

Questions for Reflection and Sharing

What connections or new insights did you gain from the readings?

In what ways does your community live out the understanding that we are to be in communion with all people, those close to us, and those outside of our affinity group?

As a pastoral leader, how do you embrace your identity as a child of God?

Intercessions

For what or for whom should we pray?

Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother,
Present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son.
Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples who
follow Him with enthusiasm and joy,
May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our
archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts.
Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses, to radiate Christ in all
we do, so that all people might know, love and follow your
Son through this life and into the next.
Amen.



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Opening Prayer

Let us pray, (Pause for silent prayer)
that all people might know, love, and follow your Son
through this life and into the next. Amen.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your Church may always remain
that holy people, formed as one
by the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
which manifest to the world
the Sacrament of your holiness and unity
and leads it to the perfection of your charity.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

Reading from Sacred Scripture

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure,
as he is pure.

1 John 3:1-3 (Solemnity of All Saints)

Excerpt from Archbishop Robert G. Casey's Pastoral Letter "That They All May Be One: A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist as the Sacrament of Unity"

Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, September 17, 2026

10. The way we know we truly are in communion is when we obey God's commandments (1 Jn 5:3). St. Paul offers us sound advice concerning how we might grow in obedience to those commandments: "Have ... the same attitude that is yours in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5). If we can develop the attitude of Jesus washing the disciple's feet, seeking to serve and not be served, the Golden Rule becomes less of a burden and more of a gift. That gift of love, required for communion with God and neighbor, when given freely returns to us with grace in abundance. Jesus makes clear that the gift of love is not reserved to those with whom we have an affinity (e.g. family, friends, fellow citizens, and those who may think like us, act like us, and agree with us), but also with the stranger in our midst, our enemies, and anyone in need (1 Cor 12:12-13).

11. The Church—the Body of Christ—is the community in which we live out our communion with Christ and with each other, with Christ as the Head. This unity is not of a passive nature, that is, measured by a feeling of fellowship or by the lack of division, but by active concern for the spiritual and physical well-being of all in our human family. St. Paul never simply tells Christians, "Don't fight; don't live in disunity," but encourages them to actively "preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit" (Eph 4:3). In a world so severely divided and broken, we recognize the challenge this presents. For that reason, we offer our thanksgiving in the Eucharist for God who nourishes us and strengthens us through the Body and Blood of Christ that we may never grow weary in the active pursuit of a world where all may be one.