

**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
29 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER 2021**

ORDER OF MASS

As we pray in Psalm 63 “O God, you are my God, it is you I seek! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts,” these past few months have awakened an immense longing for the communal celebration of the Eucharist. We thank you for your patience through this unprecedented time, and we now look forward to welcoming your return to the Basilica. As pilgrims are once again able to experience the celebration of the Sacraments, the beauty of the art and architecture, and the solemnity of the liturgy and music, we ask you to observe the following:

- Face masks must be worn at all times inside the Basilica, except when receiving Holy Communion
- Please be seated according to the markings on the pews in the Crypt Church and the Great Upper Church, in order to maintain social distancing
- Please follow the directives of Basilica Ushers and Staff when entering the single-file line for Communion, maintaining a distance of six feet from the people around you
- At the conclusion of Mass all visitors must exit the Basilica through the east side doors, following the directives of ushers and staff
- Those who wish to stay for private prayer following Mass must re-enter the Basilica through the front east side entrance and proceed to the Crypt Church
- The Gift Shop and the Bookstore are open daily from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- The Shrine cafeteria is closed

Thank you for your patience with these requirements as we stand in solidarity with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those most vulnerable to the transmission of the coronavirus. Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of the Basilica during this challenging time. Collection baskets are located at the doors as you exit the Upper Church. You may also make a generous donation online at <https://www.nationalshrine.org/donate/>. We thank you for your visit and pray that you may always find Mary's Shrine to be a place of solace and consolation.

THE ANGELUS

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
Assembly: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Assembly: Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary...

Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.
Assembly: And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
Assembly: That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Assembly: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your
grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the
Incarnation of Christ your Son was made
known by the message of an Angel, may
by his Passion and Cross be brought to the
glory of his Resurrection. Through the same
Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

ACT OF PENITENCE

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

GLORIA

Celebrant: *Assembly:*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

we glo - rify you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, almight-y Fa - ther.

Lord Je-sus Christ, Only Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

you take away the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glory of God the Father. A - - - men.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

NOVENA PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Virgin Mary, you were pleasing in the sight of God from the first moment of your conception in the womb of your mother, Saint Anne.

You were chosen to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe the teaching of Holy Mother Church, that in the first instant of your conception, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race and your beloved Son, you were preserved from all stain of original sin. I thank God for this wonderful privilege and grace He bestowed upon you as I honor your Immaculate Conception.

Look graciously upon me as I implore this special favor: (Mention your request).

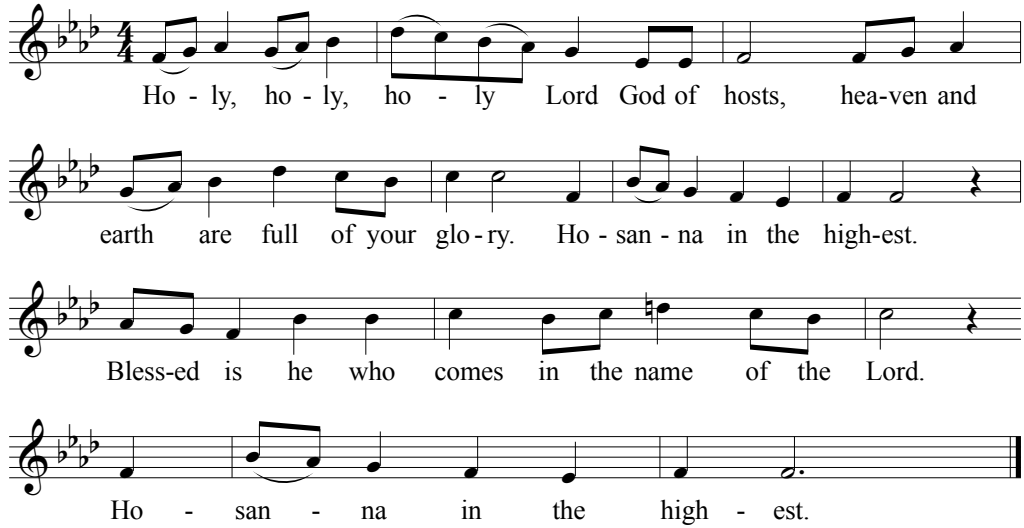
Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, please intercede for me as these prayers now rise before God. Filled with confidence in your goodness and power, I ask you to help me in this journey of life and to preserve me from all that is displeasing to God. I entrust myself entirely to you, knowing that you will help me to avoid sin and to always live a humble and pure life. I consecrate myself to you forever, for my firm desire is to love your Divine Son Jesus. Mary, since those devoted to you have never been known to perish, pray that I too may be saved. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

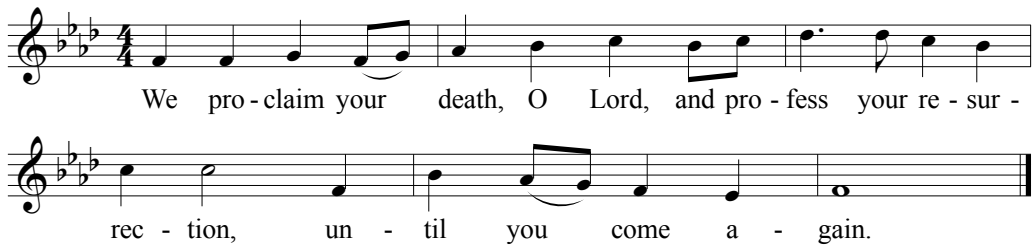
PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your re-sur-
rec-tion, un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.



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