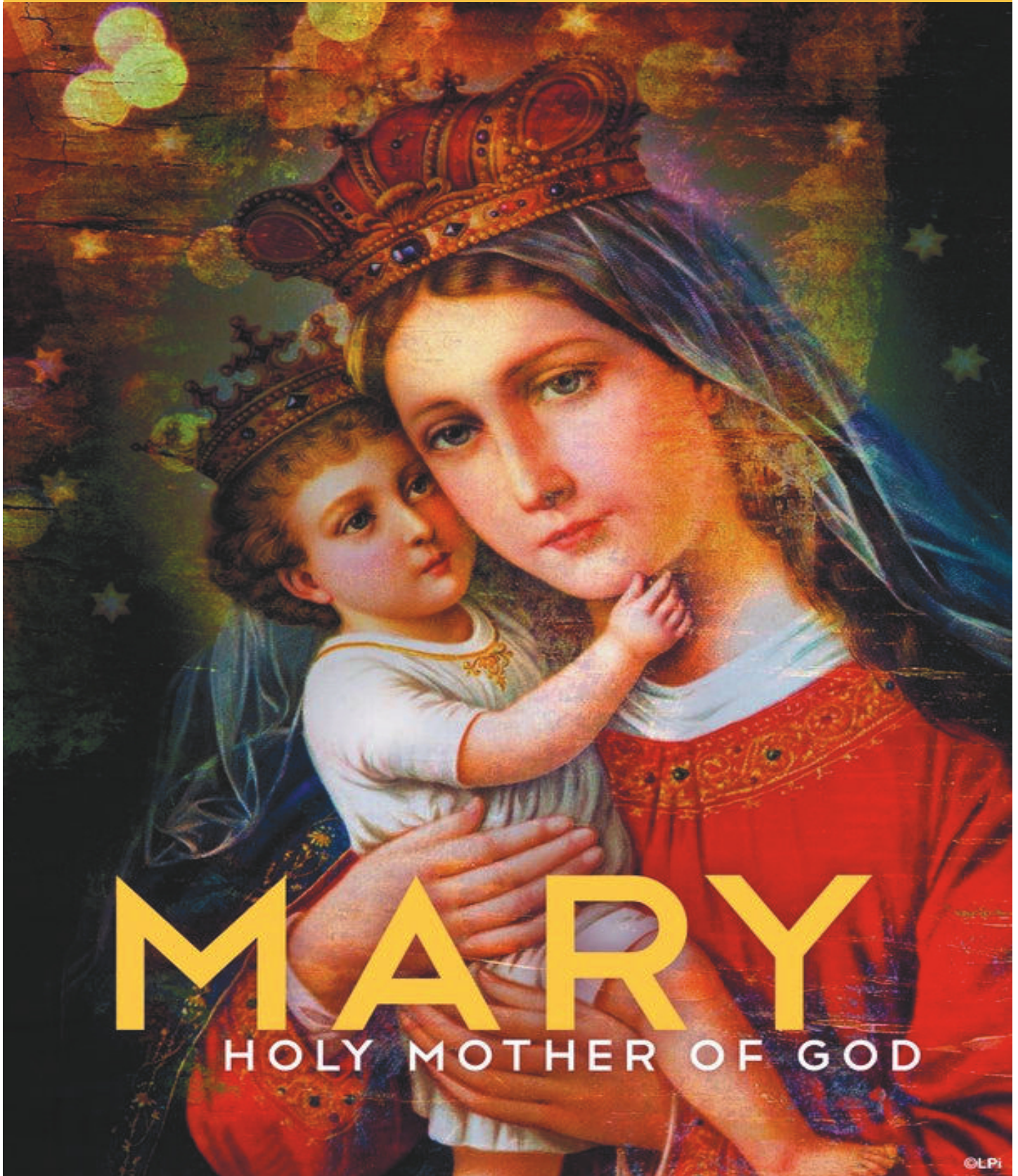


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December 26, 2021



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Dec. 27	8:30am	+No Mass
Wed.	Dec. 29	12 Noon	+Fr. Emilio Arzilli Req. by Graziano Canini +Chuck Heil Sr. Req. by Rose Marie Heil +Joseph Lubinskas Req. by Carol Knoblock
Thurs.	Dec. 30	8:30am	+Fr. Emilio Arzilli Req. by Graziano Canini
Fri.	Dec. 31	4:30pm	+Fr. Emilio Arzilli Req. by Graziano Canini
Sat.	Jan. 01	4:30pm	For the Steve Reyes Family
Sun.	Jan. 02	9:00am	+Greg Uller Req. by Deacon Jim & Sue Hensel +Florence Bozek Req. by Deacon Jim & Sue Hensel
		11:00am	+Domenico Spalvieri, Valentino Mastrocanni and Antonia Mastrocanni Req. by Orlando & Marissa +Ray Kobylarz Req. by Mary Lou Davis +Doris Urbanski Req. by Kendra Family



### NO MASS MONDAY, DEC. 27th

There will be no mass on Monday, December 27th. The parish office will be closed that day as well.

We will have mass on Wednesday, December 29th at 12 noon.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Steve Anderson  
Sean Armstrong  
Vincent Barry  
Kelly Beaudry  
Joan Bischoff  
Margaret Blackwood  
Katie Bohr  
Jerry Borycz  
Margaret Brown  
Boyington Family  
Angela Bunio  
Cathy Burdis  
Dan Burke  
Ricky Canini  
Jannisse Chesney  
Carol Cline  
Earl Copeland  
Bodyn Crince  
Yoland Dominguez  
Robert Dunajski  
Faith Falzon  
Ashley Aaron Farkas  
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Mike Fusco  
Betty Gable  
Alisa Gardner

Julia Gardner  
Patricia Godvin  
Olivia L. Hawver  
