

World Youth Day 2008
Catechesis Site Lectionary & Sacramentary
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Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday: 19 July



WEDNESDAY 16 JULY

VOTIVE MASS OF OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE (LECTIONARY II: VOTIVE MASSES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

OPENING PRAYER (OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE)

Lord our God,
as the blessed Virgin was at prayer with the apostles
you poured out on her in abundance
the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
grant through her intercession
that we too, being filled with the same Spirit,
may persevere with one mind in prayer
and bring to the world around us
the good news of salvation.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the apostles went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk: and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there was Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 86: 1-7

R. All you nations, praise the Lord.

On the holy mountain is his city
cherished by the Lord.
The Lord prefers the gates of Zion
to all Jacob's dwellings.
Of you are told glorious things,
O city of God! R.

'Babylon and Egypt I will count
among those who know me;
Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia,
these will be her children
and Zion shall be called "Mother"
for all shall be her children.' R.

It is he, the Lord Most High,
who gives each his place.
In his register of peoples he writes:
'These are her children'
and while they dance they will sing:
'In you all find their home.' R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF LUKE 1: 45

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your firm believing
that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24: 44-49

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.' 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: With confidence that the Lord comes to those who long for Him in their hearts, we voice our petitions and call upon His name:

For the Holy Father, his brother bishops, and all who dedicate their lives to proclaiming the coming of the Lord. May they be renewed in the joy of knowing and serving the Son, in spite of worldly regard. Lord, hear us.

For leaders of nations and communities experiencing social or political conflict. May they be resolute in labouring for true peace. Lord, hear us.

For those who struggle with financial or spiritual poverty. May they turn to the Lord in their need, mindful of His love for the poor. Lord, hear us.

For all World Youth Day pilgrims who have travelled to be present with the Lord and His Church. May we be attentive to the Lord's words and desires, after the pattern of His mother. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Loving God, you give us the gift of your divine Son and ask us to be faithful to His gospel: hear these our prayers that one day we might enjoy lasting treasure with you in heaven. We ask this through that same Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE)

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

All-holy Father,
receive these gifts from joyful hearts
and grant that we may follow closely
the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary
by obeying the voice of the Spirit
and seeking to praise your glory in all things.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PREFACE TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE)

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
How wonderful is the example you have given us
of harmony and prayer in the Church at its beginning:
You show us the mother of Jesus
as she prays with the apostles in oneness of mind and heart.

She who waited in prayer for the coming of Christ
is still at prayer as she calls upon the promised Paraclete;
She who was overshadowed by the Spirit
at the incarnation of the Word
is once more filled with your Gift from on high
at the birth of God's new people.

As she keeps vigil in prayer, her heart on fire with love,
she is the model of the Church,
enriched by the gifts of the Spirit
and keeping watch for the Second Coming of Christ.

Through him the angels of heaven
offer their prayer of adoration as they rejoice in your presence for ever.
May our voices be one with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE)

Lord God,
you have fed your holy people
with the one bread of life;
renew us by the one gift of the Holy Spirit
and grant that under the protection of the Blessed Virgin
we may work for the unity and peace of all those
for whom your Son offered himself
as the sacrifice of our redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THURSDAY 17 JULY

**MASS FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH (LECTIONARY II: VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS,
FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH)**

OPENING PRAYER (FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH B)

Let us pray.
God our Father,
by the promise you made
in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ your Son,
you bring together in your Spirit, from all the nations,
a people to be your own.
Keep the Church faithful to its mission:
may it be a leaven in the world
renewing us in Christ,
and transforming us into your family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith

given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 26: 1-3, 5

R. Do not abandon me, O God my Saviour.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? R.

When evil-doers draw near
to devour my flesh,
it is they, my enemies and foes,
who stumble and fall. R.

Though an army encamp against me
my heart would not fear.
Though war break out against me
even then would I trust. R.

For he keeps me safe in his tent
in the day of evil.
He hides me in the shelter of his tent,
on a rock he sets me safe. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 16: 18

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16: 13-19

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he

said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: As members of the Body of Christ, we bring our needs and those of our neighbours before the Lord with earnestness of spirit:

For the bishops throughout the world. May their daily prayer renew them in the Father's tender love, bringing them strength and refreshment for their daily labours. Lord, hear us.

For lawmakers in nations of political and social strife. May their decisions reflect the Lord's unbounded love for every person, regardless of human distinctions. Lord, hear us.

For the sick and suffering, especially those in our families. May they experience the healing touch of Christ, whose presence dispels all fear. Lord, hear us.

For all of us present here today. May we who have been baptised into the Body of Christ always be mindful of the needs and the gifts of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Steadfast and merciful God, you are the strength of those who hope in you. Transform our lives with your presence so that your mercy and grace may be made known in all that we say and do. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH D)

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

God our Father,
by the sacrifice of Christ
you freed your Church from sin
and made it holy.
May we, who are one with Christ, the head of the Church
be one with his offering;
may we be united in serving you with all our hearts.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PREFACE TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (PREFACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT II)

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
You give your gifts of grace
for every time and season
as you guide the Church
in the marvellous ways of your providence.
You give us your Holy Spirit
to help us always by his power,
so that with loving trust
we may turn to you in all our troubles,
and give you thanks in all our joys,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH D)

Let us pray.

