

Jesus, Purity of Virgins, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Crown of all Saints, *have mercy on us.*

From all evil, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
From all sin, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
From your 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 your inspirations, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through the mystery of your holy Incarnation, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Nativity, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Infancy, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your most divine Life, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Labors, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Agony and Passion, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Cross and Dereliction, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Sufferings, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Death and Burial, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Resurrection, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Ascension, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Joys, *deliver us, O Jesus.*  
Through your Glory, *deliver us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Jesus!*  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Jesus!*  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us, O Jesus!*

Jesus, hear us.  
Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray:  
O Lord Jesus Christ, you have said “ask, and you shall receive: seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you;” mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the grace of your most divine love, that we made love you with all our hearts, and in all our words and actions, and never cease to praise you.

Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of your holy name, for you never fail to govern those whom you solidly establish in your love. You, who live and reign forever and ever. *R Amen.*

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## Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Feast Day January 3rd**



**“At the name of Jesus every knee should bend”**

(St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians 2: 10)

## The Most Holy Name of Jesus

\*The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church, at least at local levels, since the end of the fifteenth century. The celebration has been held on different dates, usually in January, because 1 January, eight days after Christmas, commemorates the circumcision and naming of the child Jesus; as recounted in the Gospel read on that day, "at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Medieval Catholicism, and many other Christian churches to the present day, therefore celebrated both events as the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ, usually on 1 January. Bernardino of Siena placed great emphasis on the Holy Name, which he associated with the IHS Christogram, and may be responsible for the coupling of the two elements. Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. It was also promoted in a special manner by St. John Capistrano and by the Franciscan Order. The month of January has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

In the Latin Rite Catholic Church it is observed as an optional memorial on 3 January by Catholics following the present General Roman Calendar. Franciscans, Carmelites, and Augustinians kept the feast on 14 January; Dominicans on 15 January; in some localities the date was 8 January, in others 31 January, in some localities in Great Britain on 7 August. The date of the second Sunday after Epiphany was chosen by the Carthusians, then by Spain. This was the date assigned to the celebration when, on 20 December 1721, it was inserted into the General Calendar of the Roman Rite by Pope Innocent XIII. In the reform of Pope Pius X, enacted by his *motu proprio Abhinc duos annos* of 23 October 1913, it was moved to the Sunday between 2 and 5 January inclusive, and in years when no such Sunday existed the celebration was observed on 2 January; this is still observed by Catholics following calendars of 1914 to 1962. The reform of the liturgical calendar by the *motu proprio Mysteriorum Paschalis* of 14 February 1969 removed the feast "since the imposition of the name of Jesus is already commemorated in the office of the Octave of Christmas." However, the Mass texts of the Holy Name of Jesus were preserved, being placed with the Votive Masses. The celebration was restored to the General Roman Calendar with the 2002 Roman Missal.

This feast marks no progress in the development of the Church year. It merely embellishes the occasion just observed when the Child received the Name Jesus. The feast is meant to impress on us Christians the dignity of the Holy Name. It is a relatively new feast and signifies that the name should express the nature of a thing. Thus Adam in paradise gave animals names in accordance with their being. Among the Jews, God's name expressed HIS essence, Yahweh, i.e., I (alone) am who am (and causes all else to be). The Jews had the highest respect for the name of God, a reverence that finds continuation in the Our Father: "Hallowed be The Name."

\*(excerpted from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org); [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org))

## Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Jesus, hear us.  
Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*  
God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Son of the living God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Splendor of the Father, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, King of Glory, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Sun of Justice, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, most amiable, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, most admirable, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, the mighty God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Father of the world to come, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, angel of great counsel, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, most powerful, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, most obedient, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, meek and humble of heart, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Lover of Chastity, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, our Lover, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, God of Peace, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Author of Life, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Model of Virtues, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, zealous for souls, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, our God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, our Refuge, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Father of the Poor, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, good Shepherd, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, true Light, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, eternal Wisdom, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, infinite Goodness, *have mercy on 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.*

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