

JANUARY

January 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 44: 15, 14

Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints,
and let the Church proclaim their praise.
Their names will live on and on.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give light to your Church
by the example and teaching
of the Bishops Saints Basil and Gregory,
grant, we pray,
that in humility we may learn your truth
and practice it faithfully in charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

May partaking at the heavenly table, almighty God,
confirm and increase strength from on high
in all who celebrate the feast day of Saints Basil and Gregory,
that we may preserve in integrity the gift of faith
and walk in the path of salvation you trace for us.
Through Christ our Lord.

January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 2: 10-11

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.

Collect

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race
 on the Incarnation of your Word,
 give your peoples the mercy they implore,
 so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked
 but the Name of your Only Begotten Son.
 Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

May the sacrificial gifts offered to your majesty, O Lord,
 to honor Christ's Name
 and which we have now received,
 fill us, we pray, with your abundant grace,
 so that we may come to rejoice
 that our names, too, are written in heaven.
 Through Christ our Lord.

[In the Dioceses of the United States]

January 4

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Memorial**

Entrance Antiphon

Behold a wise woman who has built her house.
 She feared the Lord and walked in the right path.

Or:

This is the generation
 which seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

Cf. Prv 14: 1-2

Cf. Ps 24 (23): 6

Collect

O God, who crowned with the gift of true faith
 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's burning zeal to find you,
 grant by her intercession and example
 that we may always seek you with diligent love
 and find you in daily service with sincere faith.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

As we partake of the sacrament of our salvation,
 while recalling the memory of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
 we humbly ask you, O Lord,
 that we may be inflamed with a burning desire for the heavenly table,
 and by its power consecrate our life faithfully to you.
 Through Christ our Lord.

[In the Dioceses of the United States]

January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop
 Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 16 (15): 5-6

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
 you it is who hold fast my lot.
 For me the measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites;
 fair to me indeed is my inheritance.

Collect

O God, who called the Bishop Saint John Neumann,
 renowned for his charity and pastoral service,
 to shepherd your people in America,
 grant by his intercession
 that, as we foster the Christian education of youth
 and are strengthened by the witness of brotherly love,
 we may constantly increase the family of your Church.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Refreshed by our participation in the memorial
 of the Death and Resurrection of your Son,
 we ask, O Lord,
 that by the example of Saint John Neumann,
 we may experience the power of this Sacrament
 and remain constantly in the Church
 by the bond of unity and truth.
 Through Christ our Lord.