# Holy Hour for Life -- December 8, 2013

**(Mike Keller)**
**Entrance Hymn** – *Come Holy Ghost*

**(Clergy)**
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All**: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

**Clergy Leader**: Let us pray. Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that in the same spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**(Mike Keller)**
**Hymn** – *O Salutaris (O Saving Victim)* (Missal – Inside back cover)

**(Marie Pierce or Other)**
**Prayer in Appreciation of Life**:

Christ, whose life in infancy was saved while others died, help us to be sensitive towards those many circumstances in our present world where many of us live and flourish at the expense of others who die. Let not the death of innocents around the world rest too easily upon our consciences, but strengthen in us the resolve to search out all those places where innocence is at risk at the hands of poverty, disease, ignorance, market forces, exploitation, neglect and human cruelty. Amen.

God almighty in your greatness you stooped to share human life with the most defenseless of your creatures. May we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the wordless witness of the holy innocents to your Son our Lord.

**(Tony Catalano Announces)**
**Contemplative Silent Adoration**: (Approximately 5 minutes)

**(Tony Catalano)**
**A Reading from the Book of Revelation**: Revelation 12:1-6a, 10ab
**or**
**A Reading from the Book of Genesis**: Genesis 1:24-31a

**Prayer of the Rosary**: (five decades) (**Yellico Family** Introduces Rosary & Each Decade's Mystery; Leads Prayer at End of Each Decade & Concluding Prayers)
(Five Decades in Order as Decided By: **Yellico Family**).

**(Chris Catalano)**
**Magnificat (Musical Setting)**

**(Barbara Cutrone or Other)**
**Prayer for Life to Mary**:

*Given first in Rome by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25, 1995. You are invited to meditate upon this prayer, and upon the love of our Blessed Mother.*

O MARY, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
To you we entrust the cause of LIFE:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast number of children who have not been born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women who are the victims of brutal violence,
and of the elderly or sick killed by misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of Life
with honesty and love to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace

to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their
lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely,
in order to build together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and the glory of God, the Creator of life.

**(Tony Catalano Announces)**
**Contemplative Silent Adoration**: (Approximately 5 minutes)

**(Janet Lamm)**
**Life Litany**: (Response: *Renew Us, Lord)*
For physicians who see into the womb
For surgeons who heal the unborn child
For all who defend the child in the womb
For nurses who love little babies
For nursing students
For those who first hear the heartbeat
For those who first feel a kick
For nurses who cradle the newborn
For nurses who foster the unborn
For all who protect defenseless life
For judges who struggle with justice
For lawyers who seek to speak truth
For judges who love life
For the judges of our Supreme Court
For those who argue before them
For the unborn child who rests in their hands
For all victims of abortion,
For the woman whose memories cause her to cry
For those whose pain nags and holds on
For the unborn who rest with God
For all who seek mercy
For all who seek peace
For all who seek healing, and mercy and perfect peace

God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life, and safety and care to every human being. For you alone who formed us in our mother's womb, and who call us home to heaven, are God, for ever and ever. Amen

**(Clergy)**
**Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**(Mike Keller)**
**Hymn** -- *Tantum Ergo* (*Down in Adoration Falling*) -- (Missal – Inside back cover)

**(Clergy)**
**Divine Praises**

**(Mike Keller)**
**Hymn –** *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* -- (Missal – Inside back cover)