



St Anthony's Parish

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St Bernard's Parish

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A

15th October 2023

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-1.30pm

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In the case of urgent situations-sickness etc. please call 0422 869 646

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Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday midnight please email judyparishnews@gmail.com

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 16/10/2023-22/10/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	16/10	6.30pm
Tuesday	17/10	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	18/10	9.30am
Thursday	19/10	9.30am
Friday	20/10	9.30am
Saturday	21/10	9.00am

Rosary **9.00am prior to weekday masses &**

Rosary **8.30am prior to Saturday morning masses**



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	21/10	5.00pm
Sunday	22/10	8.30am & 10.30am

Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.
No Confession on Monday.

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 16/10/2023-22/10/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	16/10	No Mass
Tuesday	17/10	7.30am
Holy Hour		6.30pm
Wednesday	18/10	9.30am
Thursday	19/10	7.30am
Friday	20/10	7.30am
Saturday	21/10	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	21/10	6.30pm
Sunday	22/10	8.30am & 10.30am

(Rosary in the Chapel 10.00am on Sundays)

Every Monday-Rosary and Adoration 7pm-8pm in the church.
Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KORBEIT MASS TIMES

VIGIL	21/10	5.00pm
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PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference. Thank you.

REFLECTION 28th SUNDAY 2023 - MANY ARE INVITED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN- Fr Wilford Urmaza

Jesus uses the parable of a wedding feast to convey the gospel message that the Kingdom of Heaven is like hosting a banquet for a King's son's wedding. The highly comfortable environment that everyone is familiar with, especially in a royal family setting where the finest and most delectable dishes, stylish apparel, and members of high society are evident.

The invitation to a wedding banquet, which alludes to the earnest desire of God to partake with Him in His Son's (Jesus) wedding, shows universality that everyone, Jews and Gentiles alike, can heed the call and enjoy His company.

The author uses the symbol of marriage to indicate the covenant between God and His chosen people, Israel. First, He invited them but ignored such invitations given their other preoccupations. In the Old Testament narratives, God spoke through the prophets to bring His message to the ancient Israelites, but most of them disregarded His message and proceeded on their own.

Second, the response to such an invitation by another group brought violence and death instead. This event reflects how religious leaders, Pharisees, and Sadducees treated Jesus and His disciples in the early century. They persecuted and sowed ruthlessness to those who followed and believed in Jesus to the point of death.

Disappointed by the circumstances, the King ordered to burn the city without hesitation and leniency. How could anyone reject the gracious invitation of a King who prepared the choicest food they could ever partake in their lifetime?

He finally commanded his servants to invite all they could find on the street that filled the banquet hall with people, good or bad. But when he saw the one not properly attired, he showed contempt and rejected him. Attending a banquet not dressed appropriately signifies that the guest is not ready for such a monumental or dignified occasion, a changed character or morally upright one.

Accordingly, God's repeated invitation to all is not quantified by the numerical value or qualified by self-righteousness or the confidence that one is close to Him but on the readiness to partake with Him through all eternity.

PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

To learn more how the Creed can become the source of joy, join us in this study over the next 8 weeks Tuesdays 7.15pm Mackillop Room, St Anthony's Church, Melton South. **Lesson 4 Salvation History**

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC HISTORIC MELBOURNE MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

The annual Catholic Historic Melbourne Marian Pilgrimage co-hosted by Anima Women's Network and the St Cecilia Dominicans will be held on Saturday 21 October, beginning with 10 AM Mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne, followed by a 5K rosary pilgrimage route through Melbourne CBD. We'll walk in the footsteps of the saints who have gone before us and pray at some of the most beautiful Marian shrines in the city, including St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Francis, St. Mary Mackillop's chapel, St. Mary Star of the Sea and more. No registration required, BYO lunch. Contact Sr Mary Sarah at melbourne@op-tn.org for more information.

FR ALEX CLEMENTE'S INSTALLATION-SAVE THE DATE

Fr Alex's Installation as Parish Priest will be held on **Saturday 18th November 2023** 5pm at St Anthony's Church. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be in attendance and a reception will be held after the service in Padua Hall. To help us ascertain the numbers for catering please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer. If you are able to bring a dish to share at the reception, please add your details to the second clipboard. Thank you.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—NEXT WEEKEND We will have a special collection next weekend to support World Mission Sunday. The Sisters and the Church in Venilale –Timor-Leste need support to maintain and stock the clinic with the required resources this is why they invite you to support this essential program which will positively impact those most in need. The Sisters provide medical care and health education. Envelopes will also be available in the foyer. Thank you.

SOUL FOOD –CHRISTMAS FUNCTION DONATIONS

Soul Food Program Inc. has seen a big increase in our numbers of Guests over the last few years. Our Christmas function for this year will be on Wednesday 13th December 2023. Soul Food are once again looking for generous people to be a Sponsor for one of our children this Christmas. You will be given a first name and age, and asked to buy some presents for the child, to put into a gift bag (unwrapped) and deliver to Soul Food for distribution. The present will be handed to your child at our Christmas function. For many of our children, this is the only gift they will receive for Christmas. We would like to collect the presents by the end of November, so we can be organized early.

