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APRIL 2021 – EASTERTIDE

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

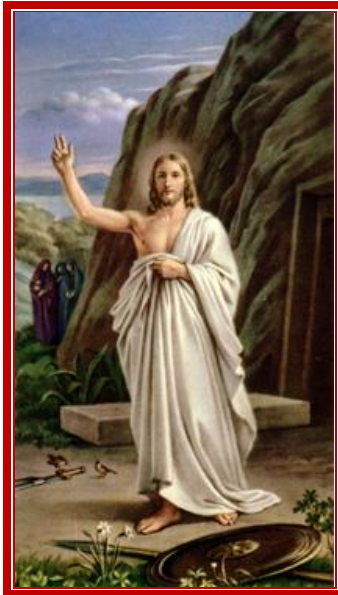
FOR if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again; even so them who have slept through Jesus, will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you in the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them who have slept. – 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 14

DESPITE the great inconvenience that has impacted many of us it seems that most of the faithful had a profitable Lententide, and therefore quite a joyful Easter. When we came together in the catacomb of our little recusant Oratory Easter morn our voices were lifted high singing the *Triple Alleluia* before Holy Mass. We hosted several *extra* visitors who traveled quite far to witness and participate in the great celebration of the traditional Catholic Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord and King **Jesus Christ!**

I immediately think of the *Carraig an Aifrinn* (Mass Rocks) of my Irish ancestors, where many a Priest and layman were martyred by perfidious Protest-ants in hatred of the Mass and the Faith. Today our persecutors, the godless socialists, will not cease their destruction of the True Faith, and therefore we *must* pray to heaven for the

remedy: most especially to Our Lady, the **Destroyer of all Heresies!**

The prayers and sacrifices of the faithful, most especially the **Holy Rosary** and the pious attendance of **Holy Mass**, will be the surest relief of the woes of this world, and has always been. Of course authentic conversion of the world begins with the conversion of one's self: alas, much easier said than done.



I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live – S. John 11:25

Lasting joy, which brings true peace to the soul, comes by grace. The Apostle teaches us that *we should not trust in ourselves, but in God Who raiseth the dead. Who hath delivered and doth deliver us out of so great dangers: in Whom we trust that He will yet also deliver us* (II Corinthians 1:9 – 10), and so God delivers us not only from eternal death but also the *spiritual death* of sin, in which we should rejoice. Yes, it is the life of grace that sustains our

joy and trust in God's promises, and we *must not* be a part of this world, but work to convert this world into Christ's glorious Kingdom of which there is no end (*cf.* Apocalypse 11:15).

I will boldly ask that you all continue your prayers for our little apostolate and for God's providence to provide us with a house here in Southern California from which we can continue to offer the true Mass and true Sacraments and teach the true Faith; a house, no matter how small or modest, will ensure that the work of grace may continue. Nothing built by man in this world can compare to the glory of the Kingdom of Christ, and I am reminded that no desire, even a good one, can come to fruition without God and His grace: *The heart of man disposeth his way: but the Lord must direct his steps* (Proverbs 1:9).

May you all be blessed this Paschaltide, and may you remain the joy of God's grace!

As always, I am most grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of my paternal benediction and prayers, especially at Holy Mass.

I remain, in Christ the King,

Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Dearest Monsignor: Your clarification regarding the question below, would be very much appreciated.

In S. John 11:23-27, our Lord was speaking to Martha regarding Lazarus: "Jesus saith to her: Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith to Him: I know that he shall rise again, in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said to her: I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live: And every one that liveth, and believeth in Me, shall not die for ever. Believest thou this? She saith to Him: Yea, Lord, I have believed that Thou art Christ the Son of the living God, Who art come into this world."

Our Lord gave no other requirement but this for everlasting life. Why was Baptism, and other requirements, not mentioned?

Thank you so much, in Christ the King,
J&AS, Lake Balboa, CA

A: Thank you for such an important question. In this regard the Lord was speaking *specifically* of S. Martha's brother, S. Lazarus. In the verses prior to your inquiry we are assured that S. Lazarus and his sisters, Ss. Mary and Martha, were intimates of the Lord: *Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick* (S. John 11:3), and as such

all these holy siblings would have been instructed in the doctrine of Christ and almost assuredly received the Baptism of Repentance of S. John the Baptist. So in this case they had already conformed to the Holy Faith and belief and confession of the Lord as the Christ: *Yea, Lord, I have believed that Thou art Christ the Son of the living God, Who art come into this world (ibid.)*. When the Lord speaks *in general* of those who have yet to hear His Word, accepted it and be Baptised, He teaches: *Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost [Baptism], he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God* (S. John 3:5).

