

**JULY 26,  
THE PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:  
MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from Genesis**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. And I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your

sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 132:11–19**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 132, verses 11 through 19, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 786.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 132 as found in the service bulletin.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:

12 “A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for  
evermore.”

- 14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation:
- 15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bless her provisions, \*  
and satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with  
shame; \*  
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* They yearned for the comforting of  
Israel, \*  
and the Holy Spirit dwelt in them.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do

not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.