



01 JANUARY 2023
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



INTRODUCTION: On this first day of the New Year, the Word of God leads us to invoke God's Blessings. The Church also places the New Year under the protection of Mary the Mother of God, as we celebrate this Solemnity today. Like Mary we are invited to treasure in our hearts all that God does for us.

First Readings: Num 6: 22-27
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6 & 8
Second Reading: Gal 4: 4-7
Gospel: Lk 2: 16-21

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: We pray through the intercession of Mother Mary, that God will grant our prayers, so that in all our lives we may be like her, faithfully pondering the unfailing goodness of God, towards us.

OUR RESPONSE: LORD, LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS.

For Pope Francis, Bishops, priests, religious and all the faithful: that the New Year 2023 will bring us an abundance of God's blessings, that will enable us to give our lives, a new and better determination in doing God's will, we pray, **R/**

For each one of us, as members of Christ's Church on earth: that we may involve ourselves more actively, in the process of the forthcoming Synod, so that its timely theme on Synodality will become a reality, we pray, **R/**

For all nations of the world, their leaders and peoples: that each one will shoulder their responsibility to establish freedom, equality, justice, peace and harmony, guided by respect for human rights and fraternity, we pray, **R/**

For all those carrying heavy burdens: that migrants, prisoners, marginalized, the terminally ill, those poverty stricken, as well as dysfunctional families, can find new hope in their daily struggles, we pray, **R/**

For each of us gathered here to celebrate this Holy Mass: that our participation every Sunday may bring us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist, and a growth in our spiritual life, through receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we pray, **R/**

CELEBRANT: Loving Father, we thank you for choosing one of us Mary, to be the Mother of your Son. Grant the prayers we have made, so that we like her may always be pleasing in your sight. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

