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

APRIL 2023 – PASCHALTIDE

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

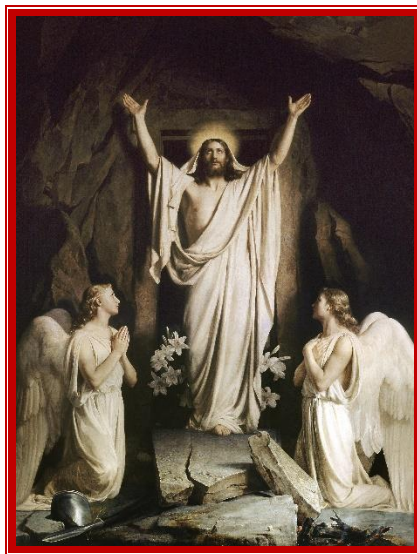
NOW I make known unto you, brethren, the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand; by which also you are saved, if you hold fast after what manner I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all, which I also received: how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures: and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures: and that he was seen by Cephas; and after that by the Eleven. Then he was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once: of whom many remain until this present, and some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen by James, then by all the Apostles. And last of all, he was seen also by me, as by one born out of due time. – I Corinthians 15:1 – 8

THE central mystery of our Catholic Faith is that Christ Jesus, Our Lord, Our God and Our King, *raised Himself* from the dead. As St. Paul clearly teaches us, by this fact we are saved and it completely true, *unless you have believed in vain*.

During this Paschaltide we *must* take the joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord and keep it in our hearts, minds and souls in order to sustain our hope in our own restoration at the **General Resurrection**: *For we must all be manifested before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the proper things of the body, according as he*

hath done, whether it be good or evil (II Corinthians 5:10). Again, I remind the faithful to keep that Easter joy, as the Psalmist prays: *This is the Lord's doing: and it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice therein. O Lord, save me: O Lord, give good success* (Psalm 117:23 – 25).

Yes, this world is indeed a *vale of tears*, but without the hope and joy given to us by the Resurrection of Our Lord and King Jesus Christ we would remain in that sorrow and despair, but since Our Redeemer has defeated sin and its consequences we *must* rejoice, we *must* live in His grace forevermore, and do so with gratitude.



For our edification Blessed Peter, Prince of the Apostles, reminds us what Our Saviour bore for us: *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* (I S. Peter 2:24). This is why joy

must remain in our hearts and souls, and nothing must impede our hope and joy in the Risen Lord. This world does not know true joy because it does not know Our Lord Jesus Christ, and if you do not have joy you also *do not know Him!*

A quick update about our Seminarian: he has been studying the rites and ceremonies of the **True Holy Week** of the Church, not the made up and *concocted* “Restored” Holy Week of the arch-heresiarch Bugnini, which made his Easter joy even more glorious: when those deprived of the Church’s rich and glorious heritage discover her authentic worship of God Almighty they grow exponentially in His grace! Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Lastly, I again ask for your assistance: we must work hard for a permanent home for our Chapel, which means we need your prayers and sacrifices. We need to raise close to \$100,000.00 that will serve as a down payment for a property and then we will need your commitment to assist monthly to sustain that property. If you can assist in this goal, *one time or monthly*, we will be grateful and can promise that God will surely bless you. We are grateful for the generous gift we received last month for this purpose.

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: Monsignor: How does one fulfill the First Five Saturday devotion to Our Lady if they are physically unable to attend Mass due to bad weather? Would they just restart the following month? How about in cases where one is sick? Would an act of spiritual Communion suffice in lieu of going to Mass?

In Christ the King,
J.M., North Hills, CA

A: The Five First Saturdays devotion makes no mention of attending Holy Mass, but rather *receiving Holy Communion*; as when this was requested (1925 – and not part of the original Fatima apparitions) Holy Communion was not regularly distributed *during* Holy Mass, but rather, before or after Holy Mass. Again, the requirement for the promises made are to 1) go to Confession, 2) receive Holy Communion, 3) pray five decades of the Holy Rosary, and 4) keep Our Lady company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary. These *must* be done on five consecutive first Saturdays.

