

searching for me?
"My Father's house?"
said to them.
came to Nazareth,

in her heart.

18 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1

FIRST READING

Numbers 6.22-27

They shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses:

Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
Thus you shall bless the children of Israel:
You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the children of Israel,
and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R,1a)

R. May God be gracious to us and bless us.

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. R.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. R.

6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. R.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.

Brothers and sisters:

4 When the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law,

5 in order to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption to sonship.

6 And because you are sons and daughters,

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,
"Abba! Father!"

7 So you are no longer slave but son,
and if son then also heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the Prophets;
in these last days he has spoken to us by the Son.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

After eight days he was named Jesus.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

16 The shepherds went with haste to Bethlehem
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.

17 When they saw this,
they made known what had been told them about this child;

18 and all who heard it were amazed
at what the shepherds told them.

19 But Mary treasured all these words
and pondered them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
as it had been told them.

21

After eight days had passed,
it was time to circumcise the child;
and he was called Jesus,
the name given by the Angel
before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.