

ORDER OF EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

QUARTERLY APPENDIX

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2016

September Instruct the Ignorant (S)
October Feed the Hungry (C)
November..... Bury the Dead (C); Pray for the Living and the Dead (S)

MONTHLY INTERCESSIONS ADDENDUM (SEPT. – NOV.)

SEPTEMBER

Bishop Ricken's Intentions: That those who share Christ's Gospel, especially to members of their own families, may do so with great mercy and love; we pray to the Lord...

For an end to terrorism and an increase in peace and unity in our world, especially within our country; we pray to the Lord...

Pope Francis' Evangelization Intention: That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize; we pray to the Lord...

Pope Francis' Universal Intention: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center; we pray to the Lord...

OCTOBER

Bishop Ricken's Intentions: That the hungry within our communities may find from our homes and parishes a generous outpouring of food and resources; we pray to the Lord...

That the Holy Spirit guide voters of our country in their discernment of candidates who will serve with the merciful love of the Father; we pray to the Lord...

Pope Francis' Evangelization Intention: That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it; we pray to the Lord...

Pope Francis' Universal Intention: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics; we pray to the Lord...

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NOVEMBER

Bishop Ricken's Intentions: For all who minister to those experiencing grief and loss, especially within families, that they may be strengthened in sharing the hope of Risen Christ with others; we pray to the Lord...

That all may work to spread peace and reconciliation, especially in the wake of violence and hatred; we pray to the Lord...

Pope Francis' Evangelization Intention: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement; we pray to the Lord...

Pope Francis' Universal Intention: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity; we pray to the Lord...

MONTHLY READINGS/SELECTIONS (SEPT. – NOV.)

SEPTEMBER Instruct the Ignorant

Selection I: ROM 10:9-18

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The Scripture says,

No one who believes in him will be put to shame.

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

the same Lord is Lord of all,

enriching all who call upon him.

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed?

And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard?

And how can they hear without someone to preach?

And how can people preach unless they are sent?

As it is written,

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!

But not everyone has heeded the good news;

for Isaiah says, *Lord, who has believed what was heard from us?*

Thus faith comes from what is heard,

and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

But I ask, did they not hear?

Certainly they did; for

Their voice has gone forth to all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Selection II: MT 19:16-22

A Reading from the holy Gospel According to Matthew:

A young man approached Jesus and said,
“Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?”
He answered him, “Why do you ask me about the good?
There is only One who is good.
If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.”
He asked him, “Which ones?”
And Jesus replied, “*You shall not kill;
you shall not commit adultery;
you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness;
honor your father and your mother;
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”
The young man said to him,
“All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?”
Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go,
sell what you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven.
Then come, follow me.”
When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad,
for he had many possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Selection III: Pope Francis (General Audience: May 22, 2013)

From Pope Francis:

Without the presence and the incessant action of the Holy Spirit, the Church could not live and could not accomplish the task that the Risen Jesus has entrusted her; to go and make disciples of all nations (cf. Mt 28:18). Evangelization is the mission of the Church, not just of a few, but my, your, our mission. The Apostle Paul exclaimed: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16). Everyone must be evangelizers, especially through with their life!...

Who is the real engine of evangelization in our lives and in the Church? Paul VI wrote with clarity: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer who allows himself to be possessed and led by Him. The Holy Spirit places on his lips the words which he could not find by himself, and at the same time the Holy Spirit predisposes the soul of the hearer to be open and receptive to the Good News and to the kingdom being proclaimed."(ibid., 75).

To evangelize, then, we must be open to the action of the Spirit of God, without fear of what He asks us or where He leads us. Let us entrust ourselves to Him! He enables us to live and bear witness to our faith, and enlighten the hearts of those we meet... We should all ask ourselves: how do I let myself be guided by the Holy Spirit so that my witness of faith is one of unity and communion? Do I bring the message of reconciliation and love that is the Gospel to the places where I live? ... What do I do with my life? Do I bring unity? Or do I divide with gossip and envy? Let us ask ourselves this. Bringing the Gospel means we in the first place must live reconciliation, forgiveness, peace, unity, love that the Holy Spirit gives us. Let us remember the words of Jesus: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35).

