

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION**

God calls us together in this new season of hope.

Let us lift up our hearts in joyful expectation of the Promised One.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, our light in days of darkness, Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, our hope in times of struggle, Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, our promise from God on high, Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

We bring to God the longing of our hearts,  
and our desires for the well-being of all God's family.

*Deacon or Lector*

**A** For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world,  
for abundant graces in this holy season,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**B** For civic leaders and public servants,  
for a heartfelt commitment to the common good,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** For those rebuilding after natural disasters,  
for generosity in those who remain unharmed,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For the lonely, the lost, the poor, and the sick,  
for hope, help, and healing,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**D** For all who gather at this table,  
for all who await the Lord's coming into their lives,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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*Priest Celebrant*

God, Father of heaven and earth, you hold the centuries in your hand.  
Free us from the darkness of sin,  
and lead us into the light of your presence.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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As we gather again on the Lord's day to hear his word:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Chosen people, holy people, we join our hearts and voices in prayer.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, Son of the Father, begotten on high, Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, Son of David, Jesse's root, Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, Son of Mary, Son of Man, Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

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We come before our God, lifting up the needs  
of our Church, our world, and our whole human family.

*Deacon or Lector*

**A** For the Church, for its leaders and all its people,  
for those who seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, and strength,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**B** For those who live in places of discord and oppression,  
for those who are heavily burdened and persecuted for their faith,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** For bold prophets and humble listeners,  
for those whose lives witness the Gospel of Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For young people and for children,  
for caring adults in whose faces they can see the face of God,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**D** For this community, centered in one Lord, one faith, one Baptism,  
and for those who live humbly and await the Lord's coming,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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*Priest Celebrant*

Holy God, your glory fills creation with light and life.  
Stay with us and make us ever brighter signs of your presence.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8, 2025

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate One,  
to pray for and with us as we prepare to worship her Son.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you protected Mary from sin. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you sanctified Mary in your presence. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you presented Mary to your Church. Lord, have mercy.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### *Priest Celebrant*

We offer our prayers in union with Mary,  
Mother of God and mother of the Church,  
in grateful imitation of her faithfulness and trust.

### *Deacon or Lector*

- A For God's holy Church,  
for increased devotion to Mary and grace to imitate her virtues,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B For rulers of nations, elected officials, and civic leaders,  
for commitment to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C For mothers, for expectant mothers, for single mothers,  
and for infants and children, especially those who live in poverty,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
For the most vulnerable—the unborn, the poor, the elderly—  
and for a heightened awareness of the sanctity of life,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D For this eucharistic community, celebrating God's wondrous deeds,  
for grace to answer God's call with Mary's generosity,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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### *Priest Celebrant*

Lord God, you blessed Mary with the fullness of grace.  
Help us to find your grace in our lives.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION**

As children of the Madonna of the Americas,  
we gather to worship God in word and sacrament,  
and to renew our commitment to caring for the poor of this land.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you love all peoples of the world. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you call us to care for the poor. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you give our spirits reason to rejoice. Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

In the apparition at Guadalupe, God has shown his love for the Americas.  
Let us present our prayers for these lands, and for all the world.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** For the Church, especially the Church in the Americas,  
that it may ever listen to the voices of the poor and the needy,  
we pray to the Lord:
- B** For the leaders of all the nations of the Americas,  
that they may follow the example of our Lady in their concern for the outcast,  
we pray to the Lord:
- C** For artists everywhere,  
that they be moved by the beauty of our Lady of Guadalupe,  
and in their art follow in the steps of God, the creator,  
we pray to the Lord:  
For indigenous peoples around the world,  
that they stand up to claim their heritage even in the face of discrimination,  
we pray to the Lord:
- D** For this community, for we who are children of Mary,  
that we may ever rejoice in God our savior, and come at last to God's kingdom,  
we pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

Lord God, you give us this feast day to honor the Mother of God.  
Grant that with the help of her prayers we may receive your grace through  
these intercessions, and so work to build a world according to your plan.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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With faith-filled rejoicing in the nearness of our Lord,  
we gather and pray for strong, loving hearts.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you open the eyes of the blind. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you strengthen hearts that are frightened. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

With praise to our God who brings sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf,  
we humbly offer our prayers.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** For the members of the body of Christ, the Church,  
for effective preaching and compelling witness,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For government leaders, for judges and legislators,  
for keen insight, clear judgment, and concern for the common good,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** For all who minister to the sick,  
for healing in both body and spirit,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
For a light in the night of strife in the Holy Land,  
for all who enter the celebration of Hanukkah,  
and for all who seek to follow God's will,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** For this community of faith, the body of Christ in this time and place,  
for generous hearts sensitive to the needs of neighbors,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

God of all goodness,  
hear our prayers as we await the coming of your Son.  
We offer them in the name of Christ our Lord.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION**

“Let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth bring forth a Savior.”  
With hearts brimming with expectation for the Lord’s coming, we gather.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, Son of David, Shepherd and King, Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, child of the Virgin Mother Mary, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Father, Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

God’s gifts to us are unbounded.  
With confidence we speak our needs, adding the silent prayer of our hearts.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** For all who lead the Church,  
for humility in authority and perseverance in prayer,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For the family of nations,  
for peace and respectful relations among all peoples,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** For parents and children in difficult circumstances,  
for families separated from one other,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
For those suffering poverty, homelessness, and serious illness,  
for those without hope,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** For this community of believers and witnesses,  
for strong faith, lively hope, and deepening love,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

Father God, we look forward to the coming of your Son,  
and we venerate his ever-Virgin Mother.  
We ask this through the same Christ, your Son and our Lord.