

ORDER OF EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

APPENDIX

DECEMBER 2018

(IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE 150TH DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR)

MONTHLY INTERCESSION (DECEMBER 2018)

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Pope Francis (In the Service of the Transmission of Faith): That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Bishop Ricken (In Thanksgiving for the 150th Diocesan Jubilee Year in 2018): We give thanks for the multitude of blessings that we have received during the Diocesan Jubilee Year and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in the years ahead in forming true communities of missionary disciples on the way.

MONTHLY READINGS/SELECTIONS (DECEMBER 2018)

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: MT 5:13-16

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

Selection III: Pope Francis (Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary)

In the presence of Jesus Christ, her son, let us call upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Prayer of Pope Francis at the conclusion of his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*:

Mary, Virgin and Mother,
you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,
welcomed the word of life
in the depths of your humble faith:
as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One,
help us to say our own “yes”
to the urgent call, as pressing as ever,
to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Filled with Christ’s presence,
you brought joy to John the Baptist,
making him exult in the womb of his mother.
Brimming over with joy,
you sang of the great things done by God.
Standing at the foot of the cross
with unyielding faith,
you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection,
and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit
so that the evangelizing Church might be born.

Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection,
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life
which triumphs over death.
Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,
that the gift of unfading beauty
may reach every man and woman.

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Virgin of listening and contemplation,
Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast,
pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are,
that she may never be closed in on herself
or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom.

Star of the new evangelization,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel,
wellspring of happiness for God's little ones,
pray for us.

Amen. Alleluia!

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