

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

The Newsletter and Bulletin of the Oratory of Saint Francis of Assisi

APRIL 2022 – PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER

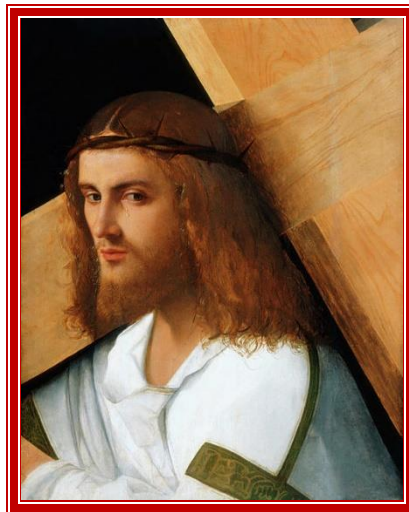
LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

CHRI^ST also suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow His steps. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who, when He was reviled, did not revile: when He suffered, He threatened not: but delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly. Who His own self bore our sins in His body upon the Tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice: by Whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray; but you are now converted to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

1 S. Peter 2:21 – 25

OUR LORD teaches us that *unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remaineth alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit* (S. John 12:24 – 25). Following the example of the Saviour we too must die; to sin and to ourselves, in order that we may live in His grace, and then, as a consequence of our sin, *physically* die so we may live forever in heaven until the General Resurrection of the dead. But for now, let us focus on dying to sin and to ourselves...

How is your Lenten progress? How many vices were you able to overcome and how many virtues were you able to increase? I am sure it has been a bumpy journey, but so are all journeys that have a glorious destination. On His painful journey to Calvary Our Redeemer fell three times carrying His Cross, laden down by our sins, and was even assisted by the *Cyrenian*: and so too do we fall in our attempts to overcome our grievous sins, praise heaven for the grace of our King and the assistance of our spiritual friends, the saints, to bear such a weight.



Our Blessed Lord and King, pure and innocent, took upon Himself the weight of our sins, offering up His own will in union with the Eternal Father's will (*cf.* S. Matthew 26:39), *He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the Cross* (Philippians 2:8). Man's disobedience was overcome by God the Son's perfect obedience. Let us follow the Redeemer's great and perfect example by sharing

in His sufferings and carrying our own burdens that God has allowed so we too might become *obedient unto death*.

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches us that *Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example in anxieties, contempts, scourgings, the Cross and death itself, that we might follow in His steps. It we endure for Christ our own anxieties and sufferings, we shall also reign together with Christ in the happiness that is everlasting* (**De Humanitate Christi**, chapter 72).

We must keep our hope and joy alive while we suffer, for if we be found like the Lord in His suffering and death we shall also be found like Him in His glorious Resurrection: the triumph over sin, sorrow and death!

Finally, I ask all who read this little newsletter to continue to keep in your prayers our need for a permanent home for our little Oratory Chapel; fancy is not needed, just sturdy and welcoming, where Our Lord and King may dwell and His servants can adore Him with reverence and devotion. May He reign in our hearts, minds and souls forever!

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: Dear Monsignor, Why is it that the Feast of Easter Sunday moves every year?

Thank you and God bless you,
WZ, Colgate, WI

A: Easter Sunday is a *moveable feast* in the Catholic Church, calculated as the first Sunday after the *Paschal Full Moon* (the first full moon on or after 21 March, the *Vernal Equinox*). The full moon this year after that date is 16 April (Holy Saturday) and therefore Easter falls on Sunday 17 April 2022. This calculation is predicated upon the original lunar calculations for the Jewish Passover feast, and that is why Easter and Passover *mostly* fall around the same time. However, after the reform of the calendar by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 to adjust the falling behind of the calendar of Julius Cæsar (d. 44 BC) the schismatic Orthodox rejected the *Gregorian Calendar* and continued the use of the *Julian Calendar*; hence why “Greek Orthodox Easter” often falls on a different Sunday.

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 Mr. Charles E. McClusky, Mr. M. Gary Starr, Mr. Kirk Lewis, Mrs. Diane Powers, Paul Howard, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mrs. Patricia Hundt-West†. *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.*



Real Men Kneel at Holy Mass!

HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

DONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent on-line (be sure to select *donation and not payment*) 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**

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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 2022

26 May 2022 (Thursday)
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
15 August 2022 (Monday)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 November 2022 (Tuesday)
Feast of All Saints
8 December 2022 (Thursday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
25 December 2022 (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:

3 April 2022:

Passion Sunday in Lent:

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

10 April 2022:

Palm Sunday:

No Commemorations.

17 April 2022:

Easter Sunday:

No Commemorations.

