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TRIDUUM Fr. Claret



'See how God sees...!'

21 October: SEE THE WORLD AS GOD SEES IT

INTRODUCTION

Today we begin the Triduum of Fr. Claret in this year that marks the 150th anniversary of his death. During these days, we want to celebrate and contemplate the gaze of God. The gaze of God that is a gaze of the Father, a look of love, a good gaze that is capable of seeing the good, a gaze full of mercy, a gaze that seeks encounter and communion.

On this first day of the Triduum we are going to stop and contemplate how God looks at the world, how he looks at our world, the world and the concrete circumstances we live in the 'here' of history.

Fr Claret, in number 257 of his Autobiography, writes: 'Certainly, my Lord, he who now separates himself from the world does nothing'. Fr Claret received the gift of looking at the world with the eyes of God, of recognizing the world as an object of God's love and feeling responsible for making this world as similar as possible to the world that God created.

Let us allow this Eucharist to transform our view of the world, so that we may be able to look at it as God does.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

Eph 3,2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ps. (Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6)

Lk 12, 39-48

Jesus said, "Understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Peter asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. "The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

HOMILY SUGGESTIONS

-The world is not the 'place of all evil' but the 'place of all good'.

- We are part of this world, we participate in the evils and in the good.
- The world is the object of God's love, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3:16).
- God looks at the world with love, the whole world, because we are all his children. We are the ones who distinguish between the good and the bad, the just and the unjust
- This gaze of God is the key to looking at the world. If we recognize God as the lord of the estate, of the world, our view of the world will be that of servants, of those responsible for something that is not ours but God's. If we do not recognize God as the Lord of the universe, we will think we are the owners, each one in particular, each one will seek his own interest, not recognizing either God or the world as his own, as a gift that we have to take care of and for which we have to feel responsible.



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- How do we stand before the world, as lords and masters or as servants of God, called to care for it and fill it with life?
- We have received much from God, and that gift should make us responsible. Each of us will have to discover what the answer is that we must give. Our presence in the world must be an active, involved, worked presence... That is what Fr. Claret did.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- For the Church. For the Pope, the Bishops and all those who serve the People of God in a special way; may the Spirit send upon them the light of the gaze of God, the Father of all, upon the world; the gentle gaze that sees the good, that focuses on what unites, that always sees the opportunity for encounter and fraternity. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- May the desire grow among all people to be with others, to do with others, to seek with others what is good for all. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- May God's view of the world be our own; may we always seek to make the world the place that God wants to see, the one that he dreams of, the one that he has placed in our hands with trust. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- That we may feel God's gaze upon us and urge us to be faithful and prudent stewards. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY
- That, following the example of Fr Claret, we involve ourselves in the struggle for a better and more just world, that we know how to raise our voice in the face of injustice and cry out when the poor are oppressed, indifferent, forgotten. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O Immaculate Virgin and Mother of God, Queen and Lady of Grace! Deign in charity to give a compassionate glance to this lost world... It is not possible to be silent, Mother, on such occasions; no, I will not be silent, even if I know that they will tear me to pieces; I do not want to be silent; I will call out, I will shout, I will cry out to heaven and earth...

Therefore, my Mother, from now on I begin to speak and cry out; I am coming to you; yes, to you, who are the Mother of Mercy... I beg you, give everyone the grace of conversion, for without it we would do nothing, and then send me. (No. 157, Autobiography)

22 October: TO SEE AS GOD SEES US

INTRODUCTION.

Welcome everyone to the celebration of the Eucharist on the second day of the Triduum to Fr Claret. We continue to look at the loving and merciful gaze of God. And today we are going to contemplate the look of mercy that God directs to each one of us, the love with which God looks at you and me. A look that makes us know that we are children, and beloved children of the Father. And the certainty that we are sons and daughters should impel us to look at each other as brothers and sisters. We cannot be strangers to our neighbour, we cannot live as if the others, those near and those far away, did not exist, because we are all God's children.

