

ORDER OF EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

QUARTERLY APPENDIX

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2017

MONTHLY INTERCESSIONS (SEPT. – NOV. 2017)

SEPTEMBER 2017

Pope Francis (Parishes): That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Bishop Ricken (Farmers): That local farmers may be blessed with an abundant crop that will continue to nourish and sustain all who partake in their harvest.

OCTOBER 2017

Pope Francis (Workers and the Unemployed): That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Bishop Ricken (Women and Men Religious): That those who serve our local Church as women and men religious may be strengthened in their mission to share the Gospel as joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

NOVEMBER 2017

Pope Francis (Christians in Asia): That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Bishop Ricken (Homeless): That our brothers and sisters who are homeless within our communities find shelter and protection, and that those who care for them may be strengthened in their ministry.

MONTHLY READINGS/SELECTIONS (SEPT. – NOV.)

SEPTEMBER

Selection I: 1 HEB 4:12-16

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews:

The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
penetrating even between soul and spirit,
joints and marrow,
and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.
No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.
For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who has similarly been tested in every way,
yet without sin.
So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

The Word of the Lord

Selection II: MK 2:13-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Jesus went out along the sea.

All the crowd came to him and he taught them.

As he passed by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus [AL-fee-uhs],
sitting at the customs post.

Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed Jesus.

While he was at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples;
for there were many who followed him.

Some scribes who were Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with sinners
and tax collectors and said to his disciples,

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus heard this and said to them,

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.
I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

The Gospel of the Lord

Selection III: St. Theresa of Calcutta; Letter (March 25, 1993)

From Saint Theresa of Calcutta:

“Jesus wants me to tell you again... how much love He has for each one of you—beyond all you can imagine. I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus—one to one—you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in chapel—but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus—not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for the grace, He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying “I thirst” in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person—not just the idea. How can we last even one day without hearing Jesus say “I love you”—impossible.

Our soul needs that as much as the body needs to breathe the air. If not, prayer is dead—meditation-only thinking. Jesus wants you each to hear Him—speaking in the silence of your heart. Be careful of all that can block that personal contact with the living Jesus. The devil may try to use the hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes—to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that He loves you, but even more—He longs for you. He misses you when you don’t come close.

He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don’t feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes—He is the one who always accepts you. My children, you don’t have to be different for Jesus to love you. Only believe—You are precious to Him. Bring all you are suffering to His feet—only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest. You all know in your mind that Jesus loves you—but in this letter Mother wants to touch your heart instead. Jesus wants to stir up our hearts, so not to lose our early love, especially in the future after Mother leaves you. That is why I ask you to read this letter before the Blessed Sacrament, the same place it was written, so Jesus himself can speak to you each one.

OCTOBER

Selection I: 1 COR 11:17-26, 33

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters:

In giving this instruction, I do not praise the fact
that your meetings are doing more harm than good.

First of all, I hear that when you meet as a Church
there are divisions among you,
and to a degree I believe it;

there have to be factions among you
in order that also those who are approved among you
may become known.

When you meet in one place, then,
it is not to eat the Lord's supper,
for in eating, each one goes ahead with his own supper,
and one goes hungry while another gets drunk.

Do you not have houses in which you can eat and drink?

Or do you show contempt for the Church of God
and make those who have nothing feel ashamed?

What can I say to you? Shall I praise you?

In this matter I do not praise you.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,
took bread and, after he had given thanks,
broke it and said, "This is my Body that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my Blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

The Word of the Lord

Selection II: LK 7:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

When Jesus had finished all his words to the people,
he entered Capernaum.

A centurion there had a slave who was ill and about to die,
and he was valuable to him.

When he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him,
asking him to come and save the life of his slave.

They approached Jesus and strongly urged him to come, saying,
“He deserves to have you do this for him,
for he loves our nation and he built the synagogue for us.”

And Jesus went with them,

but when he was only a short distance from the house,
the centurion sent friends to tell him,

“Lord, do not trouble yourself,
for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof.

Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you;
but say the word and let my servant be healed.

For I too am a person subject to authority,
with soldiers subject to me.

And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes;
and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes;
and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him
and, turning, said to the crowd following him,
“I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

When the messengers returned to the house,
they found the slave in good health.

The Gospel of the Lord

Selection III: Blessed Paul VI; *Ecclesiam Suam*, nos. 56, 63 (August 6, 1964)

From Blessed Paul VI:

“Charity is the key to everything. It sets all to rights. There is nothing which charity cannot achieve and renew. Charity "bears all things, believeth all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Who is there among us who does not realize this? And since we realize it, is not this the time to put it into practice? ...

The fact that we are distinct from the world does not mean that we are entirely separated from it. Nor does it mean that we are indifferent to it, afraid of it, or contemptuous of it. When the Church distinguishes itself from humanity, it does so not in order to oppose it, but to come closer to it.

A physician who realizes the danger of disease, protects himself and others from it, but at the same time he strives to cure those who have contracted it.

The Church does the same thing. It does not regard God's mercy as an exclusive privilege, nor does the greatness of the privilege it enjoys make it feel unconcerned for those who do not share it.

On the contrary, it finds in its own salvation an argument for showing more concern and more love for those who live close at hand, or to whom it can go in its endeavor to make all alike share the blessing of salvation.”

NOVEMBER

Selection I: 1 RV 15:1-4

A reading from the book of Revelation:

I, John, saw in heaven another sign, great and awe-inspiring:
seven angels with the seven last plagues,
for through them God's fury is accomplished.

Then I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire.
On the sea of glass were standing those
who had won the victory over the beast
and its image and the number that signified its name.
They were holding God's harps,
and they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God,
and the song of the Lamb:

"Great and wonderful are your works,
Lord God almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
O king of the nations.
Who will not fear you, Lord,
or glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All the nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed."

The Word of the Lord

Selection II: LK 21:29-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus told his disciples a parable.

“Consider the fig tree and all the other trees.

When their buds burst open,

you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near;

in the same way, when you see these things happening,

know that the Kingdom of God is near.

Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away

until all these things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away,

but my words will not pass away.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Selection III: Pope Francis; *Amoris Laetitia*, nos. 254-258 (March 19, 2016)

From Pope Francis:

“I can understand the anguish felt by those who have lost a much-loved person, a spouse with whom they have shared so much. Jesus himself was deeply moved and began to weep at the death of a friend (cf. *Jn 11:33, 35*). And how can we even begin to understand the grief of parents who have lost a child? “It is as if time stops altogether: a chasm opens to engulf both past and future”, and “at times we even go so far as to lay the blame on God. How many people – I can understand them – get angry with God”. “Losing one’s spouse is particularly difficult...” ...

One way of maintaining fellowship with our loved ones is to pray for them. The Bible tells us that “to pray for the dead” is “holy and pious” (*2 Macc 12:44-45*). “Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective” ...

If we accept death, we can prepare ourselves for it. The way is to grow in our love for those who walk at our side, until that day when “death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more” (*Rev 21:4*). We will thus prepare ourselves to meet once more our loved ones who have died ...

The better we live on this earth, the greater the happiness we will be able to share with our loved ones in heaven. The more we are able to mature and develop in this world, the more gifts will we be able to bring to the heavenly banquet.”

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