Also, there is no “official” Church approval for this devotion, such as would be in the *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum: Preces et Pia Opera in Favorem Omnium Christifidelium vel Quorundam Coetuum Personarum Indulgentiis Ditata et Opportune Recognita* (Editio Altera, 1952), the official Latin edition published

by the Vatican Press for the *Sacra Penitentia Apostolica*.

And while this is an incredibly holy and good devotion, we must always remember that it is a *private devotion*, and not part of the Deposit of Faith that must be believed for salvation.

If you have a question, please feel free to e-mail:

info@stfrancisoratory.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially for Miss Alyssa Smith, Miss Erica Chapman, Mr. Charles E. McClusky, Mrs. Diane Powers, 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. Vern Fenimore†, Mr. Chris Hundt† and Mrs. Angela 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.*



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

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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 2023

18 May 2023 (Thursday)
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
15 August 2023 (Tuesday)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 November 2023 (Wednesday)
Feast of All Saints
8 December 2023 (Friday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
25 December 2023 (Monday)
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 March:

2 April 2023:

Palm Sunday:

No Commemorations

9 April 2023:

Easter Sunday:

No Commemorations

16 April 2023:

Low Sunday:

No Commemorations

23 April:

Second Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration *S. George, Martyr* and of the *Blessed Virgin Mary* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

30 April:

Third Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration *S. Catherine of Siena, Virgin* and of the *Octave of S. Joseph* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

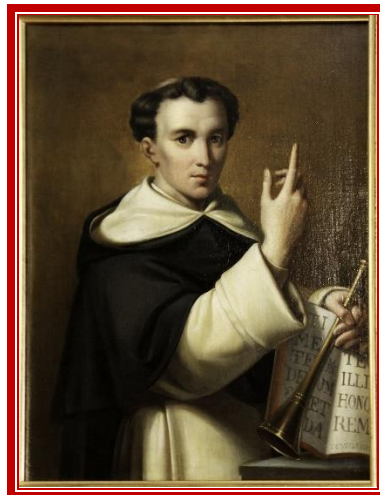
To correctly participate at Holy Mass one *silently* unites his prayers with those of the Church through pious and attentive meditation of the prayers and reading of Holy Mass.

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.



*Solemnity of S. Joseph:
26 April
Pray for us!*



*S. Vincent Ferrer:
5 April
Pray for us!*

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The Hiding Mass in Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am

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

(818) 786-2540

e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org

Be sure to visit our web site at:
www.stfrancisoratory.org

N.B.: Our Mailing Address is:
Post Office Box 8469
Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469

✿**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!

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.

PETER SPEAKS:



Now the way to reach Christ is not hard to find: it is the Church. Rightly does Chrysostom inculcate: "The Church is thy hope, the Church is thy salvation, the Church is thy refuge." ("Hom. *de capto Euthropio*," n. 6.) It was for this that Christ founded it, gaining it at the price of His blood, and made it the depositary of His doctrine and His laws, bestowing upon it at the same time an inexhaustible treasury of graces for the sanctification and salvation of men (*E Supremi*, no.9, 4 October 1903, S. Pope Pius X)



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FOR YOUR

CONSIDERATION:

Why Your Sede-Vacantist Priest May be Praying for Francis Anyway...

THE clause that concerns this consideration in the Canon of the Mass states:

We therefore, humbly pray and beseech Thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ; Thy Son, our Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these ✠ gifts, these ✠ presents, these ✠ holy unspotted Sacrifices, which in the first place we offer Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church to which vouchsafe to grant peace, as also to preserve, unite, and govern it throughout the world, together with Thy servant our Pope, and our Bishop, and all *orthodox* believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Now in this very strict sense *orthodox* (ὀρθόδοξος) means right or correct "believers", so, if your Priest is **not** naming Francis-Bergoglio in the Canon of the Mass he is not sinning because he has rightly concluded that no heretic can be the head of the Catholic Church because heretics *are not members* (right believers) of the Catholic Church. However, if by some unfathomable reason Francis-Bergoglio really is the Pope, then your Priest has still prayed him as he (Francis-Bergoglio) would be numbered among the *orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith...*

