

**SATURDAY MASSES
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
THE COMMON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

In order to serve the Lord and their brothers and sisters, the Servants from their origins have dedicated themselves to the Mother of God, the Blessed One of the Most High. They have turned to her on their pilgrimage to Christ and in their task of proclaiming Him to the world. From the fiat of the lowly servant of the Lord, they have learned to receive the Word of God and to be attentive to the promptings of the Spirit. As Mother, sharing in the redemptive mission of her Son, the Suffering Servant of Yahweh, she has taught them to understand and alleviate human suffering.

(Servite Constitutions, art. 6)

¶ Wherever the Servite Calendar is followed, the Mass on Saturday is to be celebrated in honour of Our Lady, except on the days before Christmas (Dec. 17 to 24), within the Octave of Christmas, during Lent and Eastertime, as well as on those Saturdays on which an obligatory memorial is celebrated.

¶ When the Mass of Our Lady is celebrated, the celebrant may choose one of the Masses from the Common of the Blessed Virgin in the Sacramentary, the votive Mass of Mary, Mother of the Church or one of the Masses of Our Lady of the Servants on Saturday .

ADVENT (I)

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and the
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Isaiah 45, 8

Let the clouds rain down the Just One and the
earth bring forth the Saviour.

Or

Luke 1, 30-32

The angel said to Mary: You have won God's favour.
You will conceive and bear a son,
and he will be called the Son of the Most High.

Prayer of the Assembly

O God,
you chose that at the message of an angel
your Word should take flesh
in the womb of the Blessed virgin Mary.
Grant that we who believe
that she is the Mother of God
may receive the help of her prayers.
(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.

First Reading

Isaiah 7, 10-14, 8,10c

A reading from the Book of Isaiah
The virgin shall be with child.
The Lord spoke to Ahaz:

Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God;
let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky!
But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!"
Then he said: Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary men,
must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall be with child,
and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel
which means 'With us is God!' "

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39 (40), 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11

R/. Behold, I come to do your will

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

R/. Behold, I come to do your will

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

R/. Behold, I come to do your will

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

R/. Behold, I come to do your will

I have not hidden your justice in my heart
but declared your faithful help.
I have not hidden your love and your truth
from the great assembly.

R/. Behold, I come to do your will

Gospel Acclamation

John 1, 14ab

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we saw his glory. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 1, 26-38

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son

In the sixth month, 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, favoured one! 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 favour 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,

may the power of the spirit,

which came upon Mary and made her womb fruitful,

sanctify the gifts we have placed on this altar.

(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Blessed Virgin Mary and Advent

The Blessed Virgin received the angel's message in faith

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
He came to save humankind by becoming human himself.
The Virgin Mary, receiving the angel's message in faith,
conceived by the power of the Spirit
and bore your Son in purest love.
In Christ, the eternal truth,
your promise to Israel came true.
In Christ, the hope of all peoples,
our hope was realized beyond all expectations.
Through Christ the angels of heaven
offer their prayer of adoration
as they rejoice in your presence forever.
May our voices be one with theirs
in their triumphant hymn of praise: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Isaiah 7, 14

The virgin is with child and shall bear a son,
and she will call him Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
may the sacraments we receive
show us your forgiveness and love,
that we who honor the mother of your Son
may be saved by his incarnation,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

ADVENT (II)

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

First Reading

Isaiah 11, 1-5, 10

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
A spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord,
and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.
Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,

But he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Justice shall be the band around his waist,
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.
On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations,
the Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71 (72), 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R/. In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

R/. In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

R/. In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

R/. In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

R/. In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving all praise; from you arose the sun of
justice, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1, 18-23

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Through the Holy Spirit, this child has been conceived in her

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the holy Spirit.
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.
Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.”
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said
through the prophet:
*“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means “God is with us.”*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Note: Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible
<http://www.vatican.va/archives/>