

TRIDUUM IN HONOUR TO SAINT ANNE AND SAINT JOAQUIM

**FIRST DAY
JULY 24, 2023**

= INTRODUCTION LITURGY OF THE HOURS =

Today we start the Triduum in honour to our Patron Saints Anne and Joachim.

Our Founders chose a sculptural group of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, with their daughter Mary, to accompany their journey from Barcelona to Zaragoza, when they came to found the Congregation. They found in them the inspiration to live the following of Jesus and the service to the poorest, as a group, in Fraternity, in family.

They received, as a gift, a firm *hope* that never ran out despite the years and difficulties, a *love-charity* impossible to forget, a *wisdom* that everyone could perceive.

These three gifts are part of the goods inherited by our Founders and, through them, they come to us so that we may be faithful to the Covenant of Love that God invites us to live in family trusting in the help of grace and in their intercession.

= PETITION LITURGY OF THE HOURS =

In the beginning of the Triduum to our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, we thank God for our Congregation and we ask for them to accompany us in our daily path and continue showing us how to allow ourselves to be loved by God, and how to love people as He loves us.

= INTRODUCTION EUCHARIST =
JULY 24, 2023

We begin today our Festive Triduum to our Patron Saints Joachim and Anne.

Living this feast has for us a deep meaning of congregational identity that invites us to experience God's Love and to love Him, as He does, through praise, gratitude and shared deep joy.

Praising and blessing the God of "our fathers", who has called each one of us to live with Him the adventure of love, with a grateful gaze towards those "giants of Charity" who marked the paths of Hospitality, which we are invited today to recreate, from the clear awareness of keeping on discovering our originality and identity as a Charismatic Family, and to celebrate, with renewed joy, the love that is shared.

May Our Lady, always faithful to the Lord's listening, accompany us, today and always and, feeling honoured by the powerful intercession of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, let us joyfully live this preparation to our feast.

= PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL =
JULY 24, 2023

United in the deep joy of feeling charismatic family, which celebrates its history always present under the protection of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, let us pray: "Through the intercession of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, hear us Lord".

- ❑ For the Church, of which we feel we are daughters, so that she may continue being faithful to Jesus' command to remain united around Him through love. LET US PRAY
- ❑ For those who govern our peoples, so that, clean their hearts of selfish interests, they may be concerned to promote peace that is born from justice and equity. LET US PRAY
- ❑ For our world, subjected to multiple poverties, wars, violences of every kind, injustices, intolerances, so that the Lord may grant it common good, development, well-being and abundant life. LET US PRAY
- ❑ For our Congregation, Gift of God to the Church, so that faithful to its foundational roots it may be a meaningful response to the clamours of the poor and needy of our time. LET US PRAY
- ❑ For the Laity of Saint Anne Family in the five continents where the Sisters are present, so that feeling as fundamental part of our today, they may live together with us the commitment of the charism and the deep joy of the patronal feast. LET US PRAY
- ❑ For those of us who celebrate this Eucharist, so that the Lord may grant us strong faith, active hope and ardent charity. LET US PRAY

**SECOND DAY
JULY 25, 2023**

= INTRODUCTION LITURGY OF THE HOURS =

From its origins, our Congregation has taken shelter in the protection of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim. Their humble and simple lives are a call for us to revitalize the values of the congregational spirit, which we share with the Laity of Saint Anne Family.

In this second day of the Triduum, we also celebrate the Solemnity of James the Apostle. His identification with Jesus made him to empty from himself, from his claims, from his aspirations, from his needs... being in this way witness to the Lord Jesus in his time.

We, Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, as Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, as James the Apostle, as our Founders, are also called to be witnesses who wants to recreate, in Jesus and from the Charism received, the community life and the mission.

= PETITION LITURGY OF THE HOURS =

In this second day of the Triduum in honour to our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, we thank God for our Congregation. May they accompany us in our journey, being witnesses to the Lord Jesus who love and serve "with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love".

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Within the framework of the preparation for the celebration of our feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne and feeling as Congregational Family, the Word of God calls us again in a personal and community way, to be witnesses before our world. Witnesses, not because of our abilities, but because of the power of God who models our clay.

This Word, in the Feast of Saint James Apostle, also reminds us that, in order to live our commitment to be living, with taste home, open and close communities, we need to live the service as a clear expression of the following of Jesus, who has not come to be served but to serve.

In the same way, Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, in this feast that we prepare, show us again the face of family, to be faithful and humble instruments of God's Plan for Humanity.

May the shared Word and Table help us to interiorize these evangelical and charismatic values. May we be capable of doing, of these values, announcement and presence of the Kingdom of God.

= PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL =
JULY 25, 2023

- ❑ For the Church. May she continue being open house where life and faith are shared, where everyone can find shelter, faith, rest and hope. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For those people responsible for political, economic and social structures around the world. May they open their awareness and their sensibility to generate real channels of justice, solidarity and tolerance for our world. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For all those who have no roof or future, for all those who, in their lives, have lost their values and direction, for all those who live situations of violence, loneliness or any other kind of exclusion. May united they move forward towards a world in which everyone may live with dignity. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For the people whom we serve and for those with whom we share service and mission. May together we keep on building a different, inclusive, happy society, which may be face and presence of the Lord Jesus. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For our Communities. May feeling as family in feast strengthen in us closeness, love, shared commitment to live and to express fraternity. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD
- ❑ For all of us who celebrate this Eucharist. May the Word help us to continue being humble witnesses among the people, and to live service as the true dimension of the Kingdom of God, in which the last ones are the first. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**THIRD DAY
JULY 26, 2023**

= INTRODUCTION LITURGY OF THE HOURS =

Today we praise the people of good; we make grateful memory of our Patron Saints, Anne and Joachim, servants of God, whose remembrance lasts forever, whose charity we do not forget.

We are convoked by the feast, the praise and the gratitude to God, which we express today in the five Continents where the Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, together with the Laity of our Charismatic Family, want to be people of good, mediation of His Love with so many people who live, walk and suffer beside us, because as Congregation, as Saint Anne Family, we have received the Mission of being, as the Lord Jesus, witnesses to God's Love to every person.

May, as St. Joachim and St. Anne, as our Founders, we continue answering faithfully to God's call, allowing ourselves to be filled with His Love, shaping ourselves with Jesus so as, from the life in the Spirit, which He grants us, we may surrender ourselves without limits, in universality, availability and offering, "with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love".

= PETITION LITURGY OF THE HOURS =

In this day of celebration, we thank God for our Charismatic Family. We remember, in a special way, the Province "Saint Anne" and the people, Communities and Centres who have the name of our Patron Saints. May they accompany us in our journey, being Universal Charity through the practice of Hospitality.

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JULY 26, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, be welcome to this celebration, those who participate in it with your presence or telematically.

Today, July 26, all of us are invited to celebrate the feast in honour to our Patron Saints, Joachim and Anne. They were good people, faithful spouses, caring parents of Mary, loving grandparents of Jesus.

As Congregational Family, with John Bonal and Maria Rafols, with all the Sisters and members of Saint Anne Family, alive and deceased, in communion of multiple diversities, with a single heart and a single voice, we raise to the Lord our Thanksgiving Prayer for them, for their wisdom that was born of the familiarity with God, for their sustained hope, for their love-charity, for being a so important part of the history of our salvation.

Together with Jesus, with the bread and the wine, we offer to God the Father, our Congregation, our Charismatic Family, so that He may make it a new presence of His merciful Love, in the exercise of charity, through the practice of Hospitality up to heroism, in all places and with all the people with whom we live.

= PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL =
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- ❑ For the Church. May, in all places of the earth, she continue making present the salvation of our God. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For our Congregation. May she approach the real needs of people, in daily life and in the urgencies that may arise, and practice mercy, compassionate charity, in every situation. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For the peoples that, in a more intense way, are experiencing wars and every form of violence. May channels of dialogue and tolerance be opened in them. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ May, wherever we are, we contribute to the growth of the Kingdom of God, sowing consolation, peace, hope, justice and freedom. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For our communities. May they be spaces open to fraternity, with home warmth, and we may be committed in the care of those with whom we live without forgetting the common home of all that is our world. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ May the Lord vivify and increase our Congregation and Saint Anne Family with new members and bless and protect our families, friends, benefactors, collaborators and people whom we serve. May He make us happy and faithful in the mission that He has entrusted to us. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For the deceased Sisters and members of Saint Anne Family. May they enjoy the loving presence of God, intercede for us in Heaven and be a stimulus in our daily journey following the footsteps of Jesus. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
- ❑ For all of us, who are gathered to celebrate the memory of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne. May the Lord enlighten our intelligences, renew our hearts and give us the necessary strength to discover His face in the face of the people we meet. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.