



1 January '25 - Cycle C  
SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



## THE MOTHER



## SETTING

In this Christmas Season today we celebrate to Our Lady. We are starting a Holy New Year, of grace to strengthen and share Hope. The Jubilee of 2025, according to Pope Francis, will be able to be a sign of Renaissance, and of Trust, of Peace and blessings for all, as Pilgrims of Hope, but without forgetting the emptiness and suffering of our world.

This Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, helps us today to welcome the Word and to make it life, full possibility.

On this day the Pope opens the door of the Basilica of St. Mary Major to all pilgrims of Hope, we open ourselves to the Mercy and Charity of Salvation for the whole year.

**SONG. HAIL MARY, Alejandro Carrillo - FEMALE CHOIR OF KIEV GLIER INSTITUTE OF MUSIC**

<https://youtu.be/foidNVDLYH8?si=fsYTaTEzhqDLzIov>

**DEUS TE SALVE MARIA - (FEAT. VARIOUS ARTISTS) CRISTÓBAL FONES ET AL., SJ**

<https://youtu.be/OQrELoLe8w4?si=PbNuZs9cSs6tSwWj>

**GOSPEL – Luke 2:16-21**

"And they went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw him, they made known what they had been told about that child; and all who heard it marvelled at what the shepherds said to them. Mary, for her part, kept all these things, and meditated on them in her heart. The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as they had been told. When the eight days for circumcision were completed, he was given the name of Jesus, which the angel gave him before being conceived in the womb."

**We deepen the Word**

**Nb 6:22-27. "They will call on my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them"** When God reveals his name to his people, he becomes accessible to their prayer. Conversely, the invocation of God's name is usually a guarantee of blessing.

**Psalm 66 (67). May God keep us in his grace and bless us!** To say that God may bless us, is to say that God may accompany us, that God is with us. This, at that time, was the Name of God revealed at Sinai: YHVH, that unpronounceable Name which is translated into "LORD".

**Gal 4:4-7. "God has sent his Son, born of a woman":** here we find a theme very dear to Paul: the theme of the fulfilment of God's plan. For believers, history is not an eternal restart, it is a progressive journey of humanity towards its fullness, towards the realization of the "loving project".

**Lk 2:16-21. "They discovered Mary and Joseph, with the newborn baby. When the eighth day came, the child was given**

**the name of Jesus".** This apparently anecdotal narration is, in fact, profoundly "theological". Which means that every detail counts. The shepherds in the first place: they were undesirable people, marginalized, because their job prevented them from frequenting the synagogues and respecting the Sabbath day. However, they are the first to receive the announcement of the event that has just revolutionized the history of humanity! And they turn out to be the first apostles, the first witnesses. Contrary to what the shepherds do, Mary does not speak; she contemplates and meditates in her heart; Mary's silence can be a message for us: Mary's glory is precisely that she accepted with all simplicity to be the mother of God, to have been able to place herself, entirely and humbly, at the service of the realization of God's plan of salvation in favour of humanity. The center of the project is Jesus, whose name means "God saves". All this happens in the small town of Bethlehem. At that time, everyone knew that this was the small town where the Messiah would be born, from the offspring of David. Bethlehem is also the city whose name literally means "the house of bread" and the newborn child is lying in a manger: a beautiful image for those who come to give themselves as food for humanity. Many times God, in the past, has spoken to our fathers through the mouth of the prophets; in the end, in our day, He has spoken to us through his Son. **Because Mary has brought into the world the One who has become our brother, the Virgin Mary is our Mother.**

### Clues for prayer

- We contemplate Mary, a woman of the people, who brought the Son of God into the world.
- We thank God for the presence of Mary, a woman, in the history of salvation

### AMBIENT MUSIC.



**PEDER B. HELLAND - BLISS**

<https://youtu.be/19JHTwvEaSk?si=I8rVFAdKLxK4yP9z>

**Jamie Duffy - Solas (Official Video)**

[https://youtu.be/ZT0aOrjIcVE?  
si=GexSmBn9B2k62PuS](https://youtu.be/ZT0aOrjIcVE?si=GexSmBn9B2k62PuS)

## THE MOTHER

The woman of the Yes.  
The woman who pronounces  
that magic word  
and there everything begins.  
She welcomed the word  
and made it life.  
Mary in her motherhood  
listened, welcomed and  
expressed.  
Her motherhood was  
her style and identity.  
Her motherhood is  
a way of listening.  
Her motherhood is  
a way of welcoming.  
Her motherhood is  
a way of forgiving.  
Her motherhood is  
making path of life.  
Her motherhood is  
always to be available  
to serve.  
Her motherhood is  
facilitating the encounter.  
Her motherhood is  
making the call visible.

Her motherhood is  
opening herself  
to her environment.  
Her motherhood is  
dignifying the person.  
Her motherhood is  
letting others be free.  
Lean on that motherhood.  
Dream, welcome, listen,  
extend your hands,  
open your heart,  
get close to the little ones,  
break schemes,  
for the sake of authenticity  
and commitment.  
Overcome obstacles,  
facilitate a worthy life.  
Welcome of Mary,  
that being and doing that  
changes you  
and is transformed  
making new  
all things.  
I know how the mother,  
loves, embraces, inspires.

**SINGING. LULLABY OF THE VIRGIN MOTHER. Poem by José  
M<sup>a</sup> Rodríguez Olaizola sj. Music by Salomé Arricibita**  
<https://youtu.be/lvbdMzEEE8Y?si=H1qYS-xBc1rcSZsV>

**LIKE HER - MARCELA GAEL**

<https://youtu.be/QXJzSzb1n84?si=HThYsSq5Wvv-jrQu>



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