

St. Brendan Church
SIMBANG GABI
Thursday, December 22, 2005

- 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. 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

(Sung by Choir)

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
(Sung by Choir)

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:** **Parishioners who are mothers will read the intercession.** *(Readers of the petitions should be assigned seats on the left hand side of the church)*

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

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 (please use the sacramentary)

Eucharistic Prayer (please use the sacramentary)

IV. COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer: (*Sung by Choir*)

Sign of Peace: (Families will do the Mano Po as a sign of peace. **Presider says to each one who greets him with the Mano Po: "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)