Lord,

may we grow in freedom

under your guidance and love;

may we persevere in faithful service

of the Church you nourish at this altar.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

FRIDAY 18 JULY

MASS FOR THE EVANGELISATION OF PEOPLES (LECTIONARY II: VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS, FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL)

OPENING PRAYER (FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL C)

Let us pray.

Father,

you will your Church to be the sacrament of salvation
for all peoples.

Make us feel more urgently

the call to work for the salvation of all men,

until you have made us all one people.

Inspire the hearts of all your people

to continue the saving work of Christ everywhere
until the end of the world.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which had been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 95:1-3, 7-10

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. R.
Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19-20

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

GOSPEL: MATT 28:16-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Knowing that the Lord listens to the needy, we bring our petitions before Him in confidence.

For the unity of the Church throughout the world. May all who have been commissioned to follow Christ heed His call for humble and loving obedience. Lord, hear us.

For the nations of the world and their leaders. May they be led by the Spirit of wisdom and understanding as they work for peace and justice. Lord, hear us.

For those who are burdened with anxiety or weariness. May they recognize the compassionate face of Christ in those in their midst, trusting in His words, "I am with you always." Lord, hear us.

For the youth throughout the world. May we abandon ourselves, without fear or hesitation, to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, all that we have and every good desire comes from you. You alone are our hope. Graciously grant our petitions, that we may give glory to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL A)

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord,
look upon the face of Christ your Son
who gave up his life to set all men free.
Through him may your name be praised
among all peoples from East to West,
and everywhere may one sacrifice be offered to give you glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen.

PREFACE TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (PREFACE OF THE APOSTLES II)

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
You founded your Church on the apostles
to stand firm for ever
as the sign on earth of your infinite holiness

and as the living gospel for all men to hear.
With steadfast love
we sing your unending praise:
we join with the hosts of heaven
in their triumphant song:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL A)

Let us pray.
Lord,
you renew our life with this gift of redemption.
Through this help to eternal salvation
may the true faith continue to grow throughout the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
ALL: Amen.

SATURDAY 19 JULY

**VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: QUEEN OF APOSTLES (LECTIONARY II:
VOTIVE MASSES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)**

OPENING PRAYER (QUEEN OF APOSTLES)

O God,
you gave the Holy Spirit to your apostles
as they joined in prayer with Mary, the mother Jesus.
By the help of her prayers
grant us the gift of serving you faithfully
by spreading the glory of your name in our words and actions.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 3:9-15, 20

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After Adam had eaten of the tree the Lord God called to him. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied. 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.' The man named his wife 'Eve' because she was the mother of all those who live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 112: 1-8

R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! R.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory. R.

Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? R.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

There by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ stood holy Mary,
mournful mother, Queen of heaven and earth.

GOSPEL: JOHN 19:25-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son'. Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother'. And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Inspired by the words of Christ and the love of His mother, we bring our needs before His throne:

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and all who join him in pilgrimage today. May our unity be deepened by the sharing of our sufferings, joys, and Eucharistic worship. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have led or assisted pilgrim groups in attending World Youth Day. May their service, patterned after Christ's love for His apostles, transform their lives and those whom they serve. Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are lonely or emotionally wounded. May they find freedom in the healing power God, who sees and touches what is hidden in the heart. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation tomorrow. May they be receptive to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and generous with all that they receive. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we stand before you with child-like trust, knowing that you provide for all we truly need. Deepen within our hearts that peace that comes from preferring you to all things, and abandoning all things to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (QUEEN OF APOSTLES)

Lord,
in your goodness and in answer to the prayers
of blessed Mary, ever virgin,
grant that our offering may enable the Church
to spread throughout the world
and reflect your glory in a rich harvest of holiness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PREFACE TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (QUEEN OF APOSTLES)

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
on this memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the first to proclaim Christ, even before the apostles.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, she hastened to bring her Son to John,
that he might be sanctified and filled with joy.
It was the same Spirit who made Peter and the other apostles
fearless in preaching the Gospel to all nations,
with its saving message of life in Christ.

In our own day the Blessed Virgin
inspires by her example new preachers of the Gospel,
cherishes them with a mother's love,
and sustains them by her unceasing prayer,
so that they may bring the Good News of Christ the Saviour
to all the world.

With all the saints and angels we praise you for ever:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (QUEEN OF APOSTLES)

Lord our God,
your gifts of grace have renewed our strength

on this memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, queen of apostles.
We pray that your people may always advance
in the way of salvation
by remaining faithful to your commands
and steadfast in serving others.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen.