

May 8
Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Until the most recent revision of the liturgical calendar, the Order celebrated the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 22, the anniversary of the approval of the Order by Pope Honorius III (December 22, 1216). Now, however, keeping in mind the precedence of the weekdays of Advent which take first place over all other memorials, it is suggested that this commemoration of the Patronage be celebrated on this day (or on another day, if there is a special reason for it), inasmuch as on this day throughout the Church various celebrations of a similar title of the Blessed Virgin Mary are celebrated in other proper liturgical calendars.

Entrance Antiphon

Blessed are you, Mary, for from you the salvation of the world came forth; already glorious you rejoice before the Lord: intercede for us with your Son.

Or:

Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb. 4:16

COLLECT

O God, who willed that the Order of Preachers be established for the salvation of souls under the special protection of the most blessed Virgin Mary and be built up by her never-ending favors, grant to your suppliants, that we may be led to heavenly glory, protected by the help of her whose commemoration we celebrate today. 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.

Or:

May the prayer of the Mother of God come to the aid of your people, O Lord; although we know that she has passed beyond the condition of our flesh, may we experience her intercession for us before your presence in heavenly glory. 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.

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

By your kindness, O Lord,
on this feast day of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
may this offering bring us prosperity and peace,
both now and for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (on the feast day), as in *The Roman Missal*.

Communion Antiphon

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Jn. 1:14

Or:

Holy is the name of the Lord, and his mercy is for those who fear
him from generation to generation.

Lk. 1:49-50

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

Having received this aid to our salvation, O Lord,
grant, we pray, that we may everywhere be protected
by the patronage of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin
in whose honor we have offered
this sacrifice to your majesty.
Through Christ our Lord.