**Triduum to St. Anne and St. Joachim**

**First Day, July 24, 2025**

= Introduction Liturgy of the Hours =

Today we start the Triduum to our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim.

Joachim and Anne were simple, humble people, with a deep experience of God, with a deep living of faith. From their simplicity, and total and trusting abandonment in God’s Hands, they walked hopeful, aware that He was accompanying them in everything, aware that He was caring for them, that He was faithful and would fulfil His Promise. They knew that the first thing was to belong to God.

Saint Anne and Saint Joachim conceived and bore the good fruit of the Mother of the Son of God. We, Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne and Laity of Saint Anne Family, as our Patron Saints, are also called to contemplate God, so as to be able to bear the good fruit of care, of detail, of love.

= Petition Liturgy of the Hours =

In the beginning of the Triduum to our Patron Saints Anne and Joachim, we thank God for our Charismatic Family and for our new General Government.

May Saint Joachim and Saint Anne accompany us in this Chapter Path and continue showing us how to belong only to Him, so as to bear the good fruits that our world needs.

= Introduction Eucharist =

The beginning of the Triduum to our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim convokes us today in this Eucharistic celebration, in the context of a very important congregational and ecclesial event: our 31st General Chapter.

Joachim and Anne are the names that a tradition, which starts in the 2nd Century, gives to the parents of the Virgin Mary.

They are two persons filled with greatness in God’s eyes, a greatness hidden in simplicity and humility.

They believed in God against all hope and placed their whole trust in Him. Their “let it be” to God’s Will, made them to conceive and to bear the good fruit of the plenitude of grace, the Virgin Mary. They were, in this way, mediators of the Promise of God, vital link of the history of salvation.

May our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim continue accompanying our new General Government and our Charismatic Family in this Chapter Path. May, together with them, we may be seeds who bear good fruit, as our Founders, willing to love and serve “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

= Prayer of the Faithful =

* We pray for the Pope Leo XIV, bishops, priests and deacons. May, from a deep experience of faith, they accompany the people of God in the encounter with Him and in the commitment with the brethren. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
* We pray for peace in so many countries and places punished by wars and violence. We pray for peace in our Communities and families. We pray for those who are peaceful and for those who are violent. May there be more and more makers of peace. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
* We pray for those who suffer. May they know of God’s provident care through people who accompany them in their pain. We pray in a special way for those who are sick and elderly, for the victims of violence and of the economic crisis, for the refugees and emigrants. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
* We pray for the youth. May they know the joy of believing, the deep joy of hoping and the passion of loving, and may some of them answer God with trust and generosity in the priestly, consecrated and missionary life. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
* We pray for our Charismatic Family, especially for our new General Government and for the Chapterian Sisters and Laity. May we be reflection of Charity through the practice of Hospitality “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
* We pray for those we serve and the people who share with us life and service. May they live every day the joy of God’s blessing through our being and doing. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
* We pray for the Sisters, benefactors, collaborators, relatives and friends that already enjoy God’s Presence and who accompany, in one or another way our congregational journey. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
* We pray for all of us. May, as St. Anne and St. Joachim, we may be seeds of God who bear good fruit, mediators of His Presence and Grace in our daily path. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

**Second Day, July 25, 2025**

**James The Apostle**

= 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 St. 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.

As Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, as James the Apostle, as our Founders, we are also called, in this Chapter Path, to be disciples, witnesses to the Lord Jesus.

= Petition Liturgy of the Hours =

In this second day of the Triduum to our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, we thank God for our Charismatic Family.

May they accompany us in this Chapter Path and in our journey being witnesses to the Lord Jesus who love and serve “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

= Introduction Eucharist =

In the framework of the celebration of the Triduum to our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, we are convoked today to recall the life of JAMES THE APOSTLE, man of God and disciple of Christ, who proclaimed the Good News reaching to this land, according to the tradition, and who was the first apostle who gave his life up for the Lord.

James walked after the steps of Jesus; he identified himself with Him and, as Him, he assumed the demands of the Gospel till death.

Jesus was for him the Path, the Truth and the Life. So, he accepted the invitation of drinking from the same chalice as his Master and Lord. He was called “son of thunder”, because of his apostolic zeal. These words do not sound strange in this Congregation daily committed to live the gift of Universal Charity till risking the own life, as Mother Maria Rafols and Father John Bonal did.

