

Parish Family ABLAZE 12-3-17

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, My God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

PRAXIS: FIRST APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA—MAY 13, 1917 (from *Fatima for Today* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli)

I. Light and hope in a time of darkness and despair

- A. Lucia's description of the Lady from Heaven: "She was more brilliant than the sun, and radiated light more clear and intense than a crystal glass filled with sparkling water, when the rays of the burning sun shine through it." (p. 44)

- B. Lucia's description of the children's experience of light: "Our Lady opened her hands for the first time, communicating to us a light so intense that, as it streamed from her hands, its rays penetrated our hearts and the innermost depths of our souls, making us see ourselves in God, Who was that light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best of mirrors. Then, moved by an interior impulse that was also communicated to us, we fell on our knees, repeating in our hearts: 'O most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!'" (p.48)

C. Jesus as Light

- 1. Creation: "Let there be light." (Genesis 1:3)
- 2. "The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world." (John 1:9)
- 3. Jesus: "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)
- 4. Jesus is "God from God, Light from Light" (Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed)

D. Christians: Children of Light, Who see themselves in God, Who is Light

- 1. Mary: A "woman clothed with the sun" (Revelation 12:1)
- 2. "Now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8)
- 3. "You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)
- 4. Children of the Father of the Light of the World
 - a. Receive Light: Baptism
 - b. Restore, retain, and increase this Light: Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation
 - c. Radiate and disperse Light: Proclamation (Gospel), Witness (Holy and Good Deeds, Works of Mercy)

II. Prayer, Penance, and Reparation

- A. Mary asks Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta: "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?" (pp. 46-47)

- B. Mary: "Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war." (p. 48)

C. Vital Realities

1. The Particular Judgment at death
2. The General Judgment at the end of time
3. The Three Present Eternal States
 - a. Heaven
 - b. Hell
 - c. Purgatory

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

- I. Which faculty of my soul do I find most difficult to open to the light of God and to keep in His light—my intellect, my will, my imagination, or my memory?
- II. Which one of my five senses do I find most difficult to offer God by placing it in His hands and under His direction—taste, touch, sight, smell, hearing?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “The Pardon Prayer,” “The Prayer of the Angel of Peace,” and “The Eucharistic Prayer”
- II. Mental Prayer during the day (20-35 minutes)
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal dialogue with one of the Three Persons of the Trinity, with Mary, or with one of the shepherd children of Fatima.
- III. Examination of Conscience based on the Fatima Message
 - A. Have I prayed the Rosary today?
 - B. Did I accept all the suffering sent with God’s permission to me this day, offering it in reparation for my sins and for the sins of others, especially those most in need of this help?
 - C. Did God’s light remain in me, and did I share this light with others?
 - D. In the light of God’s Truth and Love, and distinguishing between mortal and venial sin, did I advance this day toward Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell?