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Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31, 2025 – January 1, 2026

Sing of Mary

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin mother undefiled, Sing of
God's own Son most holy, who became her little child. Fairest
child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth, Word
made flesh, our very brother, Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, Son of Mary, In the home at Nazareth. Toil and
labour cannot weary Love enduring unto death. Constant was
the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side, forth
to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

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Glory to God

Mass of St. Ann

Glory, glory to God in the Highest. Glory, glory
to God in the Highest and on earth peace
to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ! With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father!

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 6: 22 – 27 "The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

**PSALM 67: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD,
ALL YEARS**

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R. May God bless us in his mer-cy. May God bless us in his mer - cy.

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SECOND READING

Galatians 4: 4 – 7 When

the time had come, God sent the beloved Son born of a woman, so that we might become adopted children. We are no longer slaves but heirs of God whom we call, "Abba, Father!"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Luke 2: 16 – 21 On the

eighth day, Mary's child was circumcised and was given the name Jesus, that is, "God saves." Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one LORD Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (**A SLIGHT BOW**) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (**PLEASE RISE**)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within, both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Clergy: *We ask this through Christ our Lord* **All:** Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Abba, Father

Refrain: Abba, Abba, Father. You are the potter;
we are the clay, the work of your hands.

1. Mold us, mold us and fashion us into the image of Jesus, your Son, of Jesus your Son.
2. Father, may we be one in you. May we be one in you as he is in you, and you are in him.
3. Glory, glory and praise to you. Glory and praise to you, forever, amen, forever, amen.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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Je - sus Christ is the same

yes - ter - day, to - day, and for ev - er.

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COMMUNION SONGS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So, God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893, alt. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908.

The Hail Mary

Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blest are you a-mong wom-en, and blest is the fruit of your

womb, Je - sus, Je - sus.

Blest is the fruit of your womb, Je - sus.

1. Ho-ly Ma-ry, Moth-er of God, pray for us.

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Pray for us sin-ners, now and at the hour of our death.

2. Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace. Hail, Ma - ry. _____

SENDING FORTH

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and
nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his
love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his
love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98:4–9; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759; adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792–1872, alt.

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