

Virtual Eucharistic Adoration

Create a prayerful setting for this special time with the Lord and access an on-line chapel.

May this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament be an opportunity to grow in awareness of the incomparable treasure which Christ entrusted to his Church.

“Do not grieve over the trials and tribulations you go through.

No leaf falls that God does not want, says a proverb. God will get his glory out of it, and in the meantime let us surrender ourselves into God’s hands to not go astray.”

(Bl. John Merlini, Letter 265)

MARCH CONTEMPLATION

But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. – *John 5:17-18*

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, in the Eucharist You make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion; sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Let us keep silence before God – silent within ourselves – that our hearts and ears may be open.

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Jesus Christ, our Master, You are the Way and the Truth and the Life. Grant that we may learn the sublime knowledge of Your charity in the Spirit of St. Paul the Apostle and of the Catholic Church. Send Your Holy Spirit to teach us and remind us of what You have preached. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Scripture Reading (*Acts 13: 24-33*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. As John was completing his work, he said: “Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No, but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (Psalm 112:1-4)

Response: The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

 Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. **R/**:

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
 and their righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
 for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. **R/**:

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
 who conduct their affairs with justice. **R/**:

Glory Be...

Reflection from the Catechism: Faith - the beginning of eternal life

Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God "face to face", "as he is".⁴⁷ So faith is already the beginning of eternal life: When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy.⁴⁸ (CCC, 163)

⁴⁷ 1 Cor 13:12 ⁴⁸ St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II, 4, 1.

Seasonal Prayer

God our Father, in your care and wisdom you extend the reign of Christ to embrace the world to give all people redemption. May the Catholic Church be the sign of our salvation, may it reveal for us the mystery of your love, and may that love become effective in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Meditation from the Nicene Creed

*"God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father..."*

Jesus has a true divine nature which he receives from and shares with the Father. The truth of Jesus divinity is so important it is repeated here five times. Jesus is God from God, the Son from the Father, the Light from the Light. Jesus is begotten of the Father not made, he is not a creature like you and me but an emanation of the Father's essence. Consubstantial means "one in substance or essence." Jesus is true God.

* The Meditations this year will focus on the **Nicene Creed**. Pope Leo XIV visited Turkey in observance of the 1700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea which drafted the first Nicene Creed in 325. Today nearly all Christian denominations regard the Nicene Creed as a foundational and authoritative statement of faith. Thus approximately 98.5% of the world's Christians adhere to the Nicene Creed's Trinitarian and Christological doctrines.

Intentions

Let us pray together the Daily Offering with the intentions of the Holy Father and our personal intentions:

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Eternal Father, we offer you in union with Mary, Mother of the Redeemer of humankind, the Blood Jesus shed with love in his passion and every day is offered on the altar. In union with the Victim offered for the salvation of the world, we offer today's actions in expiation for our sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the souls in purgatory, for the needs of the holy Church, and especially:

For the Holy Father's Intention for Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

God of compassion, look with favor upon all who work and pray for the unity of divided Christian communities, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

Lord, You have promised to be with your Church always, may the Holy Spirit inspire many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

For those who've asked the help of our prayers, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

The Blood of Christ is Life for all Our Needs

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar:

- ⊕ For the glory of your name, for the coming of your kingdom and for the salvation of all.
- ⊕ For the propagation of faith, for Pope Francis, for bishops, priests, and religious and for the sanctification of all the people of God.
- ⊕ For the conversion of sinners, for the loving acceptance of your Word, and for the union of all Christians.
- ⊕ For civil authorities, for the strengthening of public morals, and for peace and justice among all nations.
- ⊕ For the sanctification of our work and suffering, for the poor, sick and afflicted, and for all who rely on our prayers.
- ⊕ For our own spiritual and temporal needs, for those of our relatives, benefactors, and also for those of our enemies.
- ⊕ For those who are to die this day, for the souls in purgatory, and for our final union with Christ in Glory.

Our Father...

Silent Reflection

Closing Prayer: Precious Blood Prayer

All: Almighty and Eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Most Precious Blood, pray for us.

St. Gaspar, pray for us, St. Maria De Mattias, pray for us,

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.