

**Mass Proper**

**FOR THE FEAST OF  
BLESSED MARY OF  
JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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**Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd**  
**Frances Siedliska**  
Virgin and Foundress

**Feast**

for the houses of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd was born November 12, 1842 in Roszkowa-Wola to the noble Morawski-Siedliski family. Despite family opposition and ill health Frances responded to God's call to found in 1875, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, which she led until her death, November 21, 1902. She described her community as one aiming to follow the hidden life of the Holy Family of Nazareth wherein love reigned in relationships with God and neighbor, reflecting the Trinitarian 'communio', Through prayer, community living and ministry her sisters witness a family spirit among themselves and are dedicated to the moral and religious renewal of family life.

**Entrance Antiphon (or song)**

Come bride of Christ, and receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for ever.

**Gloria**

## **Opening Prayer**

O God, you gave Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd the charism to model her life upon the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant us the grace to imitate her and to inspire Christian families with the desire to lead a life worthy of their vocation for your greater glory and for the extension of your kingdom on earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## **First Reading - from the Song of Songs 8:6-7**

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;  
For Love is strong as Death, longing is fierce as Sheol.  
Its arrows are arrows of fire, flames of the divine.  
Deep waters cannot quench love, nor rivers sweep it away.  
Were one to offer all the wealth of his house for love,  
he would be utterly despised.

The Word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R./ The bridegroom is here, let us go out to meet  
Christ the Lord**

Hear, O daughter, and see, turn your ear  
Forget your people and your father's house.  
So shall the thing desire your beauty,  
For he is your Lord, and you must worship him. **R:/**

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters;  
Her raiment is threaded with spun gold.  
In embroidered apparel she is born into the king;  
Behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you. **R./**

They are borne in with gladness and joy;  
They enter the palace of the king.  
The place of your fathers your sons shall have;  
You shall make them princes through all the land. **R./**

### **Second Reading**

**from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
10:17 – 11:2**

“Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.” For it is not the one who recommends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord recommends.

If only you would put up with a little foolishness from me! Please put up with me. For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God, since I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The Word of the Lord

### **Gospel Acclamation Verse**

**R:/** Alleluia, alleluia

Come bride of Christ, and receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you forever. **R./**

**Gospel + from the holy gospel according to  
Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Prayer of the Faithful**

**C./** By the grace of Christ we are fellow citizens of the saints and friends of God. Let us raise our prayers to the Lord, so that we may each realize the vocation to holiness to which we are called.

Let us pray together and say:

**R./ Bless your people, Lord.**

O Lord, may the one, holy Church, through the richness of its gifts and charisms, show itself to be the true bride of Christ and mother of the saints. Let us pray....

**R./ Bless your people, Lord.**

O Lord, raise up in your Church women and men who are able to practice heroic charity, and who have the fraternal generosity that is open to every need. Let us pray...

**R./ Bless your people, Lord.**

O Lord, bring forth from your people vocations to virginity for the sake of the heavenly kingdom, as the sign of the primacy of the Spirit and the hope of future goods. Let us pray...

**R./ Bless your people, Lord.**

O Lord, support us in our daily trials so that, witnessing our faithfulness to the Gospel, we will be willing to give our lives for Christ. Let us pray...

**R./ Bless your people, Lord.**

O Lord, touch the hearts of those who waste your gifts in lives devoid of value and of love, so that, recalled to a sincere repentance, they may be converted and live. Let us pray...

**R./ Bless your people, Lord.**

**C./** Lord, behold this your family, which rejoices with Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd; give us the Spirit of holiness, so that we may transform this world into your abode of justice and love. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

As we proclaim your wonders, O Lord,  
in the virgin Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd,  
we humbly implore your majesty  
that, as her merits are pleasing to you,  
so too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **Eucharistic Prayer / Preface**

**C./** The Lord is with you.

**R./** And with your Spirit.

**C./** Lift up your hearts

**R./** We lift them up to the Lord.

**C./** 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.  
For in the Saints who consecrated themselves  
to Christ for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven,  
it is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence,  
by which you call human nature  
back to its original holiness and  
bring it to experience on this earth  
the gifts you promise in the new world to come.  
And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you,  
as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .**

### **Communion Antiphon**

There is only one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I  
seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Renewed by partaking of this divine gift,  
we pray, O Lord our God, that by the example of  
Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd,  
bearing in our body the Death of Jesus,  
we may strive to hold fast to you alone.

Through Christ our Lord.

### **Solemn Blessing**

God is the glory of all His saints, and of  
Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd., whose  
memory we celebrate today.

May His blessing be with you always.

**R./** Amen

May the prayers of  
Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd  
Deliver you from present evil.  
May her example of holy living  
Turn your thoughts to service of God and neighbor.

**R./** Amen

God's holy Church rejoices that  
Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd  
Has reached her heavenly goal,  
and is in lasting peace.  
May you come to share all the joys  
Of our Father's house.

**R./** Amen

May Almighty God bless you,  
The Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**R./** Amen