

SEPTEMBER 12, MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

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This feast originally instituted by Innocent XI in memory of the great victory won over the Turks before the walls of Vienna (September 13, 1683), was fixed for this date under Pope Pius X. Innocent XII had ordered that It should be kept on the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lady. Whatever interpretation of the name of Mary we may accept, whether it means bitterness, the lady of the sea, or beloved of God, it is still the name of our Mother in heaven, the name which was first on the lips of the divine Child, the name which after that of Jesus holds all our hope of salvation. Many saints, especially St. Bernard and St. Gabriele del Addolorata, recognize in the most sweet name of Mary the virtues and prerogatives which the Doctors of the Church find in the name of the Savior, such as light, strength, sweetness and protection. Therefore the devout Christian desires above all things to pronounce the holy names of Jesus and Mary with his last breath before going forth to behold their countenances. Pius X granted great indulgences to those who should make use of this pious invocation.

INTROIT Psalms 44:13, 15, 16

Vultum tuum deprecabuntur omnes divites plebis: adducuntur Regi Virgines post eam: proximæ eius adducuntur tibi in lætitia et exsultatione. (Ps. 44: 2) Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea Regi. Glória Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Vultum tuum deprecabuntur omnes divites plebis: adducuntur Regi Virgines post eam: proximæ eius adducuntur tibi in lætitia et exsultatione.

COLLECT

Concéde, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut fideles tui, qui sub sanctissimæ Virginitatis Mariæ Nómine et protectione lætantur; ejus pia intercessióne a cunctis malis liberentur in terris, et ad gáudia ætérna pervenire mereantur in cælis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 24: 23-31

Ego quasi vitis fructificávi suavitatem odóris: et flores mei fructus honoris et honestátis. Ego mater pulchræ dilectiónis et timóris et agnitiónis et sanctæ spei. In me grátia omnis viæ et veritátis: in me omnis spes vitæ et virtútis. Transite ad me, omnes qui concupiscitis me, et a generatióibus meis implémini. Spiritus enim meus super mel dulcis, et heréditas mea super mel et favum. Memória mea in generatióes sæculórum. Qui edunt me, adhuc esúrient: et qui bibunt me, adhuc sítient. Qui audit me, non confundétur: et qui operántur in me, non peccábunt. Qui elúcidant me, vitam ætérnam habébunt.

GRADUAL

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

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Post partum, Virgo, invioláta permansísti: Dei Génatrix, intercéde pro nobis. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 1: 26-38

In illo témpore: Missus est Angelus Gábríel a Deo in civitátem Galilææ, cui nomen Názareth, ad Virgínem desponsátam viro, cui nomen erat Ioseph, de domo David. et nomen Virginitatis Mariæ. Et ingressus Angelus ad eam, dixit: Ave, grátia plena; Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus. Quæ cum audísset, turbáta est in sermóne eius: et cogitábat, qualis esset ista salutatio. Et ait Angelus ei: Ne tíneas, Mariá, invenísti enim grátiam apud Deum: ecce, concípies in útero et páries fílium, et vocábis nomen eius Iesum. Hic erit magnus, et Fílius Altíssimi vocábitur, et dabit illi Dóminus Deus sedem David, patris eius: et regnabit in domo Iacob in ætérnum, et regni eius non erit finis. Dixit autem Mariá ad Angelum: Quómodo fiet istud, quóniam virum non cognóco? Et respóndens Angelus, dixit ei: Spíritus Sanctus supervéniet in te, et virtus Altíssimi obumbrábit tibi. Ideóque et quod nascétur ex te Sanctum, vocábitur Fílius Dei. Et ecce, Elísabeth, cognáta tua, et ipsa concépit fílium in senectúte sua: et hic mensis sextus est illi, quæ vocátur stérilis: quia non erit impossibile apud Deum omne verbum. Dixit autem Mariá: Ecce ancílla Dómini, fiat mihi secúndum verbum tuum.

OFFERTORY Luke 1: 28, 42

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

SECRET

Tua, Dómine, propitiatióne, et beátæ Mariæ semper Virginitatis intercessióne, ad perpétuam atque præséntem hæc oblátio nobis proficiat prosperitatem et pacem. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF THE BVM

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Et te in Festivitate beátæ Mariæ semper Virginitatis collaudáre, benedícere et prædicáre. Quæ et Unigénitum tuum Sancti Spíritus obumbratióne concépit: et virginitatis glória permanénte, lumen ætérnum mundo effúdit, Jesum Christum Dóminum nostrum, qui quem maiestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatióes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórumque Virtútes, ac beáta Séraphim, sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessióne dicétes:

COMMUNION

Beáta viscera Mariæ Virginitatis, quæ portaverunt ætérni Patris Fílium.

POSTCOMMUNION

Sumptis, Dómine, salutis nostræ subsidiis: da, quæsumus, beátæ Mariæ semper Virginitatis patrocinii nos ubique prótegi; in cujus veneratióne hæc tuæ obtúlimus maiestáti. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

All the rich among the people shall entreat Thy countenance: after her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee in gladness and rejoicing. (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. All the rich among the people shall entreat Thy countenance: after her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee in gladness and rejoicing.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that Thy faithful people, who rejoice in the name of and protection of the most holy Virgin Mary, may by her loving intercession be delivered from all evils on earth and be found worthy to come to everlasting joy in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odor, and my flowers are the fruit of honor and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits; for my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. My memory is unto everlasting generations. They that eat me, shall yet hunger; and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. He that hearkeneth to me shall not be confounded, and they that work by me shall not sin. They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

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: And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David His father: and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. And of His kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren. Because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word.

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 lives and reigns 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 the virginitatis 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 our voices, 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 lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.