If this is something you would like to do, please call Jenny on 0408104155, and you will be allocated a local child in need of a little help.



ST BERNARD'S

ALL SAINTS DAY In honour of ALL SAINTS DAY we are inviting all the families to join us, and for the kids of St Bernard's to dress as their favourite Saint, or bring a statue or picture, on Sunday 29th October, after the 8.30am Mass in the hall!

There will be games with prizes and a sausage sizzle (\$2) cool drinks (\$1) tea and coffee (free) ending in a saints parade! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

KSC RACING GAME PROGRESS UPDATE

After 16 weeks of this year's 26-week game, here are the progressive leaders. Hugh Miller 59 points, John Righetti 56, Lucille Wheelahan 55, Quentin Tibballs 54, Stuart Robertson 52.

Don't worry.... there's still hope for we remaining 21 players! Knights of the Southern Cross BM Branch 50

CRAFT AND CUPPA GROUP.

Come and join us as we create items to sell as a Fundraiser for our Church. Bring your craft, your ideas, or just watch and learn. Or join us just for a cuppa and a chat!

We meet every First and Third Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre at 9.00am. See the notice board for more details.

THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners, Thank you! Thank you for your wonderful generosity in flowers and gift at the farewell on Sunday. Thank you to Natalia and her wonderful team and all who helped provide food for the table. It was certainly a most enjoyable time.

It has been a joy living here and I shall miss you all very much. I always felt welcome and received much love and affection. These give strength and encouragement.

Encourage your young people to listen to God's call to whatever the future may be, to never be afraid to "give it a go!". As a Josephite I have had a WOW of a life, have learnt so much, have developed so many skills in the many different ministries I have been engaged in, made many friends across Victoria and always been cared for by my Sisters. God bless you all. Be faithful, be kind, be a welcoming presence to others. Laugh a lot!



ST ANTHONY'S

O Mary, our Lady of the Rosary

May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption.

May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining all the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul and those of my family. Amen



MONTH OF OCTOBER-- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

Our Parish will be dedicating the Month of October to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Rosary will commence 30 minutes before Mass on Saturday mornings and at the weekend Masses.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH COMMUNITY BASKETBALL EVENT

Sunday 29th October after 10.30am Mass. Details to come.

WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SIGNED.

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 21st & 22nd October

Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator

15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. Thank you.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Rebecca Comini

8.30am: Amy Honrade

10.30am: Jospeh Ma'ae

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Gavin Pereira & Ann Tennakoon

8.30am: Ron Howard & Philip Anyayahan

10.30am: Cita Carreon

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Ron & Natalie

8.30am: Lillian & Josephine

10.30am: Godwin & Lillian

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Maureen Zahra

8.30am: Moira Ross

10.30am: Charlotte Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Vikki Benson

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 21st & 22nd October

6.30pm:

8.30am: To be advised

10.30am:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Colin Remedios

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

October: Greta/Grace Kratchotvil

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Donald Abela, Cachia Family, Philip D'Cruz, Kevin Doyle, Barry Finn, Laura Leslie, Beryl Lloyd, Giovanni Madafferi, Michelina Madafferi, Rio Manion, Salvador Pereira, Kathleen Pinto, Joseph Scicluna & Tanti Family.

John and Angelina Micallef

Please pray for the Sick:

David Bonello, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Christabelle, Lydia De Vega, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Kotinis Cornelia Kani, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Hazel Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Troy Saliba, Anna Samy, Samantha Smith, Sina, Saleri, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Christina Tuigamala, Uatoa Tuigamala, Clint Abela Wadge, Wai Walsh and all those who have requested our prayers.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Mary Camilleri

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Isabel Aquino, William Daniel Duffy, Patricia Knight, Margaret Scott, & Shirley Veronica Stone (nee Duncan).

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Stephen Beaton, Peter Bennett, Carmel Berry, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, Tracey Burn, Alex, Fred Capuano, Charlie, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Brendan Coburn, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Evelyn, George Farrell, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, Joe, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Troy Saliba, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Colin Taffe, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Jayne Wilkins, Nathan Witmore, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young and all those who have requested our prayers.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen



SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SIGNED.

ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 21st & 22nd October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Julie Sequiera
8.30am: Mercy Seufatu
10.30am: Elizabeth Underwood

CHURCH FLOWERS

October: Gloria

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS– 21st & 22nd October

5.00pm Vigil: Judy Van Hoos and Cristal D'Souza
8.30am: Geoff & Debra Sutton & Remy Peroy
10.30am: Doris & Emily Bonello

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330
The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Meeting Room 10.30am.
New members most welcome, training provided.
Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' in the Church foyer.

We cannot accept re-packaged food.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

We're here to support City of Melton residents get ahead through access to our foodbank and other community programs. It's never just about the food or the budget help, it's about recognising the beauty that is in the person and bringing it out so they can be their best.
ress: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

*The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
Pray therefore (**Rogate Ergo...**) to the Lord of the Harvest that He may send Good workers into His vast vineyard. (Mt. 9:37-38).*

Prayer is the answer to the perennial problem of the lack of good evangelical workers. It is a command and not just a simple request or an invitation. The Church needs holy workers. She needs committed, faithful, and zealous ministers of the Gospel. But if we will not beg the Lord, we will never be blessed with Good and Holy Vocations.

