



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
01 January 2026



INTRODUCTION:

On the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Liturgy of the Word focuses on God's blessing and Mary's pivotal role as the Mother of Jesus. This solemnity, marking the Octave Day of Christmas, celebrates Mary as the one through whom salvation came, linking her to the beginning of the New Year and the Prince of Peace.

READINGS:

First Reading	Numbers 6:22-27
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8
Second Reading	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 2:16-21

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: As Mary pondered in her heart the wonderful gifts of God, we bring the prayers we hold in our hearts, confident we shall be heard.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for Pope Leo, Archbishop John and all the bishops and priests of our Church. May they continue to follow the example of Mary, responding to God's call with humility and whole-hearted devotion. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those forced to separate from their families because of war, persecution, or economic conditions. May their hope of being united with their loved ones become a reality. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all mothers. May they be given strength, wisdom, and courage to face the challenges that family life can bring, and may they also experience its deepest joys. We pray to the Lord.

As we embark on a new year, we pray for our parish. May we hear and respond to the word of God, finding strength and unity in the Eucharist we share. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who have gone before us in death over the past year, especially family members and those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed by God to the peace of their heavenly home. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, may we, like Mary, open our hearts to your transforming love, gratefully pondering in our hearts all that you have done. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.