

COLLECT

Fámulis tuis, quæsumus, Dómine, cæléstis grátiae munus impertíre: ut, quibus beáta Vírginis partus exstítit salútis exórdium: Visitátionis ejus votíva solémnitas pacis tríbuat increméntum. Per Dóminum nostrum.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, bestow on Thy servants the gift of Thy heavenly grace; that as the childbearing of the blessed Virgin was the beginning of our salvation, so the solemn festival of her Visitation may bring us an increase of peace. Through our Lord.

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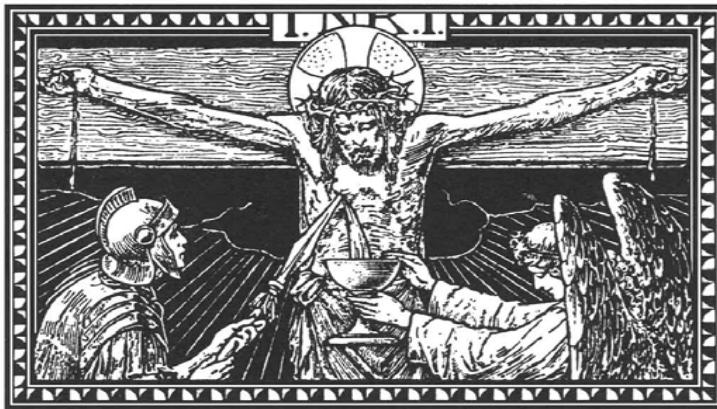
Unigéniti tui, Dómine, nobis succúrrat humánitas: ut, qui natus de Vírgine matris integritátem non mínuit sed sacrávit; in Visitátionis ejus solémniis, nostris nos piáculis éxuens, oblatiónem nostram tibi fáciat accéptam Jesus Christus Dóminus noster: Qui tecum vivit.

May the humanity of Thy only-begotten Son be our help, O Lord, that Jesus Christ our Lord, who when born of a virgin did not diminish but did consecrate the integrity of His mother, may on this solemnity of her Visitation, deliver us from our sins, and make our oblation acceptable to Thee. Who with Thee liveth.

POSTCOMMUNION

Súmptimus, Dómine celebritátis ánnuæ votíva sacraménta: præsta, quæsumus; ut et temporális vitæ nobis remédia præbeant et atérnæ. Per Dóminum.

We have received, O Lord, the sacraments of this yearly celebration; grant, we beseech Thee, that they may confer upon us remedies for this life and for all eternity. Through our Lord.



JULY 1

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Commemorative Proper Prayers of the Mass
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
July 2nd**



When Mary had learned from the Angel Gabriel that God would soon give Elizabeth a son, she at once set out for the town (Hebron or Ain-Karim?) where her cousin lived. This is the mystery of the Visitation, which is celebrated on the day following the octave of St John the Baptist's nativity. Today Jesus, Mary and the Precursor are together in our thoughts as they were during Advent, when indeed the Visitation was already recalled on Ember Friday. — It is a mystery of sanctification and peace; Mary comes to Elizabeth, Jesus comes to John and sanctifies him. The Precursor leaps for joy in his mother's womb, and she herself is inspired by the Holy Ghost to greet her cousin with the words: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (*Gospel*). Then the Virgin Mother of God, bearing in her womb Him who creates and upholds the universe (*Grad., All., Comm.*), utters her sublime canticle, the *Magnificat*. This feast was instituted by Urban VI in 1389, to obtain the end of the western schism, and raised to the second class by Pius IX in 1849.

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