

Reading for September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading 1, *Romans 8:28-30*

²⁸ We are well aware that God works with those who love him, those who have been called in accordance with his purpose, and turns everything to their good. ²⁹ He decided beforehand who were the ones destined to be moulded to the pattern of his Son, so that he should be the eldest of many brothers; ³⁰ it was those so destined that he called; those that he called, he justified, and those that he has justified he has brought into glory.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 13:6, 6*

⁶ But I trust in your mercy, Grant my heart joy in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt bountifully with me!

Gospel, *Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23*

¹ Roll of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: ² Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers, ³ Judah fathered Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram, ⁴ Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ⁵ Salmon fathered Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed fathered Jesse; ⁶ and Jesse fathered King

David. David fathered Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, ⁷ Solomon fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam fathered Abijah, Abijah fathered Asa, ⁸ Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, Joram fathered Uzziah, ⁹ Uzziah fathered Jotham, Jotham fathered Ahaz, Ahaz fathered Hezekiah, ¹⁰ Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh fathered Amon, Amon fathered Josiah; ¹¹ and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers. Then the deportation to Babylon took place. ¹² After the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah fathered Shealtiel, Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel, ¹³ Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, Abiud fathered Eliakim, Eliakim fathered Azor, ¹⁴ Azor fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Achim, Achim fathered Eliud, ¹⁵ Eliud fathered Eleazar, Eleazar fathered Matthan, Matthan fathered Jacob; ¹⁶ and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ. ¹⁸ This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being an upright man and wanting to spare her disgrace, decided to divorce her informally. ²⁰ He had made up his mind to do this when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' ²² Now all this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: ²³ Look! the virgin is with child and will give birth to a son whom they will call Immanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.