OCTOBER Feed the Hungry

Selection I: IS 58:7-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD:

Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked when you see them,
and do not turn your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!
If you remove from your midst
oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;
if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

The Word of the Lord.

Selection II: JN 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,

and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Selection III: St. Augustine (Discourse on the Value of Being Merciful – Sermon 358A)

From St. Augustine of Hippo:

“We are to discuss, then, what being merciful or kindhearted essentially is. It is nothing other than feeling a soreness of heart caught from others. It gets its Latin name, *miser cordia* [mizer-A-CORD-ee-a], from the sorrow of someone who is miserable; it is made up of two words, *miser*, miserable, and *cor*, heart. It means being heartsore. So when someone else’s misery or sorrow touches and pierces your heart, it’s called *miser cordia*, or soreness of heart.

And so observe... how all the good works which we perform in our lives are really an expression of being merciful or heartsore. For example, you offer some bread to a hungry man; offer sympathetic kindness from the heart; don’t do it contemptuously, or you’ll be treating a fellow human being like a dog. So when you perform a work of mercy, if you’re offering bread, feel sorry for the hungry; if you’re offering drink, feel sorry for the thirsty; if you’re handing out clothes, feel sorry for the naked; if you’re offering hospitality, feel sorry for the stranger and traveler; if you’re visiting the sick, feel sorry for the people who are ill; if you’re burying the dead, feel sorry for the deceased; if you’re patching up a quarrel, feel sorry for the quarrelers.

We do none of these things, if we love God and our neighbor, without some sorrow of heart. They are good works which confirm that we are Christians. You see, the holy apostle says, *While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all* (Gal 6:10). And again, what does he say himself in the same place about such good work? *This I say, however; that the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly* (2 Cor 9:6). He has introduced sowing time, promised a harvest.”

NOVEMBER..... Bury the Dead; Pray for the Living and the Dead

Selection I: ROM 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,

and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

As I live, says the Lord, every knee

shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

Selection II: JN 11:32-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,
she fell at his feet and said to him,
"Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,
"Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said,

"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

"Lord, by now there will be a stench;
he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

"Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this,

he cried out in a loud voice,

"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out,
tied hand and foot with burial bands,
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to the crowd,
"Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Selection III: St. John Paul II (Message for the Millennium of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed: June 2, 1998)

From St. John Paul II:

"... The Church hopes for the eternal salvation of all her children and of all mankind... While waiting for death to be overcome once and for all, "some of the disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory", contemplating the Trinity in full light¹... Intercession for the dead, just as the life of those living according to the divine commandments, obtains the merits that serve the full attainment of salvation. It is an expression of the fraternal charity of the one family of God, by which "we are faithful to the Church's deepest vocation"²: "to save souls who will love God eternally"³...

Contemplation of the lives of those who have followed Christ encourages us to lead a good, upright Christian life which makes us "worthy of the kingdom of God" (2 Thes 1:5). Thus we are called to "supernatural vigilance"... so that we can prepare ourselves each day for eternal life. As Cardinal John Henry Newman emphasized: "We are not simply to believe, but to watch; not simply to love, but to watch; not simply to obey, but to watch; ... and thus it happens that watching is a suitable test of a Christian". This is because to watch is "to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming"⁴

The prayers of intercession and petition which the Church never ceases to raise to God have great value. They are "characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy"⁵. The Lord always lets himself be moved by his children's supplications, for he is the God of the living...

From transcript:

¹ Second Vatican Council, *Lumen gentium*, n. 49; cf. Eugene IV, Bull *Laetantur coeli*.

² *Lumen gentium*, n. 51

³ Therese of Lisieux, *Prayers*, 6; cf. *Manuscript A 77r0*.

⁴ *Parochial and Plain Sermons*, IV, 22.

⁵ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2635.

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