Reading for January 1st.

Solemnityof Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Reading 1, *Numbers 6:22-27***

22 Yahweh spoke to [Moses](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=8218) and said, 23 'Speak to [Aaron](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5) and his sons and say: "This is how you must bless the Israelites. You [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) say: 24 May [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) bless you and keep you. 25 May [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. 26 May [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) show you his face and bring you peace." 27 This is how they must call down my name on the Israelites, and then I shall bless them.'

**Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8***

2 Then the earth [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) acknowledge your ways, and all nations your power to save. 3 Let the nations praise you, God, let all the nations praise you.

5 Let the nations praise you, God, let all the nations praise you.

6 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) has blessed us.

**Reading 2, *Galatians 4:4-7***

4 but when the completion of the [time](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11571) came, [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, 5 to redeem the subjects of the Law, so that we could receive [adoption](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=224) as sons. 6 As you are sons, [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) has sent into our hearts the [Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11004) of his Son crying, 'Abba, Father'; 7 and so you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir, by God's own act.

**Gospel, *Luke 2:16-21***

16 So they hurried away and found [Mary](https://www.catholic.org/bookstore/?category=19) and Joseph, and the baby [lying](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7297) in the manger. 17 When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, 18 and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds said to them. 19 As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told. 21 When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) had given him before his conception.