

**JUNE 12**

**Day after the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Feast**

In the midst of the second world war Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Savior's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 he decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is not a new devotion. In the seventeenth century, St. John Eudes preached it together with that of the Sacred Heart; in the nineteenth century, Pius VII and Pius IX allowed several churches to celebrate a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. Pius XII instituted today's feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the whole Church, so as to obtain by her intercession "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944).

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 13 (12): 6.**

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me.

**COLLECT**

God, who prepared a fit dwelling place for Holy Spirit  
in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
graciously grant that through her intercession  
we may be a worthy temple of your 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.

**PRAYERS OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look, O Lord, upon the prayers and offering of your faithful,  
presented in commemoration of Blessed Mary, the Mother of God,  
that they may be pleasing to you  
and may confer on us your help and forgiveness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*The Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

V./ The Lord be with you.

R./ And with your spirit.

V./ Lift up your hearts.

R./ We lift them up to the Lord.

V./ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R./ It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God,  
and to praise, bless, and glorify your name.  
on the fest day of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary.  
For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit  
she conceived your Only Begotten Son,  
and without losing the glory of virginity,  
brought forth into the world the eternal Light,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him the Angels praise your majesty,  
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.  
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven  
and the blessed Seraphim  
worship together with exultation.  
May our voices, we pray,  
join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:  
Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Lk 2: 19

Mary treasured all these words,  
reflecting on them in her.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been made partakers of eternal redemption,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we, who commemorate the Mother of your grace  
and experience its continued increase for our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayers

### **Mama Wa Mungu** (Father Bernardo Longo, scj)

Holy Virgin,  
You teach us true love.  
You had a heart so much like  
that of your God.  
Holy Virgin Mother of God  
and Our Mother,  
we are in your hands  
so we are sure to arrive  
where your great Heart  
will take us.  
Amen.

### **O Mary my mother and my Queen** ((Bishop Joseph Wittebols, scj)

O Mary, my Mother and my Queen,  
I come to take refuge in the bosom of your mercy  
and to place my soul and body  
under your special protection.  
I entrust to you all my hopes and consolations,  
all my pains and miseries and the entire course of my life,  
so that, through your holy intercession and your merits,  
all my thoughts, affections and actions  
are directed and arranged according to your will  
and that of your divine Son.  
Amen.