

*The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church*

*Birthday Celebration*  
*for our*  
*Blessed Mother*



**September 8, 2023**  
**9:00 am**

*Fr. John Schmitz, Celebrant*



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**Mary**  
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Thank you for joining us at The National Shrine of  
Mary, Mother of the Church to celebrate the  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The birthday celebration of the Blessed Mother comes,  
appropriately, exactly nine months after the Feast of her  
Immaculate Conception.

Just as the angels celebrated Mary's birth  
as the "dawn of salvation,"  
we too rejoice in the promises  
whispered by the birth of Mary.

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Please note that we will be live-streaming our celebration today on the Mothers' Shrine Facebook page for the benefit of those who were not able to join us in person. Images and video captured today may also be utilized to promote the beauty and mission of the Mothers' Shrine and devotion to the Blessed Mother. If you do not wish your image to be used, please notify us as soon as possible at [shrinemothers@gmail.com](mailto:shrinemothers@gmail.com).

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION

HOLY MASS

*Fr. John Schmitz, Celebrant*

*Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.*

## PROCESSION IN THE SHRINE

*We invite everyone to join in procession and song as we honor the birthday of Mary! During our procession we will be offering our Blessed Mother a birthday votive candle created from the smaller birthday candles returned from Friends of the Shrine near and far.*

*We will present a bouquet of roses symbolizing all the "spiritual bouquet" offerings from the Mothers' Shrine community members and a basket containing all the prayer intentions and birthday wishes sent in for this blessed event!*

## Order of Procession

- \* **Cross and Candle**
- \* **Bearers Honor Guard**
- \* **Birthday Votive Candle**
- \* **Knights of Columbus**
- \* **Ladies' Auxiliary**
- \* **Congregation**
- \* **Women of Mary**
- \* **Priest and Deacon**

# PROCESSION

## In Honor of Mary's Birthday

### IMMACULATE MARY



1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;
2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,
3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known
4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved;
5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;



You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.  
God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.  
The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.  
Most blest is the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.  
Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a.



A - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a.

6. Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him;  
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.

7. In glory for ever now close to your Son,  
All ages will praise you for all God has done.

# SING OF MARY, PURE AND LOWLY



1. Sing of Mar - y pure and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er  
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at  
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to



un - de - filed, Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,  
Naz - a - reth, Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry  
God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of  
Love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the  
Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,  
bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word made flesh, our ver - y broth - er,  
Forth to preach, and heal - and suf - fer,  
And the church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
Till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Offerings to the Blessed Mother:

- \* Birthday Candle, created from candles returned from Friends of the Shrine near and far
- \* Bouquet of Roses representing Spiritual Bouquet Offerings
- \* Basket of Prayer Intentions and Birthday Wishes

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

### HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE




1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma -  
2. The cause of joy to all be - low, O Ma -  
3. O gen - tle, lov - ing, ho - ly one, O Ma -

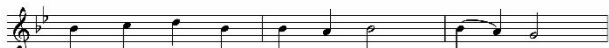


- ri - a. Hail, Queen of mer - cy and of love,  
ri - a. The spring through which all grac - es flow,  
ri - a. The God of light be - came your Son,



- O Ma - ri - a. Tri - umph, all ye  
O Ma - ri - a. An - gels, all your  
O Ma - ri - a. Tri - umph, all ye


  
 Cher - u - bim,                      Sing with us,    ye    Ser - a - phim,  
 prais - es bring,                      Earth and heav - en,    with us sing,  
 Cher - u - bim,                      Sing with us,    ye    Ser - a - phim,


  
 Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:                      Sal - ve,  
 All cre - a - tion ech - o - ing:                                      Sal - ve,  
 Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:                      Sal - ve,


  
 Sal - ve,                      Sal - ve,    Re - gi - na,  
 Sal - ve,                      Sal - ve,    Re - gi - na,  
 Sal - ve,                      Sal - ve,    Re - gi - na.

*Please join us after Mass and the procession for coffee and donuts in St. Leo's Hall and make your way to the Gift Shop to help support our important work at The Mothers' Shrine.*

*The Gift Shop hours today are 10 am – 3 pm.*



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# Many Thanks

to all who contributed to our liturgy, especially:

Rev. John Schmitz, *Rector*

Dcn. Dave Lovell

Choir of St. Patrick Catholic Church

Server & Cross Bearer: Mike Miller

Candle Bearers: Joe Gubbels, *President/CEO*, & Tom  
Vincent, *Chairman of the Board*

Honor Guard: Rick Purdon & Jim Gerke

Knights of Columbus, *Mary, Mother of the Church*  
*Council*

Banner: Craig Huck, *Knights of Columbus President*;  
Ladies Auxiliary

Spiritual Bouquet Offerings: Georgia Vincent, *Ladies*  
*Auxiliary President*

Women of Mary

Prayer Intentions: Denise Hiatt

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Thank you to our Blessed Mother, and all  
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