



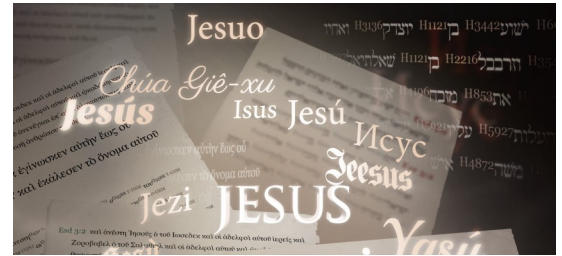
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

As we strive to become a parish of intentional disciples who make time for personal and communal prayer, we will be praying with a special devotion each month. We invite you and your domestic church to pray along with us.

The month of January is dedicated to The Most Holy Name of Jesus.

January 3rd - Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. It was promoted in a special manner by St. Bernard, St. Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistrano and by the Franciscan Order. It was extended to the whole Church in 1727 during the pontificate of Innocent XIII. In the liturgical revisions of Vatican II, the feast was removed. With the release of the revised Roman Missal in March 2002, the feast was restored as an optional memorial in the Ordinary Form on January 3.



Consider these quotes about the Most Holy Name of Jesus...

"Because of this, God greatly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, 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."
Philippians 2:9-11

"Jesus means in Hebrew: 'God saves.' At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, 'will save his people from their sins'. In Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men....The name 'Jesus' signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all men through his Incarnation, so that 'there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.'"
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 430, 432)

"The Name of Jesus is Light, and Food, and Medicine. It is Light, when it is preached to us; it is Food, when we think upon it; it is the Medicine that soothes our pains when we invoke it."
St. Bernard of Clairvaux

See the reverse of this sheet for the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus,
adapted from <http://www.catholictradition.org/Litanies/litany1.htm#CHAPLET>

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Lord, have mercy.	(Christ, have mercy)	Through the mystery of Thy holy
Lord, have mercy. Jesus, hear us.	(Jesus, graciously hear us)	Incarnation, (deliver us, O Jesus)
God, the Father of Heaven,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thine Nativity,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
God, the Holy Spirit,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thy Infancy,
Holy Trinity, one God,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, Son of the living God,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thy most Divine Life,
Jesus, Splendor of the Father,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,	(have mercy on us)	Through your Labors,
Jesus, King of Glory,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, Sun of Justice,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thine Agony and Passion,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, most amiable,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thine Cross and Dereliction,
Jesus, most admirable,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, the mighty God,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thine Sufferings,
Jesus, Father of the world to come,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, Angel of great counsel,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thy Death and Burial,
Jesus, most powerful,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, most patient,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thine Resurrection,
Jesus, most obedient,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thine Ascension,
Jesus, Lover of Chastity,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, our Lover,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thine Institution of the Most Holy
Jesus, God of Peace,	(have mercy on us)	Eucharist, (deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, Author of Life,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thy Joys,
Jesus, Model of Virtues,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, zealous for souls,	(have mercy on us)	Through Thy Glory,
Jesus, our God,	(have mercy on us)	(deliver us, O Jesus)
Jesus, our Refuge,	(have mercy on us)	Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of
Jesus, Father of the Poor,	(have mercy on us)	the world, (spare us, O Jesus!)
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful,	(have mercy on us)	Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of
Jesus, good Shepherd,	(have mercy on us)	the world, (graciously hear us, O Jesus!)
Jesus, true Light,	(have mercy on us)	Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of
Jesus, eternal Wisdom,	(have mercy on us)	the world, (have mercy on us, O Jesus!)
Jesus, infinite Goodness,	(have mercy on us)	Jesus, hear us. (Jesus, graciously hear us.)
Jesus, our Way and our Life,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, joy of the Angels,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, Light of Confessors,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,	(have mercy on us)	
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,	(have mercy on us)	
Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus!		
	(Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus)	
From all evil,	(deliver us, O Jesus)	
From all sin,	(deliver us, O Jesus)	
From Thy wrath,	(deliver us, O Jesus)	
From the snares of the devil,	(deliver us, O Jesus)	
From the spirit of fornication,	(deliver us, O Jesus)	
From everlasting death,	(deliver us, O Jesus)	
From the neglect of Thine inspirations,	(deliver us, O Jesus)	

Let Us Pray: *O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou has said, "Ask and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the grace of Thy divine charity, that we may ever love Thee with our whole heart, and with all our words and deeds, and may never cease from praising Thee. Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name, for you never fail to govern those whom you solidly establish in Thy love. Thou, Who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

R. Amen.