

## Parish Family ABLAZE 1-21-18

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

### JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED

- I. The Beginning of Suffering and Death—The Fall in the Garden of Eden (Satan, Adam, and Eve) and the Subsequent Curses
  - A. Enmity between Satan and the Woman and her children
  - B. Pain in childbearing
  - C. Inordinate desires
  - D. Selfish domination (malice) rather than self-giving cooperation (love)
  - E. Conflict: Difficulty and struggle in labor and in relationships among creatures
  - F. Death
- II. The Power of God—To Bring Greater Good from Evil, To Bring Greater Blessings from the Curses—Through Pierced Hearts: Christ's Sacred Heart and Mary's Immaculate Heart
  - A. Disobedient enmity overcome by loving obedience shared by Gabriel, Mary, Jesus, and Joseph
  - B. Painful childbirth contrasted by the painless birth of Jesus by the Ever-Virgin Mary
  - C. Inordinate desires overcome by the perfection of desires in Mary (New Eve) and Jesus (Last Adam)
  - D. Selfish domination (malice) overcome by self-giving (sacrificial love)
  - E. Difficulty and struggle, by Christ's passion and Mary's compassion, become the Way to Holy Communion and to Heaven
- III. The Purpose of Suffering: Redemption
  - A. Penance and reparation for our own sins and those of the whole world
  - B. Communion with the Christ's Sacrifice and with Mary's Compassionate Heart: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church." (Colossians 1:24)
  - C. Formation unto perfection through obedience: "For it was fitting that He, for Whom and by Whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering." (Hebrews 2:10) "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." (Hebrews 5:8-9)
- IV. The Purpose of Death
  - A. To fulfill God's justice and reveal His mercy
  - B. To give the Second Person of the Trinity the means to
    1. Destroy sin and death
    2. Ransom, redeem, restore, and sanctify us
    3. Perfect our souls for a resurrected body
    4. For eternal life
      - a. Beatific Vision
      - b. Holy Communion amongst all persons, divine, angelic, and human
      - c. A New Creation: A New Heavens and a New Earth

## DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

- I. What type of suffering provokes in me the greatest challenge or fear—loneliness, physical pain or illness, poverty, persecution, sadness or depression, overwork, being ignored or taken for granted, family divisions, my own weaknesses and sins, boredom and drudgery, etc.?
- II. Do I generally accept my suffering and do I honestly treat this suffering as a means to perfection in holiness by loving obedience to the Father's will?

## 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. Did I rejoice in my sufferings today by remembering that they help perfect my humility and obedience, purify my soul, and help other sinners to turn to God and get to Heaven?
  - B. When I suffered today, did I unite my suffering to the pierced Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and ask for their prayers and help?
  - C. Did I think of my own suffering more than the suffering of others, and was I instructed in truth and love by my own suffering and the suffering of others?
  - D. Did my sufferings today harden my heart against God, against myself, and against others, or pierce my heart open for God, for myself, and for others?