

## **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.*

## **JULY CONTEMPLATION**

*Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus who with His blood has saved us.  
– St. Gaspar #2103*

### **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:** *(2 Timothy 2:1-10)*

*A reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy*

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** (PSALM 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6)

*R/. The Lord will remember his covenant forever.*

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart in the company and assembly of the just.  
Great are the works of the LORD, exquisite in all their delights. *R/.*

Majesty and glory are his work, and his justice endures forever.  
He has won renown for his wondrous deeds; gracious and merciful is the LORD. *R/.*

He has given food to those who fear him; he will forever be mindful of his covenant.  
He has made known to his people the power of his works, giving them the inheritance of the nations. *R/.*

**Glory Be...**

**Reflection:** (Catechism, 64,65)

Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts. The prophets proclaim a radical redemption of the People of God, purification from all their infidelities, a salvation which will include all the nations.<sup>23</sup> Above all, the poor and humble of the Lord will bear this hope.

"In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son."<sup>26</sup> Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect and unsurpassable Word. In him he has said everything; there will be no other word than this one.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH, SECTION ONE: "I BELIEVE" - "WE BELIEVE", CHAPTER TWO: GOD COMES TO MEET MAN; ARTICLE 1: THE REVELATION OF GOD, II. THE STAGES OF REVELATION, 64; III. CHRIST JESUS -- "MEDIATOR AND FULLNESS OF ALL REVELATION.")

**Seasonal Prayer: Precious Blood Prayer**

*July is the month of the Precious Blood*

Father, by the blood of your own Son you have set all people free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly celebrating the mystery of our salvation, we may reach the eternal life it promises. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Silent Reflection**

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

**Meditation:** (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 143,145,146)

The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things.<sup>1</sup>

A community that cherishes the little details of love, [107] Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (19 March 2016), 133: AAS 108 (2016), 363.] whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan.<sup>2</sup>

Contrary to the growing consumerist individualism that tends to isolate us in a quest for well-being apart from others, our path to holiness can only make us identify all the more with Jesus' prayer "that all may be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you" (*Jn 17:21*).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 143

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* 145

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.* 146

## 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 elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

You chose bread and wine as the signs of the Eucharist. May we always hunger and thirst for the food that nourishes us for eternal life: *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.