



Holy Hour For Immigration

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

*O salutaris Hostia,
quae caeli pandis ostium:
bella premunt hostilia,
da robur, fer auxilium.*

*Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.*

During the singing of O Salutaris, the priest or deacon, wearing the humeral veil, carries the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle to the altar. The bishop places the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance for exposition and adoration. The bishop incenses the Blessed Sacrament before greeting the people.

Bishop: **In the name of the Father, ✠
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

**Peace be with you.
And with your spirit.**

Bishop may give a brief introduction of the gathering before proceeding to his chair for the Scripture readings.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 7: 1-7*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
Stand at the gate of the house of the Lord
and proclaim this message there:
Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who enter these gates
to worship the Lord!
Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:
Reform your ways and your deeds
so that I may dwell with you in this place.
Do not put your trust in these deceptive words:
“The temple of the Lord! The temple of the Lord!
The temple of the Lord!”
Only if you thoroughly reform your ways and your deeds;
if each of you deals justly with your neighbor;
if you no longer oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow;
if you no longer shed innocent blood in this place
or follow after other gods to your own harm,
only then will I let you continue to dwell in this place,
in the land I gave your ancestors long ago and forever.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 146: 7-9*

The Lord watches over the stranger and sustains the oppressed.

The gospel acclamation is sung. The assembly is invited to stand. The assigned priest or deacon asks for a blessing from the bishop before proclaiming the Gospel. The bishop kisses the Book of the Gospels after the proclamation.

GOSPEL *Matthew 2; 13-15*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Magi had departed, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you.
Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night
and departed for Egypt.
He stayed there until the death of Herod,
that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled,

“Out of Egypt I called my son.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY

Offer a moment of silence after the homily, then the bishop invites everyone to kneel and leads the litany.

LITANY FOR MIGRANTS

Bishop: **Brothers and sisters, let us bring to God,
who watches over the strangers
and sustains the oppressed,
our prayers for all who seek freedom, peace
and justice in their lives.**

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth

Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the World

Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the Faithful

Have mercy upon us.

O God, do not be silent:

Do not keep still nor hold your peace, O Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Holy Mary, Our Lady of Refuge	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Holy Mary, Protector of the Poor	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Saint Joseph	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Saint Toribio Romo	<i>Pray for us.</i>
Saint John Baptist Scalabrini	<i>Pray for us.</i>
All you holy Saints of God	<i>Pray for us.</i>
All you holy Martyrs of God	<i>Pray for us.</i>

For all who travel the road of uncertainty and enter foreign lands... *Loving God, guide and accompany them.*

For all who have left their homes and do not know where they will go... *Loving God, guide and accompany them.*

For all who are walking in the valley of the shadow of death... *Loving God, guide and accompany them.*

For things we have done and left undone that contributed to their suffering... *Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.*

For policies and laws that have broken hearts and separated children and parents... *Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.*

For political or economic interest and agendas that make us blind and indifferent to human suffering and need... *Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.*

For the refugees and migrants, Lord *Hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.*

For all displaced people of this world, Lord

Hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

For those who have lost their loved ones, Lord

Hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

Give us your grace and the will to overcome fear, violence and prejudice... *That we may love one another as ourselves.*

Open the borders of our hearts and minds...

That we may welcome each person as Christ.

To all who work with refugees, migrants and displaced persons...

*Give wise minds, gentle hands
and compassionate hearts.*

To the leaders of this nation, especially the President and Congress...

*Give humility and guide them in the ways
of human dignity, peace and justice*

To all who work for unity, justice, freedom and peace...

Give wisdom, creativity and perseverance.

For the Church, called to be the light of the world...

Make us instrument of peace and justice.

For Bishops, called to be Good Shepherds and defender of human dignity... *Make them vigilant defenders of the weak.*

For all ministers of the Church, called to live the Gospel...

Grant them us the grace to love like Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer...

And let our cry come to you.

