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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, **Feast**

Prayer after Communion:

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us
the heavenly Jerusalem
through the sign of your Church on earth,
grant, we pray,
that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,
we may be made the temple of your grace
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Reflection:

We have received the Most Holy Eucharist and recalled the dedication of the church of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church for Rome and for the world. All church buildings are dedicated and made holy so they can be places where the Church assembles to be nourished by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and to be strengthened in community.

Today's celebration of the Eucharist also leads us to recall how our parish church was dedicated. As the people were sprinkled with water before the building itself was sprinkled in the Rite of Dedication, we recall how each of us became members of the Church, the Body of Christ, through Baptism. We are temples of grace being formed in ways as to be worthy of entering into the heavenly Jerusalem. We have a foretaste of this in our own parish church building.

Prayer:

O God, you will that all people gather to give praise, honor, and glory for the gift of the Eucharist. Through all times you have dwelt with your people in their creation of a building in which to celebrate the Eucharist, the other Sacraments, and sacramentals. Be with us today as we recall the dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Be with us every day in our parish church; may it always be a place where we are initiated into the awe of what we will find on entering the new and heavenly Jerusalem. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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