercede for us.  
Alleluia.

At that time, as Jesus was speaking to  
the multitudes, a certain woman from  
the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to  
Him: Blessed is the womb that bore  
Thee and the paps that gave Thee  
suck. But He said: Yea, rather, blessed  
are they who hear the word of God and  
keep it.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with  
thee: blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

By Thy gracious mercy, O Lord, and  
the intercession of blessed Mary ever  
Virgin, may this offering be of avail to  
us for welfare and peace now and for  
evermore. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and  
reigneth with Thee in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for  
our salvation that we always and  
everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O  
holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting  
God: and that we should praise and  
bless, and proclaim Thee, in this feast  
of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin: Who  
also conceived Thine only-begotten  
Son by the overshadowing of the Holy  
Spirit, and the glory of her virginity still  
abiding, gave forth to the world the  
everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise  
Thy Majesty, the Dominations adore it,  
the Powers tremble: the heavens and  
the hosts of heaven, and the blessed  
Seraphim, together celebrate in  
exultation. With whom, we pray Thee,  
command that our voices of  
supplication also be joined in  
acknowledging Thee saying:

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,  
which bore the Son of the Eternal  
Father.

Having received, O Lord, these helps to  
our salvation, grant, we beseech Thee,  
that we may be ever protected by the  
patronage of blessed Mary ever Virgin,  
in whose honor we have made these  
offerings to Thy majesty. Through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth  
and reigneth with Thee in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.