

## Prayers and Readings

### Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal

### November 27 (orig.1830)

#### OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we rejoice in your great goodness through the immaculate Virgin Mary, so ineffably united with your Son. As we are sustained by her motherly care, may we never lack for your providential love and with total faith always entrust ourselves to the mystery of your redemption. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

#### A reading from the book of Revelation **Rev. 12:1, 5, 14a, 15-17**

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She gave birth to a son, a male child destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where, far from the serpent, she was to be taken care of. The serpent, however, spewed a torrent of water out of her mouth after the woman to sweep her away with the current. But the earth helped the woman and opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon spewed out of its mouth. Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.

#### Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 45: 11-12, 14-15, 16-17**

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house. So shall the king desire your beauty;  
for he is your lord, and you must worship him.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters; her raiment is threaded with spun gold.

In brodered apparel she is borne in to the king; behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.

The place of your fathers your sons shall have; you shall make them princes through all the land.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

**Alleluia Song of Songs 4:7**

Alleluia, Alleluia

You are all beautiful, Mary,  
and there is no stain of original sin in you.

Alleluia, Alleluia

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn: 2: 1-11**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

And Jesus said to her,

"Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servers,

"Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them,

"Fill the jars with water."

So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them,

"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from-

although the servers who had drawn the water knew, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first,

and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

As we offer you this joyful sacrifice of praise, O Lord, we honor the memory of the blessed Virgin Mary. May we, who now rejoice in your goodness, one day be able to offer you eternal thanks and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### **PREFACE in the Roman Missal for December 8** **Preface of the Immaculate Conception**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord,  
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For You preserved the most Blessed Virgin Mary  
from all stain of original sin,  
so that in her, endowed with the rich fullness of your grace,  
you might prepare a worthy Mother for you Son  
and signify the beginning of the Church,  
his beautiful Bride without spot or wrinkle.  
She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth a Son,  
the innocent Lamb who would wipe away our offenses;  
you placed her above all others to be for your people  
an advocate of grace and a model of holiness.  
An so, in company with the choirs of Angels,  
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy...

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord our God, we have been refreshed by the sacraments of eternal redemption. As we rejoice at the feast of the immaculate Mother of your Son, may we advance more quickly on our pilgrimage of faith, and, as we have shared in the table of your kingdom here on earth, may we come to praise you together with her in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.