

ORDER OF EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

QUARTERLY APPENDIX

JUNE – AUGUST 2018

MONTHLY INTERCESSIONS (JUNE – AUGUST 2018)

JUNE

Pope Francis (Social Networks): That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences. We pray to the Lord ...

Bishop Ricken (Parish Staff, Volunteers, and Ministers): That parish staff, volunteers, and ministers throughout this Diocesan Jubilee Year may be renewed in their ministry in the imitation of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

JULY

Pope Francis (Priests and their Pastoral Ministry): That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Bishop Ricken (Young Adults and Young Adult Ministers): That the young adults and young adult ministers of our Diocese may continually discover new ways of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

AUGUST

Pope Francis (The Treasure of Families): That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Bishop Ricken (Couples Celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Marriage & their Families): That couples in our Diocese celebrating their 50th anniversary of marriage during this Jubilee Year may be blessed in their witness of selfless love and discipleship.

MONTHLY READINGS/SELECTIONS (JUNE – AUGUST 2018)

JUNE

Selection I: 1 THES 2:9-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery.

Working night and day in order not to burden any of you,
we proclaimed to you the Gospel of God.

You are witnesses, and so is God,
how devoutly and justly and blamelessly
we behaved toward you believers.

As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children,
exhorting and encouraging you and insisting
that you walk in a manner worthy of the God
who calls you into his Kingdom and glory.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly,
that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us,
you received it not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God,
which is now at work in you who believe.

The Word of the Lord

Selection II: MT 22:34-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Gospel of the Lord

Selection III: St. John Chrysostom; (Homily on the First Epistle to the Corinthians [392 A.D.]

From Saint John Chrysostom:

“What is that Bread? The Body of Christ! What do they become who are partakers therein? The Body of Christ! Not many bodies, but one Body....For you are not nourished by one Body while someone else is nourished by another Body; rather, all are nourished by the same Body....

When you see the Body of Christ lying on the altar, say to yourself, "Because of this Body I am no longer earth and ash, no longer a prisoner, but free. Because of this Body I hope for heaven, and I hope to receive the good things that are in heaven, immortal life, the lot of the angels, familiar conversation with Christ. This Body, scourged and crucified, has not been fetched by death...This is that Body which was blood-stained, which was pierced by a lance, and from which gushed forth those saving fountains, one of blood and the other of water, for all the world"...This is the Body which He gave us, both to hold in reserve and to eat, which was appropriate to intense love..."

JULY

Selection I: 1 THES 3:7-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We have been reassured about you, brothers and sisters,
in our every distress and affliction, through your faith.
For we now live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

What thanksgiving, then, can we render to God for you,
for all the joy we feel on your account before our God?
Night and day we pray beyond measure to see you in person
and to remedy the deficiencies of your faith.
Now may God himself, our Father, and our Lord Jesus
direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase
and abound in love for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Selection II: MT 24:42-51

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house
had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,
he would have stayed awake
and not let his house be broken into.

So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant,
whom the master has put in charge of his household
to distribute to them their food at the proper time?
Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so.
Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property.
But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,'
and begins to beat his fellow servants,
and eat and drink with drunkards,
the servant's master will come on an unexpected day
and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely
and assign him a place with the hypocrites,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord

Selection III: Pope Francis (*Gaudete et Exsultate*; March 2018)

From Pope Francis:

If we realize that God exists, we cannot help but worship him, at times in quiet wonder, and praise him in festive song. We thus share in the experience of Blessed Charles de Foucauld, who said: “As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for him”. In the life of God’s pilgrim people, there can be many simple gestures of pure adoration, as when “the gaze of a pilgrim rests on an image that symbolizes God’s affection and closeness. Love pauses, contemplates the mystery, and enjoys it in silence”.

The prayerful reading of God’s word, which is “sweeter than honey” yet a “two-edged sword,” enables us to pause and listen to the voice of the Master. It becomes a lamp for our steps and a light for our path. As the bishops of India have reminded us, “devotion to the word of God is not simply one of many devotions, beautiful but somewhat optional. It goes to the very heart and identity of Christian life. The word has the power to transform lives”.

Meeting Jesus in the Scriptures leads us to the Eucharist, where the written word attains its greatest efficacy, for there the living Word is truly present. In the Eucharist, the one true God receives the greatest worship the world can give him, for it is Christ himself who is offered. When we receive him in Holy Communion, we renew our covenant with him and allow him to carry out ever more fully his work of transforming our lives.

AUGUST

Selection I: 1 COR 10:14-22

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

My beloved ones, avoid idolatry.
I am speaking as to sensible people;
judge for yourselves what I am saying.
The cup of blessing that we bless,
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?
The bread that we break,
is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?
Because the loaf of bread is one,
we, though many, are one Body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.

Look at Israel according to the flesh;
are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?
So what am I saying?
That meat sacrificed to idols is anything?
Or that an idol is anything?
No, I mean that what they sacrifice,
they sacrifice to demons, not to God,
and I do not want you to become participants with demons.
You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and also the cup of demons.
You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and of the table of demons.
Or are we provoking the Lord to jealous anger?
Are we stronger than him?

The Word of the Lord

Selection II: LK 9:57-62

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable
about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.
He said, "There was a judge in a certain town
who neither feared God nor respected any human being.
And a widow in that town used to come to him and say,
'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'
For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought,
'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being,
because this widow keeps bothering me
I shall deliver a just decision for her
lest she finally come and strike me.'"
The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says.
Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.
But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord

Selection III: St. John Chrysostom (*Homilies on First Corinthians 24:1(3)* [A.D. 392])

From St. John Chrysostom:

‘The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not communion of the blood of Christ?’ Very trustworthy and awesomely does Paul say it. For what he is saying is this: What is in the cup is that which flowed from his side, and we partake of it. He called it a cup of blessing because when we hold it in our hands that is how we praise him in song, wondering and astonished at his indescribable gift, blessing him because of his having poured out this very gift so that we might not remain in error; and not only for his having poured it out, but also for his sharing it with all of us.

‘If therefore you desire blood,’ the Lord says, ‘do not redden the platform of idols with the slaughter of dumb beasts, but my altar of sacrifice with my blood.’

What is more awesome than this? What, pray tell, more tenderly loving?

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