James has been and is a place to confess our faith and our commitment. James is sharing the same life of the Lord, being the yeast that ferments everything with Him, and being permanently ready to drink from His Chalice, to surrender the own life out of love, day by day.

May the Lord grant us to continue growing in our faith in Him, and to express it in our journey after his steps, aware of the gift we have received to give it to others, lived as confession and surrender, as proclamation and witness to His Love and His Mercy.

= Prayer of the Faithful =

* We pray for the Pope Leo XIV, bishops, priests and deacons. May, as James the Apostle, they humbly follow the Lord, proclaim His Good News and be witnesses before the People of God. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for the leaders of the nations. May they be servants of their citizens, looking always for peace and the common good. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for Spain, which celebrates today in St. James the apostolic origin of its faith. May the Lord grant this country to walk, to build and to confess, with the word and the life, its faith in the Lord Jesus. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for those who suffer victims of violence, injustice, insecurity, economic crisis, sickness, indifference. May they know of the merciful heart of God through people who accompany them in their suffering. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for the youth. May they know of God dwelling in the daily events, and answer Him with generosity in the priestly, consecrated and missionary life. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for our Charismatic Family in this Chapter Path; for our new General Government and the Chapterian Sisters and Laity. May we be the yeast that fills with God the life, the time and the events, where we are. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for those whom we serve and the people who share life and task with us. May they experience every day God’s blessing through our being and doing. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for the Sisters, benefactors, collaborators, relatives and friends who already enjoy God’s Presence and who accompanied our congregational journey in one or another way. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for us, who bring the treasure of our faith in humble clay pots. May we experience that, in this apparent weakness, God continues working in us and makes of each one of us servants out of Love, as our Patron Saints were. **Let us pray to the Lord**

**Third Day, July 26, 2025**

= 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 praise and gratitude to God, which we express today in the five Continents. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne and the Laity of Saint Anne Family, we also want to be people of good, servants of God, mediation of His Love for so many people whom we meet in our Daily journey.

As Saint Anne Family, we have received the Mission of being, as the Lord Jesus, witnesses to God’s Love.

May, as St. Joachim and St. Anne, as our Founders, we continue answering faithfully to God’s call, “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 of Saint Anne in America, and the people, Communities and Centres who have the name of our Patron Saints.

May they accompany us in this Chapter Path in our journey being Universal Charity through the practice of Hospitality.

= Introduction Eucharist =

In this day of congregational feast, framed in the celebration of the 31st General Chapter, we are convoked by the thanksgiving prayer to God for our Patron Saints Anne and Joachim.

Their humble and simple lives, offered to God day after day, are for us, Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, a call to revitalize the values of our congregational spirit.

Like them, we also believe that we must first belong to God, to place our hope and our trust in Him, to allow ourselved to be dwelt by His Life, so that others may have life.

May, as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, as our Founders, Mother Maria Rafols and Father John Bonal, we be people of faith who keep hope alive, who trust in God fully, who do not put limits to Charity, who surrender themselves in a humble and simple way, who know how to wait… who love and serve God and the brethren WITH ALL, “with the greatest care, with every detail, with all love”.

= Prayer of the Faithful =

* We pray for the Pope Leo XIV, bishops, priests and deacons. May they be people of good, mediations of God’s Love. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for the leaders of the nations. May they rule by promoting peace, justice and common good, concerned by the most underprivileged ones. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for those who suffer, for the victims of violence, injustice, economic crisis. We pray for the sick people. We pray for the refugees and the emigrants. May they always have good people who accompany them in their pain and hopelessness. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for the youth. May they know of God in their daily journey, and some of them answer to His call to the priestly, religious and missionary life. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for our Charismatic Family in this Chapter Path; for our new General Government and the Chapterian Sisters and Laity. We pray for St. Anne’s Province in America and the people, Communities and Centres who have the name of our Patron Saints. May we be witnesses of the Lord from Universal Charity that is lived through the practice of Hospitality up to the point of Heroism. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for those whom we serve and the people who share life and task with us. May they experience every day God’s blessing through our being and doing. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for all the Sisters, benefactors, collaborators, relatives and friends who, in God’s Presence, accompany our congregational journey. **Let us pray to the Lord**
* We pray for all of us, gathered in thanksgiving prayer to God for his Servants Anne and Joachim. May we learn from them to be people of faith, who do not put limits to Charity, who make themselves bread so that others may have life, who love and serve “with the greatest care, with every detail, with all love”. **Let us pray to the Lord**