

THANKSGIVING LITURGY



70TH Anniversary
Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother
September 10, 2020

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?"(Lk 1: 42-43)

We Celebrate

On September 10, 1950, Sister M. Teresinha Gobbo, a Schoenstatt Sister of Mary, entrusted a large picture of the Blessed Mother of Schoenstatt to John to take to the people of the parish. He was commissioned to take it to a different house each day to encourage the people to pray the rosary, but she told him it was not necessary for him to pray it every night. John strictly carried out the assignment to take the picture to the homes but since he also felt responsible.

John continued his visits, completing 87,000 miles in approximately 30 years. He mostly covered this distance by foot, visiting families, hospitals, schools, and jails in Southern Brazil, carrying the picture he had received, which weighed 24 pounds on his shoulder. He also carried a bag with materials for the apostolate, which weighed about 15 pounds. Nothing could stop him.

In the 1970s this apostolate extended to other parts of South America and in the year 1985, it was launched at an international level among the people affiliated to the Schoenstatt Movement.

With the main objective of evangelizing families and individuals, today it reaches out to everyone, promoting Christian values and renewing the life of prayer in homes, schools, and wherever people search for God.

In addition to encouraging the Rosary prayer, the apostolate of the Pilgrim Mother promotes our consecration to Mary. In Schoenstatt we do this through a covenant of love with Mary. Wherever she goes Mary wants to spread the Kingdom of God by bringing Christ into our lives. If we open our doors to her and to her graces, our homes and hearts will become places of grace, places where God's presence can be found.

On this day, we celebrate 70 years of blessings and graces worked in the homes and lives of countless people around the world. Together let us greet and welcome Mary as Elizabeth did and renew our commitment as missionaries of the Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother.

Order of Mass

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Hope

Music in Honor of Mary

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman - Carol Mechler, Illinois

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Virgin Mary, hope of God's people:
you come to the aid of all who have no hope,
you look with love on all who seek your help.

COLLECT

Lord our God, you give us the joy
of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary
as Mother of divine hope.

In your mercy grant that, through her prayers and help,
we may always live as good citizens of this world,
with our hearts fixed on the world to come,
and so receive what we look forward to in faith,
the fulfillment of all our hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Sir 24:9-12, 18-21

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Before all ages, in the beginning, God created me,
and through all ages I shall not cease to be.

In the holy tent I ministered before him,
and in Zion I fixed my abode.

Thus in the chosen city God has given me rest,
in Jerusalem is my domain.

I have struck root among the glorious people,
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

Come to me, all you that yearn for me,
and be filled with my fruits.

You will remember me as sweeter than honey,
better to have than the honeycomb.

Whoever eats of me will hunger still,
whoever drinks of me will thirst for more;
whoever obeys me will not be put to shame,
whoever serves me will never fail.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-48a, 48b-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55

R. Hail, Virgin Mary, hope of God's people.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;

R. Hail, Virgin Mary, hope of God's people.

Behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

R. Hail, Virgin Mary, hope of God's people.

The Lord's mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him.
He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
R. Hail, Virgin Mary, hope of God's people.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.

R. Hail, Virgin Mary, hope of God's people.

The Lord has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.
R. Hail, Virgin Mary, hope of God's people.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Mother and Virgin and Queen of the world,
pray for your children to God who chose you.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding in 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 the servers,

“Fill the jars with water.”

So they filled them to the brim.

Then Jesus 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 in Cana in Galilee

and so revealed his glory,

and his disciples began to believe in him.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,

that, through the intercession of Blessed Mary,

the Mother of your Son,

no petition may go unanswered,

no request be made in vain.

Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is truly right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
to give you thanks with all our hearts, Lord, holy Father,
for your gift to our human family of Jesus Christ, the author of our
salvation, and of Mary, his Mother, the model of divine hope.

Your lowly handmaid placed all her trust in you:
she awaited in hope and conceived in faith the Son of Man,
whom the prophets had foretold.

With untiring love she gave herself to his service
and became the Mother of all the living.

Mary, the fairest fruit of Christ's redeeming love, is a sister
to all the children of Adam as they journey toward
the fullness of freedom and raise their eyes to her,
the sign of sure hope and comfort,
until the day of the Lord dawns in glory.
In our joy we sing with all the choirs of Angels:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Luke 1:45

Blessed are you who have believed that what was spoken to you by
the Lord will be fulfilled.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation and faith, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that we, who honor the Blessed Virgin, Mother of our hope, may be worthy to share with her in the charity of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

P: Bow down for the blessing.

May the Father of all mercy,

through the love with which he cherished
the Mother of his Son,
bless you with health of mind and body.
R. Amen.

May Jesus Christ, the blessed fruit of Mary's womb,
adorn you with the virtues
that will make you more pleasing to him.
R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
whose power overshadowed the Blessed Virgin,
give you serenity and peace,
that you may live as one in mind and heart
in the household of the Church.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary
Protect Us With Your Mantle