Bishop: **Let us pray.**

**Lord Jesus,
present before us in the Most Blessed Sacrament,
we come before you with hearts open to Your mercy
and minds attentive to the cry of your people.**

**Today we lift up to you our brothers and sisters
who journey in search of safety, hope,
and a future worthy of the dignity
you have placed within every human soul.**

**Loving God,
be their protection in moments of danger,
their shelter in uncertainty,
their light when paths seem dark and unknown.
Spread your mantle over all who travel long roads,
those crossing borders, seas, and deserts,
and those waiting in fear or confusion.
Guard them from exploitation, violence, and despair.**

**Merciful Father,
reunite families separated
by distance, systems, or conflict.
Strengthen the bonds between parents and children,
between spouses and loved ones,
so that no journey is endured alone
and no heart is left in painful longing.
Restore to them the comfort of home
and the peace of belonging.**

**God of all peoples,
soften the hearts of nations and communities.
Inspire leaders to create policies
rooted in justice, compassion,
and guide them with your wisdom
toward truly humane
and thoughtful immigration reform—
reform that protects the vulnerable,
honors human dignity,
and reflects the mercy
you desire for all your children.
Move each of us to welcome the stranger,
to offer kindness instead of judgment,
to see in every migrant the face of Christ Himself.**

**On this day when we honor Saint Juan Diego,
humble messenger of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
we ask for his intercession.
May his simplicity of heart, courage in uncertainty,
and trust in your loving plan
inspire all migrants on their journey.
Through his example,
teach us to listen to those who feel unseen,
to uplift those who feel unworthy,
and to recognize your presence
in the marginalized and the poor.**

**Jesus,
teach us to love with your generous love—
to walk with the vulnerable,
to defend the dignity of the forgotten,
and to show mercy as you show mercy to us.
Make us instruments of peace, heralds of hope,
and companions on the journey
toward a more human and just society.**

**Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
intercede for all migrants and refugees.
Wrap them in the mantle of your maternal care
and guide them safely to a place of rest, security,
and acceptance.**

**Lord, during this Holy Hour,
let your heart speak to ours.
Transform our indifference into compassion,
our fear into trust,
our comfort into courageous love.
May your Eucharistic presence send us forth
as witnesses of your boundless mercy
in your most Holy Name.
*Amen.***

Everyone is invited to be seated for the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A priest, deacon or assigned lay leader may lead each decade of the chaplet.

PRAYING THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

- **St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners**

You expired, Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

- **Lord's Prayer**
- **Hail Mary**
- **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,
the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from
there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the Resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. *Amen.*

- **The Eternal Father**

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.

- **On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade**

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat for the remaining decades, saying the "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the following "Hail Mary" beads.)

- **Conclude with Holy God** *(Repeat three times)*

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Moments of quiet time before the singing of the Tantum Ergo.

INCENSATION

Bishop incenses the Blessed Sacrament for the Benediction.

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen*

***Bishop:* You have given them Bread from Heaven.**

***Assembly:* Having all sweetness within it.**

***Bishop:* Let us pray.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial
of your suffering and death.
May our worship of this sacrament
of your Body and Blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
*Amen.***

The humeral veil is placed on the bishop.

BENEDICTION

Bishop blesses the assembly with the Blessed Sacrament.

The bishop returns to his chair for the Divine Praises.

DIVINE PRAISES

Bishop: **Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus
 in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.**

Bishop: **May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament
be praised, adored and loved
with grateful affection at every moment
in all the tabernacles of the world
even until the end of time. *Amen.***

The bishop removes the Blessed Sacrament from the monstrance and places it in the luna holder. The priest or deacon with the humeral veil carries the Blessed Sacrament back to the Tabernacle. The bishop processes back to the sacristy while a

suitable hymn is sung.

CLOSING HYMN

*Holy God we praise thy name.
Lord of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign. (2x)*

*Hark the loud celestial hymn.
Angels choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and Seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord,
holy, holy, holy Lord. (2x)*

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