

# **CANDLE CELEBRATION**

## **OPENING SONG**

## **PROCESSION & DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL CANDLES**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **FIRST READING (Luke 1: 26-38)**

Let us contemplate Mary in the scene of the Annunciation. Mary is the model of trust. She is a model for the trust she had in God: “Ecce – Behold; Fiat – Be it done to me” are signs of her abandonment to the Lord and, therefore, her trust.

## **LARGE CANDLE LIT & THE FIRST DECADE OF THE ROSARY IS SAID**

## **SONG**

### **SECOND READING (from scripture or the writings of Bishop Giaquinta on OLT)**

## **LARGE CANDLE LIT & THE SECOND DECADE OF THE ROSARY IS SAID**

## **PROCESSION**

All light their small candle from Mary’s large candle before they process to the place where a meal will be served. Small candles are placed on the tables, people are seated and bread is placed on the tables.

### **BLESSING OF THE BREAD (After each statement the people respond AMEN)**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation: you bring forth bread from the earth. AMEN.  
God is blessed in all his gifts and holy in all his works. AMEN.  
All the world hopes in you, O Lord, that you will give us food in our hunger. AMEN.  
Blessed are you, O Mary, you gave us Jesus, the Bread of Life. AMEN.

### **THE THIRD DECADE OF THE ROSARY IS SAID**

This decade is offered in thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus, bread, Eucharist, Savior who was born into this world in the womb of Mary.

## **THE MEAL BEGINS**

### **FOURTH & FIFTH DECADES OF THE ROSARY**

To be said after completion of the meal. Each decade may be preceded by a prayer, such as: (1) Let us be led like little children and trust that Mary will lead us to Jesus. (2) Let us grow in wisdom and grace with the help of Mary, our mother and guide. (3) Let us find courage in the courage of Mary who stood below the cross.

## **CLOSING SONG**