

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.*

DECEMBER CONTEMPLATION

JOY

*“Be happy in the Lord, doing very quietly his lovable will and gently submitting yourself to it.”
– St. Gaspar #1759*

Opening Prayer

Dear Jesus, we believe that You truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We adore You with profound reverence. We beg pardon for our sins and the grace to make this time of prayer fruitful. May our Immaculate Mother, St. Joseph our Patron, our guardian angels, and our patron saints intercede for us during this time of prayer and adoration. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Year of St. Joseph

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”),
Pope Francis has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph”
to honor the man who played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

The Year of St. Joseph Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions...and confidently invoke your patronage. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ...As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Scripture Reading: (Philippians 4:4-9, 19-20)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *(Psalm 97:1-7)*

Response: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever.

I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. *R/.*

Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. *R/.*

Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. *R/.*

I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles.

Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. *R/.*

Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;

they will sing with joy about your righteousness. *R/.*

Glory Be...

Reflection: JOY

By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." (*1 Cor..2:9*)

How great will your glory and happiness be, to be allowed to see God, to be honored with sharing the joy of salvation and eternal light with Christ your Lord and God, . . . to delight in the joy of immortality in the Kingdom of heaven with the righteous and God's friends.

(Catechism, 1026, 1027, 1028)

A Christmas Prayer

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Reflection

During this Year of St. Joseph may we learn of his holy life, implore his intercession, and imitate his virtues and his zeal. (Pope Francis, Patris Corde).

Meditation: Year of St. Joseph

Devotion to St. Joseph should play a prominent part in the spiritual life of every Catholic family. Jesus Himself has set the example-since it was He and His holy Mother who first practiced this devotion: they lavished on St. Joseph all the wealth of affection, tenderness, and trust, which the most loving of sons and the most devoted of spouses could bestow. So that in loving and honoring St. Joseph we are simply following in their footsteps.*

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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 that the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

For all who hear and read God's word with faith, that the Spirit may touch their hearts with joy, let us 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/.*

Faithful guardian of Jesus, help us all we love to become mangers
where the Savior of the world may be received with absolute love and respect.

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. Joseph, pray for us, St. Gaspar, pray for us, St. Maria De Mattias, pray for us,
St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.