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Carl Humphrey  
Evangeline Kabacinski  
John Kaminsky  
Chris Karpinski  
Rose Keena  
Susan Kelly  
Marion Kiras  
Joan Klein  
Bob & Dolly Kluba  
John Kolar  
Don Koszegi  
John Krokosky  
Patricia Lickman  
Julianne Lister  
Nancy & Jeff Leonhard  
Terry Lobb  
Jerry MacGillis  
Ken Macko  
Barbara Martin  
Rob Martin  
Donald Masternak  
Joanne Meister

Irene Melady  
Andrew Merchant  
Tony Micallef  
Selena Montez  
Debbie Moore  
Ashley Murphy  
Leo Mysiewicz  
Margaret Newman  
Maureen Oakford  
Donald Oesterwind, Jr.  
Teresa M. Pardo  
Keith Pares  
Eddie Brian Parker  
Patrick Patton  
Jim & GERALYN Pawlaczyk  
Jared Perez  
Jim Pequignot  
Damian Pietszak  
Deb Pietszak  
Kathryn Piotrowski  
Sandy Popek  
Annette Puczkowski  
Wayne Pringle  
Kim Quinn  
Dotty Raczkowski  
Shelly Rizzo

Debbie Robarge  
Bill & Rose Rodriguez  
Florence & Ed Rysztak  
Emma Scaramella  
Sean Schaefer  
Jean Schmuck  
Tom Shafer  
Jack & Nancy Shea  
John Socia  
Natalie Tanana  
Helen Tasiemski  
Ann Terry  
George & Jackie Tindall  
Donald Thurston  
Roberta Troher  
Vasati Tupuani  
Cathy West  
Walter Wrone  
Ethan Young  
Nicole Zapinski  
Henry Zajac  
Joseph Zasa

If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

## OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

**CPT Joey Saunders**, U.S. Marines; **Joseph David Onadia**, U.S. Navy; **PVT Marcus Rodriguez**, U.S. Army  
**William Albright**, U. S. Air Force; **Matt Rice**, U. S. Marines

## Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.





## Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Christmas Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus gave his earthly parents a scare as they could not find him. This story is a wonderful story and one that resonates with every family with children and teenagers. Children and teenagers can relate to sometimes being lost, physically or spiritually, and parents can relate to feeling anxiety and concern for their children.

This story is also about an example that parents give to their children about their worship of God and about a child's realization that God's work can be done even by the very young. In the end, it is about the need for all of us to advance in wisdom, age, and grace with the help of God, no matter how old we are. How are Jesus, Mary and Joseph models for your home life?

Have a great week everyone and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2022!!!

Just for laughs...

What types of boats do believers want to go on? Discipleship and Worship.

How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman? By his net income.

Happy New Year!

Sabrina Queen

## NOTES FROM PAUL

Merry Christmas to you all! I hope you had a great Christmas, and the joy of the new born Christ is still glowing in your heart! Through the generosity of our parish we helped 16 local families, which included 51 children, with over \$4500 in Christmas assistance. That is amazing. Each of the families wanted us to pass along their gratitude to you. So, a huge thank you from them and myself.

I am sure that many of you have noticed the the bulletin article about our Nativity Set Display on January 8th and 9th. As the Christmas Season winds down, I hope some of you will be willing to bring in your nativity sets and show them off to your fellow parishioners. As that is the weekend that we have Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, it would be a great time to have a snack and look at the displays.

God bless you,

Paul

Pastoral Associate/Evangelization  
and Christian Service Coordinator



## COVID-19 Updates and Reminders for Parishes

The AOD Department of Communications shares the following reminders from the Liturgical Committee and Human Resources regarding our current COVID-19 guidelines for liturgies and parish offices.

The Archdiocese of Detroit strongly encourages Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face-coverings and to practice social distancing to reduce exposure to COVID-19. The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances. More information is available at [aod.org/emergencyresponse](http://aod.org/emergencyresponse).

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a public health advisory reiterating its recommendation to use face masks.



## PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

*Loving God, We come before you in our time of need. We lay before you our concerns and fears over the spread of the coronavirus. We know that you are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that you stop the spread of the coronavirus. In your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request.  
Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;  
as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."  
(1 Sm 1:27-28)

### PSALM:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

### SECOND READING:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.  
And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

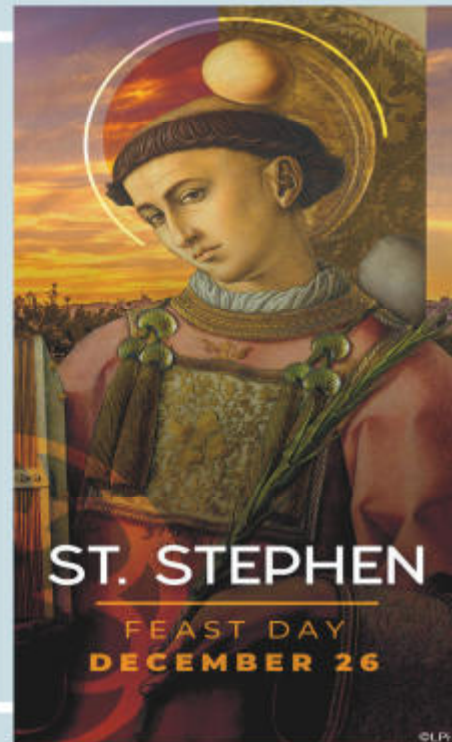
### GOSPEL:

After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



## Saint of the Week

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.





### Nativity Sets for a Display Walk Wanted

A vulnerable and innocent baby in the midst of an animal stable is a captivating image. When the baby in the middle of the scene is considered by millions and millions of people to be the very embodiment of God, this image becomes more telling. Christmas time in the Christians life should be a time to remember, receive and proclaim what God has done through a little baby named Jesus.

