

Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus



The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, with January 3rd being the feast of the Holy Name. After the Blessed Virgin Mary had conceived her Child by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and instructed him that the Child's Name should be called Jesus, which means "God Saves".

Article 2 (CCC)

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD

I. Jesus

430 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.¹⁸

432 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,²³ so that "there is no other Name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved."²⁴

433 *The Name of the Savior God was invoked only once in the year by the high priest in atonement for the sins of Israel, after he had sprinkled the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies with the sacrificial blood. The Mercy Seat was the place of God's presence.²⁵ When St. Paul speaks of Jesus whom "God put forward as an expiation by His Blood," he means that in Christ's humanity "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself."²⁶*

434 *Jesus' Resurrection glorifies the Name of the Savior God, for from that time on it is the Name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the "Name which is above every Name."²⁷ The evil spirits fear His Name; in His Name His disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask in this Name.²⁸*

435 *The Name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words "through our Lord Jesus Christ." The Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words "Blessed is the Fruit of Thy Womb, Jesus." The Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have Mercy on me, a sinner." Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word "Jesus" on their lips.*

Matthew 1:21 - "And she shall bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name JESUS. For he shall save his people from their sins."

From the Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will

Day 23 - *My child, Saint Joseph and I felt a shiver of pain, but fearless and without hesitation, we called the minister and we had Him circumcised with a most painful cut. At the bitter pain, Baby Jesus cried and flung Himself into My arms, asking for help. Saint Joseph and I blended our tears with His; we gathered the first Blood shed by Jesus for Love of creatures, and we gave Him the Name of Jesus – Powerful Name - which was to make Heaven and earth tremble, and even hell; a Name which was to be balm, defense and help for every heart.*

Meditation 2 - *Now, dearest child, in so much pain, the most beautiful Joy arises, such as to arrest our tears. As He was circumcised, we gave Him the Most Holy Name of Jesus, wanted by the Angel. In pronouncing this Most Holy Name, the Joy, the Contentment, was such as to Sweeten our Sorrow. More so, since in this Name, whoever wanted would find balm for his pains, defense in dangers, victory in temptations, a hand so as not to fall into sin, and the medicine for all his evils. This Most Holy Name of Jesus makes hell tremble; the Angels revere It, and It sounds sweet to the ear of the Celestial Father. Before this Name, all bow down and adore. Powerful Name, Holy Name, Great Name; whoever invokes It with faith will feel marvels - the Miraculous Secret of the virtue of this Most Holy Name.*

Now, My child, I recommend to you: pronounce always this Name, "Jesus". When you see that your human will, weak and vacillating, hesitates in doing the Divine, the Name of Jesus will make it rise again in the Divine Fiat. If you are oppressed, call upon Jesus; if you work, call upon Jesus; if you sleep, call upon Jesus; and when you wake up, may your first word be "Jesus".

Call Him always; it is a Name that contains seas of grace, which He gives to those who call Him and love Him.

The soul to her Queen:

Celestial Mama, how I must thank You for the beautiful lessons You have given me. I pray You, inscribe them in my heart, that I may never forget them. I pray You to give the bath of the Blood of the Celestial Baby to my soul, that It may heal the wounds of my human will to enclose in them the Divine; and I pray You to write over each wound, as a guard, the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Little Sacrifice:

Today, to honor Me, you will do five acts of love for the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and will compassionate Me in the sorrow I suffered in the circumcision of My Son Jesus.

Ejaculatory Prayer:

My Mama, write "Jesus" inside my heart, that He may give me the Grace to Live of Divine Will.