

The Installation of the New Bishop Visitor

Monday, September 28, 2026 | *A Welcome for Bishop Jos Tharakan*

May Jesus and his dear Mother be with us on our journey.

Pause for silently remembering one another before the Lord.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

The maker of heaven and earth.

HYMN

390 | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
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 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, we give you praise and adoration for your goodness and kindness shown to us. We thank you for the gift you have given us in sending Bishop Jos to be the new Bishop Visitor of the Community of the Mother of Jesus. May the ministry of Bishop Jos among us be fruitful, as he observes our faithfulness to our Constitution and By-Laws and our charism contained in Mary's Way of Discipleship, our Vows and our ministry to the neighbors who are in need. May Bishop Jos call us to truly hear what Jesus tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 Peter 4:7-11

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
The world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
And made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
And who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
Who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
Nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
And a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
Of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
Lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
And the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is this King of glory?” *
The Lord, strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty in battle.”

Lift up your heads, O gates;
Lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
And the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is he, this King of glory?” *
“The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.”

THE GOSPEL

John 21:15-17

A reading from the Gospel of John.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

Br Will

THE INSTALLATION OF THE BISHOP VISITOR

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has remembered us in our needs, and sent to us a new Bishop Visitor to be the friend and protector of

this Community. Thus, I call upon my Vicar Pro Tempore to present to our new Visitor the copies of our Constitution and By-Laws.

Bishop Jos receive from my Vicar Pro Tempore and from this Community our Constitution and By-Laws as a sign of your ministry among us and your designation as the protector of our faithfulness to these guiding words and to the charism that defines this Community.

Thanks be to God.

The Vicar Pro Tempore certifies the position of Bishop Visitor is filled.

I hereby affirm that Bishop Jos has received and accepted the sign of his ministry among us, and that the position of Bishop Visitor of the Community of the Mother of Jesus is filled.

The Steward Guardian continues.

I publicly acknowledge the certification by my Vicar Pro Tempore that the position of Bishop Visitor of the Community of the Mother of Jesus has been filled. Bishop Jos, we thank Almighty God for bringing you here to serve in our midst as the second Bishop Visitor of this Community. May your eyes, your ears, and your heart be attentive to hear, and be, and do, what Jesus asks of you each day.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the holy church of God throughout the world that it be invigorated by the Holy Spirit to feed and tend the sheep, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For Bishop Jos that God will bless his ministry of caring for this flock, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our Steward Guardian, our Vicar Pro Tempore, and our Stewards as they seek to serve us and lead us in living Mary's Way of Discipleship as we serve the neighbors who are in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

That we be faithful to the charism of our founder and strive to do whatever Jesus tells us to do, so that we magnify the Lord in all we do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our members who have professed our four vows; for those who will soon profess them; for our novices, our postulants, our Companions, and all who visit our Community, that like Mary we will always seek to be the servants of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For those who have died, especially our Companion, Richard Blond, for . . . that they may rest in the green pastures of that heavenly homeland, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

With longing for the fullness of that kingdom, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

After the peace has been exchanged:

THE FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pray, Bishop, a blessing upon us.

The Bishop Visitor blesses the Community.

Let us go forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.