This year St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy would like to start a new tradition. We would like to hold a Nativity Walk with displays of different crèche or nativity scenes in our social hall. We have a diverse membership here at St. Mary's and would like to view any and all, especially if you have one from foreign countries. We want to see as many as we can, including more whimsical ones that children can relate to. We would

like to highlight the cultural diversity of each crèche on display, while honoring and celebrating the common theme that runs throughout—the birth of Jesus. Fr. Shafique will bless every nativity set brought in.

We will have the display on the **weekend of January 8th & 9th**. If you would like to participate or have questions, please call the Parish Office at 734-425-4421 to reserve a space in our social hall.

<u>Offertory</u>	<u># of Gifts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
12/12/21	180	\$11,875	\$10,294	\$1,581

### CSA UPDATE

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy has reached 77 percent of our goal of \$93,181 for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal! Thank you to the 236 parishioners who have made gifts and pledges totaling \$71,413.

**If you are considering a gift to our parish for Christmas, please consider giving to the CSA.** Please know that our parish will receive 100 percent of any gifts we receive over our target.

You may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope that was provided you, make your gift to our parish campaign online at [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org) or call the parish office for help.

### Christmas Week schedule



Monday, Dec. 27	No Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 28	No Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 29	12 noon Mass
Thursday, Dec. 30	8:30am Mass

New Year's Eve

Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
4:30pm Mass

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4:30pm Mass

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE - Forgotten Harvest

Our next Forgotten Harvest mobile food pantry is **Tuesday, December 28**, from 9-11 a.m. in the church parking lot.

Workers should plan to arrive at 8:30 a.m. and come dressed for the weather conditions. Word is spreading and each pantry brings more and more people in need of food.

At the December 14th pantry, we received a heartwarming Christmas card from one of our families. The dates for January are Tuesday, January 11 and Tuesday, January 25.

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MINISTRY

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Ministry's mission is to spread the devotion to Mary and preserve Filipino religious traditions.

Join us for **FIRST SATURDAY** Rosary and prayers to the Immaculate Heart at 4pm and Mass at 4:30pm **Saturday, January 1st**. All Masses are in English.

### Eucharistic Exposition Wednesdays 12:30—3:00pm

### Come and Pray the Rosary with us!

Wednesday Evenings at 7pm in the church.  
Bring your family. Invite a friend!

Next Rosary will be held  
**Wednesday, December 29th.**

### THE JESUS CHALLENGE - For Young Adults

Young Adults: What does it mean to live as an authentic disciple in our post-Christian culture? Take the Jesus Challenge! Get seminary level instruction on the Gospels and fellowship with other young adults. Adult refreshments provided.

#### Thursdays 7-9pm, St. John Neumann (Canton):

For info go to [CBSMICH.org/ya](http://CBSMICH.org/ya). 10 sessions, lecture & small group discussion, \$50 tuition, childcare possible based on interest.

### Forever Young Seniors...

**Merry Christmas!**  
**Halleluiah, a Savior is born!**

Our next meeting will be Monday, Jan 3rd, 2022 at 10:00am in the Large Hall. Anyone who paid for the catered dinner we were supposed to have in November will be reimbursed at the meeting.

The Annual dues of \$5.00 are due if you have not paid yet. Please continue to keep Katie Bohr in your prayers as she recovers.

#### Bianco bus trips:

Tues, Feb 15th – Firekeepers \$39

due by Feb 7th

Wed, Mar 23rd – Solanus Casey Pilgrimage

\$62 due by March 7th

Tues, April 19th - Detroit Historic Churches

\$91 due by April 4th

See flyers in the Gathering Space for more info.

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737



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### Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 9am-4pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-12 Noon

Friday: Closed

Please call the office  
to make other arrangements

### Mass Schedule

<b>MON, THURS &amp; FRI</b>	8:30 am
<b>WED</b>	12:00 Noon
<b>SAT</b>	4:30 pm
<b>SUN</b>	9:00 am 11:00 am

### Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

### Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

### Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

### Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

### RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 4pm on Friday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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## Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.



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