Fr. Claret in the n° 448 of his Autobiography, wrote: 'Oh, my neighbour, I love you, I love you for a thousand reasons. I love you because God wants me to love you. I love you because God commands me to. I love you because God loves you.

Let us ask in this Eucharist for the gift of knowing how God looks at us as sons and daughters, and let us ask for the gift of love, the ability to look at each other as brothers and sisters.





LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

Eph 3,14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ps 32

Lk 12, 49-53¹

Jesus said, "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

HOMILY SUGGESTIONS

- Jesus always questions life: he brings division, not peace. We constantly seek peace and Jesus offers us division.
- For us, peace is synonymous with comfort, with tranquility, with living a life without involvement with others, where each one goes his own way; where I can have 'everything to my liking', according to my standards. Welcoming what I like, rejecting what I don't. This is also our vision of peace.
- The 'peace-division' that Jesus brings is, in essence, Christian love, love in his way. The one who gives himself for the other, the one who puts aside his own to put the other in first place; the one who is capable of giving his life for others. God does not leave us alone, the Spirit is always restless, 'uneasy', because he invites us to forget about ourselves.
- This peace of God is a gift: it is given by the Spirit who strengthens us in the depths of our being. Therefore, we must ask for this gift, ask for love, ask to know the width, the height, the depth of God's love, with which he loves us and asks us to love each other

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- May the Church be an authentic fraternity, a common home where we learn to love and overcome differences in the style of Jesus, who invited us to love each other as He loves us. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- May the Pope, the bishops, priests and deacons be an example of the revolution proposed by Jesus; may they discover the words that will help all God's people to light the fire of unity, of looking at each other, of loving each other as sons and daughters, as brothers and sisters. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- May our gaze always be attentive to discovering opportunities to give ourselves to others, to see in the other a neighbour worthy of love, one who deserves our nearness, our effort and our dedication. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.



- Let us ask the Spirit to strengthen us, to show us what God's love for us is like, its width and height and depth; to enable us to live always in his love and from his love. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O Mary, my mother, mother of the divine love, I cannot ask anything more pleasing or easier to grant than the divine love, grant it to me, my mother! my mother, love! my mother, I hunger and thirst for love, help me, satisfy me, O Heart of Mary, forge and instrument of love, enkindle me in the love of God and neighbour". (No. 447. Autobiography)

