Golden and Silver Tubilee Liturgy

Rejoicing in

God's love,

magnified in

Jubilee lives.

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**July 13, 2025** Mary Frances Clarke Chapel Mount Carmel Bluffs Dubuque, Iowa As a senior living facility it is our custom to remain seated throughout the liturgy.

## BVM Prelude Song: *Praise Be to Thee, O Lord*

SM Rafael Bird, BVM

All who know this song are most welcome to join in!

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of glory everlasting. The Lord doth reign, let the earth rejoice. Sing joyfully unto the Lord our King, let the sea be moved and the fullness thereof! The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord. Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; sing, rejoice, and give praise. Sing and rejoice, sing and give praise, sing ye, rejoice and give praise! The King of Kings sits upon His starry throne, praise ye Him, praise ye Him! The King of Kings sits upon His starry throne, praise ye Him! Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of glory everlasting. Amen. Amen.

### Necrology

### Joellen McCarthy, BVM

Our usual custom before Mass is to remember deceased Sisters and Associates on their death anniversary. For today's special Jubilee celebration, we will recall instead the parents of our jubilarians and deceased BVM Sisters significant in their vocational discernment.

The response is: **BE WITH US**.

## Welcome: Kate Hendel, BVM

## **Opening Song:** The Summons

Text: John Bell Tune: KELVINGROVE, traditional Scottish

- Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
  Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
  Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
  Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll live and move and grow in you, and you in me.

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# **Introductory Rites**



# First Reading: Micah 6:8 ... act justly ... love tenderly ... walk humbly with your God.

Joellen McCarthy, BVM



Second Reading: Letter of Mary Frances Clarke

Kathleen Mullin, BVM

St. Joseph's June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1861

My Dear Sister Seraphina,

You have the most laborious duty, but the most profitable for time and eternity. You teach the poor of our Lord. Do thank God for that glorious privilege. And when you see very poor and neglected ones, look upon them with love, and be kind to them. And they will be grateful and will love you. And when they learn to know God, they will love God for your sake. *(adapted excerpt)* 

Your ever affectionate, Mary



**Gospel Reading: John 15:7-17** 

Msgr. Tom Toale

Jesus said to his disciples, "…This is my commandment: love one another as I love you…. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends…. You are my friends if you do what I command you…. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain…"

Reflection: Mary Ann Zollmann, BVM

Invitation to Renewal of Vows: Kathy Kandefer, BVM

### **Devotional Renewal of Vows**

As Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are women who have been touched by God's steadfast love. In response to that love, we are moved to commit ourselves to a vowed life of faithfulness to the Lord, faithfulness to one another in community, faithfulness to God's people, especially the poor. Loving God, in union with Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate our lives to you as Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We renew our vows of consecrated celibacy, poverty and obedience lived in community with our sisters according to our Constitutions. Aware of our individual and corporate limitations, we trust that you who have begun this work in us will bring it to completion.

## **Universal Prayer**

Lori Ritz, BVM Associate

Presider: Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us offer our prayers.

+ For our Jubilarians – Mary Lou, Kathy and Ann – rejoicing in God's blessings to them throughout the years and in their faithfulness to God's call, we pray:

# LOVING GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- + For their parents, extended families, coworkers, and friends, living and deceased, who have supported them on their journey with loving care, we pray:
- + For all Church leaders as they seek to share the Gospel message in our divided and fearful world, especially leaders of women's congregations, we pray:
- + For our BVM Congregation and all who live our core values in the spirit of Mary Frances Clarke, may we always rejoice in the gift of one another and in our call to share in the mission of Jesus, we pray:
- + For people everywhere suffering from war, famine and persecution, for those uprooted by floods, fires and other disasters, and for all who struggle each day with poverty, illness, grief, loneliness, or other challenges, we pray:
- + For the leaders and people of all nations: may they all work unitedly to promote true justice and lasting peace, mitigate the destructive effects of climate change, and bring an end to fear and violence, we pray:
- + For all who support our BVM life and mission, and for all those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray:

Presider: Loving God, hear the prayers of your people, and free our hearts to bring your compassion to all in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of your Holy Spirit, who are one with you for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Presentation of Gifts by the Jubilarians



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- Though I am small, <u>my</u> God, my all, <u>you</u> work <u>great</u> things in me, And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **REF.**
- From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry ty<u>rant</u> from his throne. The hungry poor <u>shall</u> weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth <u>be</u> fed, for the world is about <u>to</u> turn. **REF.**
- 4. Though the nations rage <u>from</u> age to age, we remember who holds us fast: <u>God's</u> mercy must <u>deliver</u> us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed <u>by</u> God, who is turning the world <u>a</u>round. **REF.**

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#### **Recessional:** Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

# *Flowers* The flowers in the chapel are in honor of our parents: **Patricia and Joseph Chaput Loretta and Edwin Kandefer Mary and Robert Wetzell**

#### Gratitude

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