

SIMBANG GABI

Wednesday, December 22, 2004

- Rituals for the day:
1. Mothers read the Intercessions and bring flowers to the image of Mary with children afterwards
 2. Presentation of personal gifts of different families
 3. "Mano Po" – Lector goes to the Presider for a blessing before reading and used as the Sign of Peace.

PRELUDE: *(Just before the Liturgy a commentator will read the introduction to the Mothers reading the Intercessions)*

Commentator: In today's Gospel, we hear Mother Mary proclaim the greatness of God as we near the day of Christ's birth. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to work of Jesus and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. To quote Pope Paul the VI, "We believe that the Holy Mother of God, the new Eve, Mother of the Church, continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on behalf of the members of Christ" And thus we continue to ask for her intercession for our needs as our own mothers intercede for us in many ways.

Here at St. Brendan Church, at 6:30 p.m. we have the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Mass every Wednesday night including tonight. Please join us in this devotion.

It is fitting that this morning, four mothers will be reading the general intercessions and with their children, will bring flowers to the image of Our Mother of Perpetual Help who has been the succor of many faithful Catholics throughout the world.

I. INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Rite *(entrance procession: cross bearer, parol bearer, altar servers, lector, presider)*

Greeting

Presider: **"In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."**

All: Amen.

Presider: **(Peace be with you)
The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

Presider: **Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask forgiveness as God is full of gentleness and compassion.**

Jesus Christ, loving son of a loving mother, Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Presider: **Jesus Christ, Son of God, Christ have mercy.**

All: Christ have mercy.

Presider: **Jesus Christ, true Light of faith, Lord have mercy.**

All: Lord have mercy.

Presider: **May almighty God have mercy on us, Forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.**

All: Amen

Opening Prayer:

Presider: **O God, by consenting to the message of an angel the Immaculate Virgin became the dwelling of your eternal Word and was filled with the light of the Holy Spirit. Give us the grace to follow her example and devote ourselves humbly to your will.**

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All: Amen

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Lector goes up to the Presider and do *mano po* before proceeding to the ambo. **Presider says: "May God show you mercy"**)

First Reading: 1 Sm 1:24-28

Lector: In those days, Hannah brought Samuel with her, along with a three-year- old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the Lord in Shiloh. After the boy' s father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said:

"Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the Lord. 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." She left Samuel there.

**Responsorial
Psalm**

1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Lector/Response: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

Lector: "My heart exults in the Lord, my horn is exalted in my God. I have swallowed up my enemies; I rejoice in my victory."

All: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

Lector: "The bows of the mighty are broken, while the tottering gird on strength. The well-fed hire themselves out for bread, while the hungry batten on spoil. The barren wife bears seven sons, while the mother of many languishes."

All: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

Lector: "The Lord puts to death and gives life; he casts down to the nether world; he raises up again. The Lord makes poor and makes rich, he humbles, he also exalts."

All: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

Lector: "He raises the needy from the dust; from the dung heap he lifts up the poor, To seat them with nobles and make a glorious throne their heritage."

All: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

**Gospel
Acclamation**

(Sung by choir)

Gospel

Lk 1:46-56

Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the

promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever."

Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

Homily

General

Intercessions:

Readers of the petitions should be assigned seats on the left hand side of the church for easy access of the ambo. Intercessions will be read by mothers. After the Petition, mothers go with their children and offer flowers to the image of Mary

Presider :

Mary was first in offering herself to God without any reservation, and full of holiness. With her let us approach the Father who cares for us. Let our response be: Father, hear us

Mother 1:

Mary's purity as the Mother of God is reflected in the Church. May the Holy Church strive always to care for the flock entrusted to her. May we grow in our love for God and in our service to our fellowmen, let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Father, hear us.

Mother 2:

Mary is our Mother too, by virtue of Christ's generosity. Through her, may God keep and protect all children particularly the poor, and those caught in the web of worldliness and corruption. May they savor the joy of the days of their innocence, let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Father, hear us.

Mother 3:

Mary gave birth to Jesus, as the angels announce peace on earth. May peace spread throughout the world so all nations may celebrate this special day which brings harmony to soul and body, let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Father, hear us.

Mother 4:

Mary was first in offering herself to God's call. May all Christians realize the beauty of their vocation as priests, religious or laymen. In the coming of Jesus, may they feel it as a lifetime event, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Father, hear us.

(After reading the Petition, mother and children proceed to the image of the Blessed Mother and offer flowers. They return to their seat)

Presider: **Father, in your goodness, You gave us a model in following your will. May we always be open to hints of love and obedience to your will. That way, we follow the footsteps of Mary, our Mother and be come pleasing to your eyes.
This we ask, through Jesus Christ, your Son and the Holy Spirit, God without end.**

All: Amen

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: (Sung by Choir)

Preparation of the altar and gifts: *Presentation of gifts different families, (collection will happen at this time) presentation of the bread and wine for Eucharist.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: **Look mercifully, Lord, on the gifts we lay upon your altar and by your power consecrate what we bring to you in our weakness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

Preface of Advent II (please use the sacramentary)

**Eucharistic
Prayer**

(please use the sacramentary)

IV. COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

Sign of Peace: (Families will give the sign of peace to the Presider in the *Mano po* manner **Presider says to each one who greets him the Mano Po to him: "May God show you mercy"**)

**Breaking of the
Bread:**

(Lamb of God to be sung by the Choir)

Communion:

Announcements:

**Prayer after
communion:**

Presider:

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gifts You have bestowed. Create in us a desire for blessings yet to come, that we may welcome the birth of Christ our Savior with free and devoted hearts.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord.

All:

Amen

V. CLOSING RITE

Greeting

Presider: **The Lord be with you.
(Sumainyo ang Panginoon)**

All: And also with you

Blessing

Presider: **May almighty God bless you,
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit
(Pagpalain kayo ng Makapangyarihang
Diyos Ama, at ng Anak, at ng Espiritu
Santo)**

All: Amen

Dismissal

Presider: **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Song: (To be sung in Tagalog – Medley of Christmas Songs)