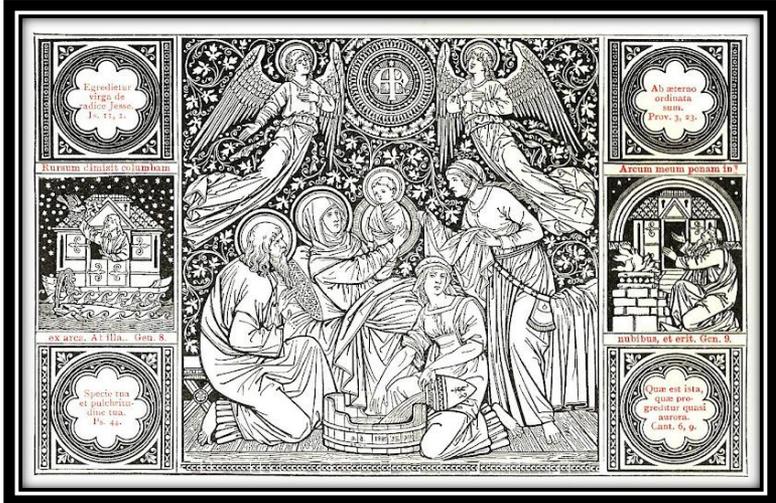


# *Mass in Honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



*We Remember & Honor*

*Father Romaeus Cooney's*

*Anniversary of Profession in the Order of  
Carmelites, and his Offering of the  
Extraordinary Forms of the Roman &  
Carmelite Rite in the Diocese of Albany from  
2007-2013*

*September 8<sup>th</sup>*

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
In the Carmelite Rite*

**INTROIT** (*Gaudeamus omnes in Domino*): Rejoice we all in the Lord, as we keep holiday in Mary's honor; that blessed Maiden whose Nativity makes angels joyful and sets them praising the Son of God. (Ps. 44:2) Joyful are the thoughts that well up from my heart, a King's honor for my theme. *Rejoice.* V. Glory be. *Rejoice.*

**COLLECT:** Mercifully hear, O God, the prayers of thy servants, that we who are gathered together on the Nativity of the virgin Mother of God, may through her intercession be delivered by Thee from the dangers that threaten us: through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who is God, living and reigning with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, forever and ever. R. Amen.

*Commemoration*

**EPISTLE** (*Proverbs 8:22-35*): Lesson from the Book of Wisdom.

The Lord made me his when first he went about his work, at the birth of time, before his creation began. Long, long ago, before earth was fashioned, I held my course. Already I lay in the womb, when the depths were not yet in being, when no springs of water had yet broken; when I was born, the mountains had not yet sunk on their firm foundations, and there were no hills; not yet had he made the earth, or the rivers, or the solid framework of the world. I was there when he built the heavens, when he fenced in the waters with a vault inviolable, when he fixed the sky overhead, and levelled the fountain-springs of the deep. I was there when he enclosed the sea within its confines, forbidding the waters to transgress their assigned limits, when he poised the foundations of the world. I was at his side, a master-workman, my delight increasing with each day, as I made play before him all the while; made play in this world of dust, with the sons of

Adam for my play-fellows. Listen to me, then, you that are my sons, that follow, to your happiness, in the paths I shew you; listen to the teaching that will make you wise, instead of turning away from it. Blessed are they who listen to me, keep vigil, day by day, at my threshold, watching till I open my doors. The man who wins me, wins life, drinks deep of the Lord's favor.

**GRADUAL** (*Benedicta et venerabilis*): Blessed art thou, and worshipful, Mary, Virgin; who without loss of maidenhood wast found to be the mother of our Savior. V. Virgin mother of God, he whom the entire world cannot hold, enclosed himself within thy womb and was made man.

**Alleluia, alleluia.** V. This is the Nativity of the glorious virgin Mary, sprung from Abraham's line, from Juda's tribe, from the noble stock of David. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** (*Matt. 1:1-16*): + Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A record of the ancestry from which Jesus Christ, the son of David, son of Abraham, was born. Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac of Jacob, Jacob of Juda and his brethren; Juda of Phares and Zara, by Thamar; Phares of Eson, Eson of Aram, Aram of Aminadab, Aminadab of Naasson, Naasson of Salmon; Salmon of Booz, by Rahab; Booz of Obed, by Ruth; Obed of Jesse; and Jesse was the father of king David. And king David was the father of Solomon, by her that had been the wife of Urias. Solomon was the father of Roboam, Roboam of Abias, Abias of Asa, Asa of Josaphat, Josaphat of Joram, Joram of Ozias, Ozias of Joatham, Joatham of Achaz, Achaz of Ezechias, Ezechias of Manasses, Manasses of Amon, Amon of Josias; and Josias was the father of Jechonias and his brethren, at the time of the removal to Babylon. And after the removal to Babylon, Jechonias was the father of Salathiel, Salathiel of Zorobabel, Zorobabel of Abiud, Abiud of Eliacim, Eliacim of Azor, Azor of Sadoc, Sadoc of Achim, Achim of Eliud, Eliud of Eleazar, Eleazar of Mathan, Mathan of Jacob, and Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary; it was of her that Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

**OFFERTORY** (*Felix namque*): Happy art thou, sacred virgin Mary, and very worthy of all praise; for out of thee arose the sun of righteousness, the Christ, our God.

**SECRET:** Lord, we entreat thee to accept our offerings and prayers. Cleanse us by this heavenly rite, and mercifully heed us: through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who is God, living and reigning with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. R. Amen.

*Commemoration*

**PREFACE** (*Of the Blessed Virgin Mary*): Right indeed it is and just, proper, and for our welfare, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, and that we should all together praise, bless, and extol thee with exultant hearts on this festival of the nativity of the blessed Mary, ever-virgin. She it was who by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit conceived thy only begotten Son, and without losing the glory of the maidenhood, brought forth our Lord Jesus Christ to be the light of the world for ever. It is through him that thy majesty is praised by Angels, adored by Dominations, feared by Powers; through him that the heavens and the celestial Virtues join with the blessed Seraphim in one glad hymn of praise. We pray thee let our voices blend with theirs, as we humbly praise thee, singing: Holy, (*Sanctus*.)

**COMMUNION** (*Regina mundi*): Mary, ever virgin, sovereign Queen of the world, who didst bear Christ, the Lord and Savior of us all, may thy pleading bring us peace and safety.

**POST COMMUNION:** Grant, we pray thee, Lord our God, that we who in this life gladly commemorate thy saints, may find unending joy hereafter in their presence: through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who is God, living and reigning with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. R. Amen.

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