St. Hannibal Ma. Di Francia, the Patron of Vocations said; Vocations come from on High, if we do not pray, vocations will not come. Let us therefore implore the Master of the Harvest with this short prayer:

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 21st & 22nd October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Carmel Shea
Sunday: 8.30am: Margot Short



CHURCH FLOWERS

October: Beatrice Younger

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

October: Stephen Millington

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare number 1800 305 330.
Bacchus Marsh Vinnies Store 164-190 Main Street is in urgent need of donations. All donations gratefully appreciated and can be dropped at the Store 7 days a week. Any enquiries please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

The Neighbours' Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the **Moorabool Shire**, west of Melbourne Australia, who are disadvantaged, at risk or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family and who are in need of emergency food relief.

NILS is a **No Interest Loans Scheme** for assistance of up \$2000 for things like white goods, furniture and minor car repairs to keep life going.

We are located at [77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh](#)

Phone: 03 5367 6222

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

Dear Parishioners,

Baptisms will be held at St Anthony's on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11.00am
and Baptisms will be held at St Bernard's on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 11.00am.

Please go to [St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish | Melton South](#) click on 'Faith Formation' and then
'Baptism of Infants' for all the information and the application form.

Please contact the Parish Offices if you need any assistance. Thank you.



ADULT PREPARATION Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Alex, Fr Wilford or Fr Lucas .

FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1:	Barry & Rosanna Melder	9743 5063
Group 2:	George & Doris Bonello	0431 459 668
Group 3:	Santos & Liz Schembri	0466 854 476

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the month 3pm.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl
through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen



Lord, we ask you to continue
to be with us as we
'TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL'
together in prayer.
May we open ourselves to you
with a new depth of trust and conviction
in your guiding hand,
so that we may discern our journey
with compassionate and humble hearts
and come to know your Holy Spirit
Moving within and amongst us,
And so be transformed Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;

he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22

Commentator: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too.

I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships.

In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME– YEAR A

First Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5

Gospel: Mt 22:15-21



The Holy Eucharist XXXIV

My Eucharistic Day

(1) : Eucharistic Path

Is it not true that, charmed by the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we find ourselves drawn more and more to the Tabernacle where he keeps unceasing vigil, longing to bestow upon us his blessings and graces? Let us then, give ourselves up with all our hearts to the Divine attraction, for in Jesus alone is to be found all light, all strength, all consolation, and Jesus is there near us in his Eucharist.

It is the purpose of this little rule to help those who are dear to the Heart of Jesus, to go to him more regularly and to leave his presence with greater benefits.

It will help you to live a Eucharistic life, and to develop it daily to greater advantage.

We have drawn up these simple rules for all, since Jesus wishes to see all his children gathered about his tabernacle, living by him and in him.

They are within the reach and practice of all. The young child preparing in his innocent heart a dwelling for Jesus, will learn by them to pray better and to think of his dear Saviour more frequently.

The young man or girl wishing to be faithful to the God of their first Communion and to the promises of that great day, will find there in the shelter where their faith and love, perhaps already attacked by the enemy, may be made secure; and faithful souls will learn to live at the feet of Jesus Sacramental presence and to draw from his Heart the grace to advance rapidly in the way of holiness.

To those assailed by doubt and discouragement, absorbed by material cares and drawn into frivolous pleasures, the practice of these simple rules will be a source of strength; they will find therein the help of him who, during his mortal life, commanded the winds and waves, death and Satan, and whose only desire in having his abode among us is to assure to us his merciful Heart in his Sacramental Presence in the Tabernacle, and to offer us a sure refuge.

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Let us learn to go there to him where his love keeps him in our midst, and let us say to ourselves: If our souls are weak, if our faith is tottering, our prayers tepid, if we need courage, or are wanting in fervour and love, it is because we do not seek for the Remedy, there where it is to be found. That is to say, at the feet of that Jesus who on the roads of Judea healed all ills and who today, living and glorified, is as merciful and as powerful as then, awaiting us in the Tabernacle to heal our souls and to strengthen, sanctify, guide and sustain us on the way to heaven.

Let us then, embrace with good will these few, simple and easy practices, and let us not be discouraged if at any time, led away by the weakness of our human nature or the cares of business, we may have ill observed these rules, but let us rather return to them on the morrow with greater confidence.

Let us return to them every day and take pleasure in reading them over and over. Let us carry them with us everywhere and constantly renew our desire to be faithful to them.

Above all — and these two points are absolutely essential for any Eucharistic life — never let any day pass without:

First, going (if only in spirit) to lay our soul at the feet of Jesus present in the Tabernacle, to show him our miseries, as a gardener exposes a plant to the rays of the sun.

Second, reflecting for an instant in his presence and under his gaze, on the motives, which have induced him to dwell thus in our midst.

Let us beg him to enlighten our souls and make us understand what our true interests are, and what it is that he asks of us.

Then we may be certain that Jesus will bless us with that powerful benediction which has made saints.