23 October: TO SEE AS GOD SEES THE MISSION

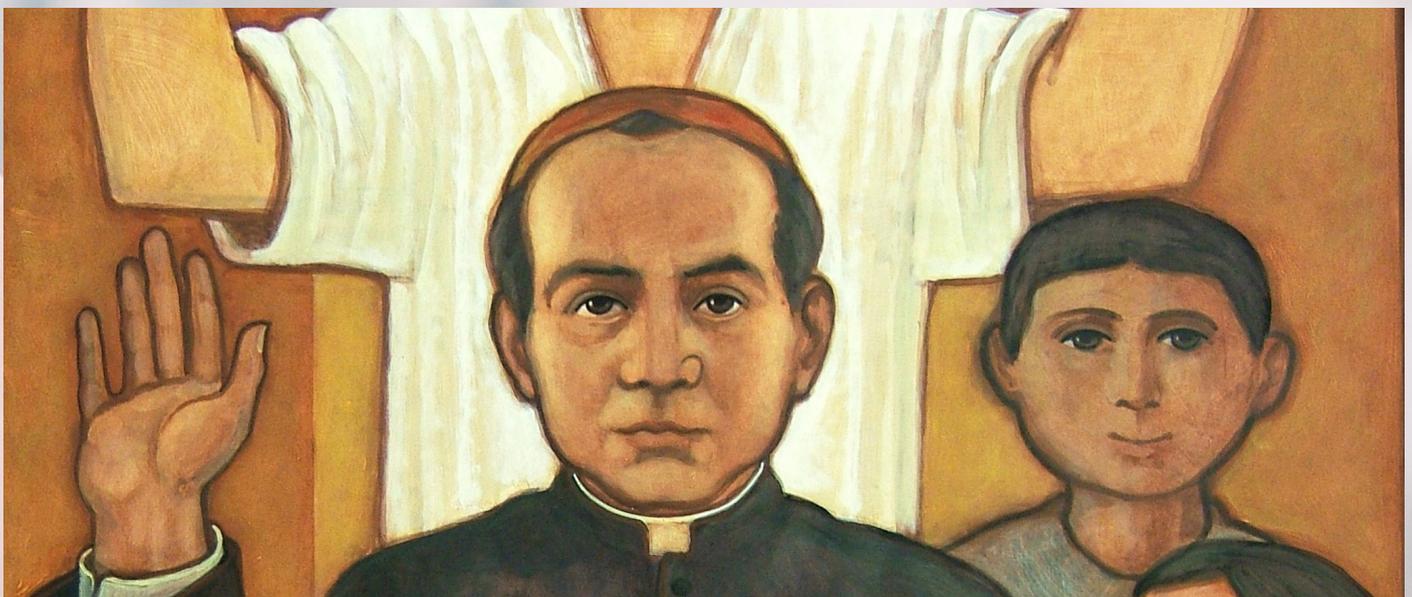
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the celebration of the Eucharist on the third day of the Triduum for Fr. Claret. We continue to contemplate the gaze of God. In these past days, we have contemplated how God looks at the world, with how much love he looks at each one of his children and calls us to look at each other as brothers and sisters; and today, in the celebration of the last day of the Triduum, we are going to contemplate how God views the mission, how he sends each one of us. God helps us recognize our world as a place of mission; he looks at each one of us with love and wants to reveal to us the concrete mission of each one, so that in this world the Kingdom of God may become a reality.

Fr. Claret always felt restless at the call of God. He was a man attentive to the needs of his time, open to the intuitions that the Holy Spirit made spring up in his heart, and ready to be sent, to do whatever was necessary to be faithful to the mission that God entrusted to him. In no. 233 of his Autobiography, he wrote: 'O God and my Father, make me know you and make you known; love you and make you loved; serve you and make you served; praise you and make you praised by all creatures!'

Let us ask the Holy Spirit for eyes open to contemplate the needs of the world, for a sensitive heart to look at it with the same love with which God looks at it, and for the determination to respond with docility to God's sending out of each one of us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD





READINGS

Eph 4,1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ps. 23

Lk 12, 54-59

Jesus said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? "Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."»

HOMILY SUGGESTIONS

- Remembering the two previous days: looking at the world we know 'what it needs'; looking at others we know 'what they need'. If we are able to identify this, why is it so difficult for us to see what to do in the face of all this? What is our mission?
- Today the Word of God puts us in front of the world, in front of the other, and invites us to ask ourselves: 'what is my mission, my task?'
- St. Paul gives us the keys to act (he does not give us the solution, but the "from where" to do it): humility, kindness, understanding, bearing with love, maintaining unity, peace. To be ONE.
- Often, we are more concerned with 'what to do' than 'how to do it'. And, in reality, it is attitudes that lead us to action: humility leads to be humble, understanding leads us to understand, love leads us to love...
- Therefore, let us ask like Claret: My Lord and Father, that I may know you and make you known, that I may love you and make you loved, that I may serve you and make you served, that I may praise you and make you praised.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- May the Lord grant us the gift of discernment to his Church so that we may always know what his will is and fulfil it. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- May the Spirit pour out his gifts on us and fill us with love, humility, understanding... so that we may know what to do for others at all times. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- May the Lord give us the desire to be always in motion, exploring what surrounds us, the signs of this time, in order to know what he expects us to do, what mission he is sending each one of us on. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- Lord, may we know You and make You known, may we love You and make You loved, may we serve You and make You served, may our life be praise to your Name so that others may also praise You. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.

"My Mother, What is lacking? Do you want an instrument to remedy such a great evil? Here you have one, and while recognising himself to be the most vile and despicable, he considers himself to be the most useful to this end, so that your power may shine forth more brightly and it may be seen more visibly that it is you who act and not I. O loving Mother, let us not waste any more time; here I am, dispose of me; you know well that I am all yours. (No. 156. Autobiography)

24 October: HOW DOES CLARET SEE THE WORLD, HOW DOES HE SEE HIMSELF AND HOW DOES HE SEE THE MISSION

INTRODUCTION.

Happy St Claret's Day! And welcome everyone to the celebration of the Eucharist on this day that for all the Claretian Family is a great day. This year is a year of grace in which we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the death of St. Anthony Mary Claret; and to celebrate this anniversary is to celebrate his holy life, his docility to God's Will, his determined desire to do God's Will.

Fr. Claret let God touch his heart and his way of looking at the world, of looking at himself; and he felt sent, in the hands of Mary, to reveal the presence of God in every corner of the world, in every heart... This experience is recorded in his Resolutions following his retreat in 1864: "I will have with God the heart of a son, with myself the heart of a judge, and with my neighbour the heart of a mother".

Let us celebrate as a family the feast of our founder; let us ask God, in this Eucharist, to transform our heart and our life, and that, like Fr Claret, we make alive the words of Isaiah: 'Here I am, send me'!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

Is 61, 1-3:

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Ps 22

2 Cor 5,14-20

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So, from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: [The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.





Lk 10, 1-9

'After this the Lord appointed seventy-two[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house. 'If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

HOMILY SUGGESTIONS

- Claret is a man who knows the world and its needs: he knew how to see what was needed at each moment - whenever he was -, looking at the needs of any kind: the most basic human needs, spiritual needs, material needs...
- Claret is a man who knows the other, of the man: the neighbour is the object of his love, of his desires, of his concern. Fr. Claret lives doing with others, seeking the 'salvation of souls'. Being poor with the poor, he places himself at the same level as the one before him. Always seeking to dignify the other.
- Claret is a man who knows his mission, the will of God in his life, a tireless seeker of what God wanted from him. He knew how to adapt himself to each circumstance, sometimes so different from one another: from travelling on foot to preach to being the Queen's confessor and associating with the highest in society; Catalonia, the Canary Islands, Cuba, Madrid.....
- Claret was a man who knew himself: he defined himself according to God's will for him, which he tirelessly wanted to carry out. He discovered himself to be a son to God, a judge to himself and a mother to others. From the Heart of Mary, where his life was forged, he defined himself: 'A son of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a man on fire with love who spreads its flames wherever he goes...!'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Let us pray to the Lord for the Church, for the Pope, the Bishops, all those who serve the People of God; that they may give their lives to the service of the Word, that they may be good shepherds in the style of Jesus. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- Let us pray for the rulers of the world, for the social, economic and political reality in which we live; that they may serve all, and especially the most vulnerable. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- Let us ask the Lord, to grant us an open and docile heart like that of Fr Claret, and let us feel responsible for our world and let us commit ourselves to the reality and the people closest to us. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY
- Let us pray for the whole Claretian Family, so that faithful to the spirit of Claret, we may spend our lives in the effort to make God known, loved, served and praised by all his children. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.
- Let us pray for our community, for those of us who celebrate this Eucharist with joy; so that this feast of Fr Claret may make us feel like a family, a community, and be a credible witness of love, welcome and fraternity. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O Virgin and Mother of God, Mother and advocate of the poor and wretched sinners! You know well that I am your son and minister, formed by you in the forge of your mercy and love. I am like an arrow placed in your powerful hand; release me, my Mother..." (No. 270. Autobiography)

