

Millbury ASASV

14 December 2020

Opening Prayer

Let us rejoice in the Glorious Assumption of the most Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, where she is raised above the Angels, reigning eternally with Jesus Christ. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we made be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Scripture

Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸ Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,^[a] but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,^[b] yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord^[c] appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. ²¹ She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,^[d] because he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

²³ ^[e]“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. ²⁵ He had no relations with her until she bore a son,^[f] and he named him Jesus.

Reflection



Please listen to our song:

The Cherry Tree Carol

When Joseph was an old man, an old man was he
He married Virgin Mary, the Queen of Galilee
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Joseph and Mary walked through an orchard green
There were cherries and berries, as thick as might be seen
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Mary said to Joseph, so meek and so mild:
Joseph, gather me some cherries, for I am with child
Joseph, gather me some cherries, for I am with child

Then Joseph flew in anger, in anger flew he
Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee!
Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee!

Then up spoke baby Jesus, from in Mary's womb:
Bend down the tallest branches, that my mother might have some
Bend down the tallest branches, that my mother might have some

And bend down the tallest branches, it touched Mary's hand
Cried she: Oh look thou Joseph, I have cherries by command
Oh look thou Joseph, I have cherries by command

Reflection Questions

We know that 11 days from now it will be Christmas, we are powerless to stop its coming.

How are you preparing for the arrival of Christmas?

Are there things this year that make you feel particularly powerless in your preparations?

As we continue with Advent and preparing for Christmas keep in mind how we can be open to the messages God sends to us and how can we be a messenger for God.



Next Meeting

11 January 2021 Via Zoom