

January 3
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
Titular Feast of the Western Dominican Province

FIRST READING

[136A]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

2: 1–11

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,

any solace in love,

any participation in the Spirit,

any compassion and mercy,

complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,

united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;

rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,

each looking out not for his own interests,

but also everyone for those of others.

Have among yourselves the same attitude

that is also yours in Christ Jesus,

Who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

coming in human likeness;

and found human in appearance,

he humbled himself,

becoming obedient to death,

even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name

that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

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**of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8: 4–5, 6–7, 8–9 [753–1]

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

**When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you set in place—
What is man that you should be mindful of him,
or the Son of Man that you should care for him?**

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

**You have made him little less than the angels,
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,
putting all things under his feet.**

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

**All sheep and oxen,
yes, and the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.**

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Ps 96: 2 [987–1]

R̥ Alleluia, alleluia.

**Praise to your holy and glorious name,
may you be praised forever.**

R̥ Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

[No reference]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

2: 21–24

**When eight days were completed for his circumcision,
he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb.**

**When the days were completed for their purification
according to the law of Moses,
they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,
just as it is written in the law of the Lord,**

**“Every male that opens the womb
shall be consecrated to the Lord,”
and to offer the sacrifice of
“a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,”
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord