

HOLY HALF HOUR FOR JULY 2017

Divine Mercy flows from the Blessed Sacrament

Introduction:

The revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the world, through his chosen servant Josefa Menendez tells us the following: “I desire that the whole world recognize in the Blessed Sacrament, a God of mercy and love. I wish that every where My desire to forgive and save souls should be read and not even the most wretched be kept back by fear... not the most guilty fly from Me...Let them all come to Me in the Blessed Sacrament. I await them with open arms to impart life and true happiness to them. Poor sinners, do not turn away from Me... Day and night I am on the watch for you in the Tabernacle. I will not reproach you. I will not cast your sins in your face. But I will wash them in my Blood and bury them in my Wounds. If you but knew how dearly I love you.”

The Holy Eucharist is the invention of love; yet how few souls correspond to that love which spends and consumes itself for them.

[Pause to silently adore and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament]

[Hymn to be sung softly: Jesus You are my Salvation : Joyful Celebration n. 222]

Prayer Reflection: *(To be prayed articulating each word slowly and with regular pauses)*

O God infinitely holy! Father, infinitely merciful! I adore you. I long to expiate the insults heaped upon you by sinners all over the world, and at every moment of the day and night. Would that I could at least repair for those being committed at this hour. O my Father, I offer You all the acts of adoration and reparation made by souls who love You. Above all, I offer You, Your divine Son. Immolated on the altar in every corner of the world...O Father infinitely good and compassionate, accept Jesus’ pure Blood in reparation for all the outrages committed by mankind. Wipe out their sins and have mercy on them.”

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 5:6-11[*significant silent pause to reflect on Sacred Scripture*]

MEDITATION ON THE 4TH APPARITION:

- In the 4th apparition, Jesus complains to St. Mary Margaret Alacoque: “In return I receive from the greater part of humanity nothing but ingratitude by the irreverence, sacrilege, coldness and indifference, with which they treat me in the Sacrament of Love.
- Jesus continues, ”Consider the ingratitude and indifference of people toward the Eucharistic Saviour. So many people forget Jesus. Is He no longer lovable? Has he ceased to love them? He has made Himself so little, so humble, so much like nothingness. There are those who unable to ignore Him, do not hesitate to insult, abuse and deny such a good and kind Master. They rebuke his excessive Love for humankind.

- “This is your mission, O adorers: to weep spiritually at the feet of Jesus because he is so despised by His own, crucified again in so many hearts and abandoned in so many places. Our mission is to console Him, and to beg forgiveness for ourselves and for all mankind. Jesus told Margaret Mary: “You are to receive me in the Blessed Sacrament as often as you can and on the First Friday of every month as a *Communion of Reparation*.”

Personal Application:

- Does the irreverence and coldness of people towards Jesus affect me in a way that moves me to do something in reparation?
- To what extent can I measure my reverence, every time I find myself in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?
- Which are the ways I can make reparation for the coldness and indifference that is shown to Jesus?

[Pause in silence]

Prayer Response:

Resp. **We believe and adore you, Lord Jesus**

- You teach us to know the Father: no one can know the Father except the one to whom you reveal him.
- You are the Way the Truth and the Life: no one comes to the Father except through you.
- You are the Son of man raised up on the Cross: he who believes in you does not die but has eternal life.
- You are the Good Shepherd: you know each one of your sheep and you give your life for them.
- You are the vine and we are the branches: if we abide in you and you in us, we will bear much fruit.
- You are the resurrection and the life: anyone who believes in you, even if he dies, will live; he who lives and believes in you will not die for ever.

O Lord in the Eucharist, you give us every day the sign of your absolute love. Grant that we may learn from you to sacrifice our life so that others may have true life. May we find joy in bringing those who are far from you, back to the embrace and warmth of your Sacred Heart that eagerly awaits their return. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

Benediction follows. Appropriate Hymns could be taken

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