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.

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It is necessary to send our workers everywhere, so that the earth will be cleansed in the Divine Blood. – St. Gaspar #1308

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: (Hebrews 11: 1-4,7-8,13)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (*Psalm 16:5-6, 7-8, 9-11*)

Response: You will fill me with joy in your presence.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. R/.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. R/.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. R/.

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I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. R/.

Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. *R*/.

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. **R**/.

Glory Be...

Reflection from the Catechism: On earth as it is in heaven

"He has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ . . . to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will." (Eph. 1:9-11) We ask insistently for this loving plan to be fully realized on earth as it is already in heaven. (CCC, 2823)

.... We ask our Father to unite our will to his Son's, in order to fulfill his will, his plan of salvation for the life of the world. We are radically incapable of this, but united with Jesus and with the power of his Holy Spirit, we can surrender our will to him and decide to choose what his Son has always chosen: to do what is pleasing to the Father. (cf. John 8:29) (CCC, 2825)

Seasonal Prayer: Prayer for Fathers

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children. We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted fatherhood. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive your grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord, Amen.

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Silent Reflection

This year the **Meditations** will be taken from *Gaudete et Exsultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis that presents a spiritualty of holiness in everyday life clearly based on Catholic Tradition.

Meditation: Spe Salvi, The concept of faith-based hope in the New Testament and the early Church Faith is not merely a personal reaching out towards things to come that are still totally absent: it gives us something. It gives us even now something of the reality we are waiting for, and this present reality constitutes for us a "proof" of the things that are still unseen. Faith draws the future into the present, so that it is no longer simply a "not yet". The fact that this future exists changes the present; the present is touched by the future reality, and thus the things of the future spill over into those of the present and those of the present into those of the future.⁷

Knowing how to wait, while patiently enduring trials, is necessary for the believer to be able to "receive what is promised" (Hebrews 10:36)... . In the New Testament this expectation of God, this standing with God, takes on a new significance: in Christ, God has revealed himself. He has already communicated to us the "substance" of things to come, and thus the expectation of God acquires a new certainty.⁹

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^{*} In memory of Pope Benedict XVI, this year's **Meditations** will be taken from his encyclical *Spe Salvi – in hope we were saved -* that reminds us of the future awaiting us in Jesus Christ.

[&]quot;The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life." Spe Salvi, 2

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 the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families, we pray to the Lord. **R**/.

For parents who seek to raise their children in the faith of Jesus Christ, grant that their love may bear fruit, 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.

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