24 April 2022:

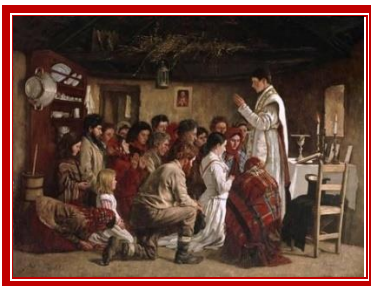
Low Sunday:

Commemoration of *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr* at the

3
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

Sunday Mass Time:
*(please call or email for current
Mass time and location)*
(818) 786-2540
e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org

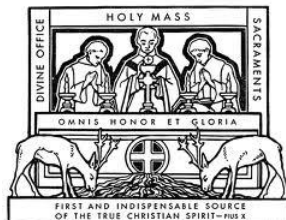
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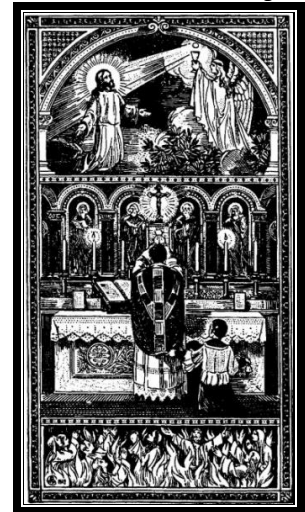
N.B.: Our Mailing Address is:
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✿ **Saint Francis Chapel** is staffed by the **Priestly Society of Christ the King (SSCR)**; properly trained and ordained Roman Catholic Priests who are faithful to the teachings and disciplines of the Roman Catholic 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*).



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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!

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

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

N.B.: Recommendation of a website is for information, and does not constitute association with or full agreement of opinions or positions.



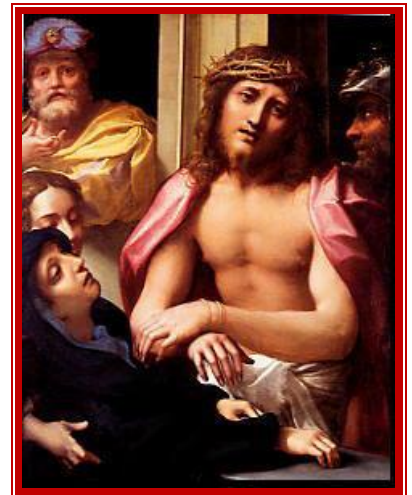
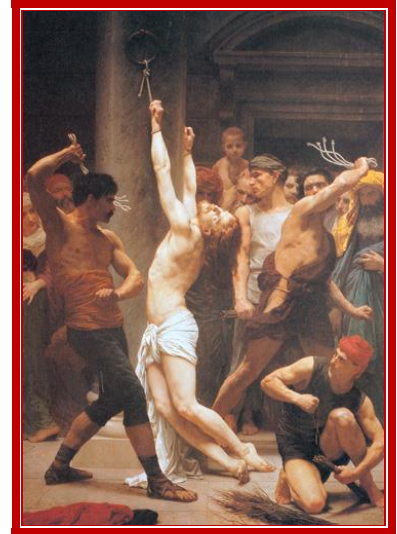
PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

O GLORIOUS PRINCE of the Heavenly Host, Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle and in the fearful warfare that we are waging against the principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against evil spirits. Come thou to the assistance of men, whom Almighty God created immortal, making them in His own image and likeness and redeeming them at a great price from the tyranny of Satan. Fight this day the battle of the Lord with thy legions of Holy Angels, even as of old thou didst fight against Lucifer, the leader of proud spirits and all his rebel angels, who were powerless to stand against thee, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the apostate angel, transformed into an angel of darkness who still creeps about the

earth to encompass our ruin, was cast headlong into the abyss together with his followers. But behold, that first enemy of mankind, and a murderer from the beginning, has regained his confidence. Changing himself into an angel of light, he goes about with the whole multitude of the wicked spirits to invade the earth and blot out the Name of God and of His Christ, to plunder, to slay and to consign to eternal damnation the souls that have been destined for the crown of everlasting life. This wicked serpent, like an unclean torrent, pours into men of depraved minds and corrupt hearts the poison of his malice, the spirit of lying, impiety and blasphemy, and the deadly breath of impurity and every form of vice and iniquity. These crafty enemies of mankind have filled to overflowing with gall and wormwood the Church, which is the Bride of the Lamb without spot; they have laid profane hands upon her most sacred treasures. Make haste, therefore, O invincible Prince, to help the people of God against the inroads of the lost spirits and grant us the victory. Amen.

(Pope Leo XIII, Motu Proprio, 25 September 1888; S.P. Ap., 4 May 1934)

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*Palm Sunday at "old" St. Francis
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