



On January 1st, the Church celebrates the feast of the circumcision of Jesus and his naming as was customary at that time. Even though circumcision is a physical procedure, it portrayed a spiritual meaning: the presenting of a child to God.

Also, the world celebrates the beginning of the New Year: Christ becomes the center of our history. Usually, people make many resolutions. I hope we resolve to set more time to God and encounter him in the Eucharist and our brothers and sisters, especially the less fortunate and needy.

Happy New Year and may God shower His many blessings upon you and your loved ones.

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CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 1, 2023

Alleluia! 'Peace I give to you, my peace that lasts for ever. Let my Spirit and my love remain among you. Be not afraid. Just believe in me and that I live, and then live in me. In the world you will encounter tribulation. I have overcome the world, so you may have peace.' Alleluia! May God grant us peace.

Alleluia! Grant your guidance, Lord, to those who rule among us, that they may preserve your peace and guard your justice, to keep us safe. May they govern us with equity, truth, and righteousness. Then the clouds will rain on us enduring justice, while the hills will bear for us the fruit of true peace. Alleluia! May God grant us peace.

Sedro-Liturgy of the Word for the Circumcision of Our Lord