*If you have a question, please feel free to e-mail:
info@stfrancisoratory.org*



*S. Mark, Evangelist (25th of April):
 Pray for us!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mrs. Diane Powers, Mr. McCanna Anthony Sinise, Mr. Paul Howard, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Gilbert Herr†, Mr. Ronald Beeley†, Mr. Eugene G. Sullenberger†, Father Anthony Cekada†, and

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Mr. Frank Calderon†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.*



HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

DONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent online or you can always be sent to our Post Office Box:
St. Francis of Assisi
PO Box 8469
Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469



The normal stipend for a Mass Intention is \$20.00. Please be sure to include the person's name (w/Mr., Mrs. or Miss) and if they are living or deceased. Also, be sure to indicate if you wish a **Mass Card** to be sent to that person or their family.

Your continued support is appreciated and quite needed to continue our mission of offer the true and traditional Latin Mass of the Holy Catholic Church. The true Mass and Faith are ours to protect, defend and support!



HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2021

13 May 2021 (Thursday)
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
15 August 2021 (Sunday)
*Feast of the Assumption of the
BVM*
1 November 2021 (Monday)
All Saints Day
8 December 2021 (Wednesday)
*Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of the BVM*
25 December 2021 (Saturday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

SUNDAYS OF APRIL: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

In order to assist the faithful following Holy Mass with their hand missals here are the Sunday Masses for April:

4 April 2021:

Easter Sunday:

No Commemorations.

11 April 2021:

Low Sunday:

Commemoration of *Pope S. Leo I* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

18 April 2021:

Second Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of the *Blessed Virgin Mary* and *Against the Persecutors of the Church* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

25 April 2021:

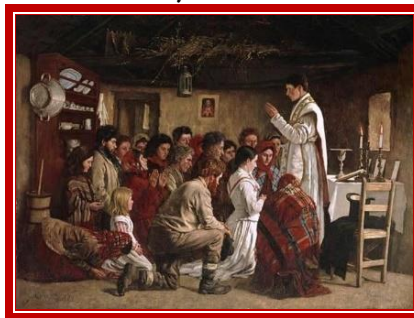
S. Mark, Evangelist:

Commemoration of the *Third Sunday after Easter* and the *Octave of the Solemnity of S. Joseph* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

To correctly participate at Holy Mass one *silently* unites his prayers with those of the Church through pious and

attentive meditation of the prayers and reading of Holy Mass.

If you are unsure how to correctly set your hand missal arrive early for Holy Mass and ask the Monsignor to assist you. It is also important to become familiar with the *Ordinary of the Mass*, those parts that never change, i.e.: Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Benedictus, and the Agnus Dei. And of course the Canon of the Mass, and the *Propers of the Mass*, those which vary according to the feasts of the day, i.e., Introit, Collect(s) (after the Gloria or Dominus Vobiscum), Epistle, Gradual, Alleluia, Tract or Sequence, Gospel, Secret, Communion Verse and Post Communion. On many feasts or days there are *Commemorations* (additional prayers) at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion. The careful attention to these prayers and readings will help one enter into a deeper spiritual relationship with the Holy Liturgy, the Saints and Mysteries of God.



The Hiding Mass in Ireland



The Hiding Mass in Van Nuys

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Sunday Mass Time:
*(please call or email for current
Mass time and location)*

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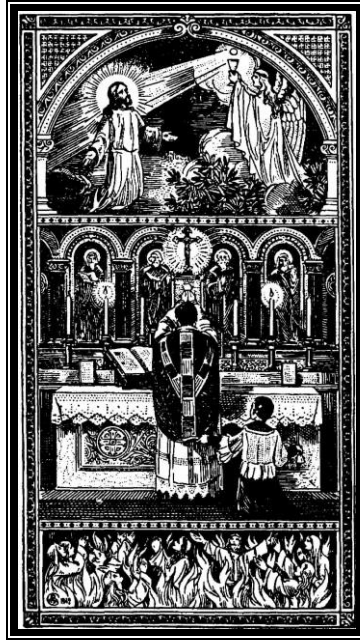
Passiontide Mission Altar



Paschalide Mission Altar



✿ Saint Francis Chapel is staffed by the Priestly Society of Christ the King (SSCR); properly trained and ordained Roman Catholic Priests who are faithful to the teachings and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. Saint Francis is not affiliated with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our Holy Fathers, the Popes, most especially Saint Pope Pius V in His infallible decree *Quo Primum*, have given their permission in perpetuity to offer the Traditional Latin Mass (*Missal of S. Pope Pius V* and rubrics of *S. Pope Pius X*).



MASS GUILD

Holy Mass is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and canonized by His Holiness, Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!

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RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

www.traditio.com
www.traditioninaction.com
www.remnantnewspaper.com
www.traditionalmass.org

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