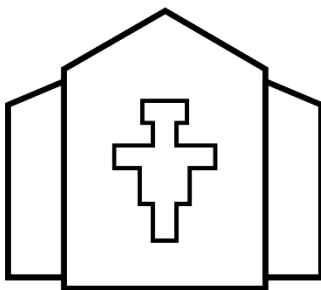


Celebration of the Eucharist
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 AM Mass



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C A T H O L I C C H U R C H

December 9th, 2024

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

Immaculate Mary

Chorus: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing,
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.
2. Predestined for Christ by eternal decree.
God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
3. To you by an angel, the Lord God made known.
The grace of the spirit, the gift of the son.
4. Most blest of all women, you heard and believed.
Most blest is the fruit of your womb then conceived.
5. The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's son.
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come.

GREETING

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Kyrie eleison (2)

Christe eleison (2)

Kyrie eleison (2)

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory
for him, his holy arm. **R.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations, he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Brothers and sisters:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



As I Kneel Before You

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love.

**Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu**

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, mother of mine,
Present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Gentle woman, Quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright.

Gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

1. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women and for woman shining one.
2. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women too.
Blessed them with peaceful spirits. Blessed them with gentle hearts.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria. Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria. Triumph all ye Cherubim; Sing with us, ye Seraphim, Heav'n and earth resound the hymn: **Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!**
2. The cause of joy to all below, O Maria. The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria. Angels all your praises bring; Earth and heaven, with us sing; All creation echoing: **Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!**
3. O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria. The triumph, all ye Cherubim; Sing with us, ye Seraphim. Heav'n and earth resound the hymn: **Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!**

