

Tridentine Community News

August 15, 2021 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Blessing of Herbs and Fruits for the Assumption



Each year fruits, herbs, and flowers are blessed for the Feast of the Assumption. This tradition is associated with Our Lady because she is seen in biblical imagery as a vine; flowers represent her virtue; and Our Lord is her fruit. The Traditional

Roman Ritual requires that the blessing be prayed by the priest entirely in Latin; below we present an English translation:

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 64

Praise, O God, is due Thee in Sion, * and a vow must be offered Thee in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer; * all flesh cometh unto Thee.

Iniquities overwhelm us, * but pardon Thou our transgressions.

Blessed be the man whom Thou dost elect and adopt, * that he may dwell in Thy courts.

We will be filled with the goodness of Thy house; * holy is Thy temple and wonderful in righteousness.

Hear us, God our Savior, * the Confidence of all ends of the earth and the sea afar off.

Girded with power, Thou settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, * Thou stillest the roaring of the seas and of their waves.

The nations are dismayed at Thy signs; also they who dwell in uttermost parts; * to the east and to the west Thou givest joy.

Thou hast helped the land with plenteous rain; * Thou hast in many ways enriched it.

God's rain hath filled the earth and provided food, * for then does it grow.

Fill Thou the furrows, multiply their crops; * gentle rain-drops gladden the buds.

Thou crownest the year with Thy good things, * and Thy fields overflow with plenty.

The beautiful places of the wilderness grow rich, * and the hills are surrounded with joy.

The mountains are clothed with sheep, the vales abound with wheat; * they shout for joy, and sing a hymn of praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

℣. The Lord will be gracious.

℟. And our land bring forth its fruit.

℣. Thou waterest the mountains from the clouds.

℟. The earth is replenished from Thy rains.

℣. Giving grass for cattle.

℟. And plants to the servitors of men.

℣. Thou bringest forth wheat from the earth.

℟. And wine to cheer men's heart.

℣. Oil to make his face lustrous.

℟. And bread to strengthen his heart.

℣. He sends His command, and heals their suffering.

℟. And snatches them from distressing want.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, by Thy Word alone Thou hast made heaven, earth, sea, all things visible and invisible, and hast adorned the earth with plants and trees for the use of men and animals. Thou appointest each species to bring forth fruit in its kind, not only to serve as food for living creatures, but also as medicine to sick bodies. With mind and word we earnestly implore Thy unspeakable goodness to bless ✠ these various herbs and fruits, and add to their natural powers the grace of Thy new blessing. May they ward off disease and adversity from men and beasts who use them in Thy name. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

℟. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, by Moses, Thy servant, Thou didst command the children of Israel to carry their sheaves of new grain to the priests for a blessing, to pluck the finest fruits of the orchards, and to make merry before Thee, the Lord their God. Hear Thou our supplications, and bestow blessings ✠ in abundance upon us and upon these bundles of new grain, new herbs, and this assortment of produce which we gratefully present to Thee on this festival – blessing ✠ them in Thy name. Grant that men, cattle, sheep, and beasts of burden find in them a remedy against sickness, pestilence, sores, injuries, spells, against the bites of serpents and other poisonous animals. May these blessed objects act as a protection against diabolical mockeries, cunning, and deceptions wherever they are kept, carried, or other disposition made of them. And through the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose Assumption we celebrate, may we likewise, laden with sheaves of good works, deserve to be lifted up to heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

℟. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, Who on this day hast raised up to heavenly heights the rod of Jesse, the mother of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that through her prayers and patronage Thou mightest communicate to our mortal nature the Fruit of her womb, Thy same Son; we pray that we may use these fruits of the soil for our temporal and eternal welfare – the power of Thy Son and the patronage of His glorious mother assisting us. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

℟. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit come upon these creatures, and remain for all time.

℟. Amen.

[They are sprinkled with holy water and incensed.]

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/17 6:00 PM: High Mass at *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth* (St. Hyacinth, Confessor) – Celebrant: Fr. Clint McDonell

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