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LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

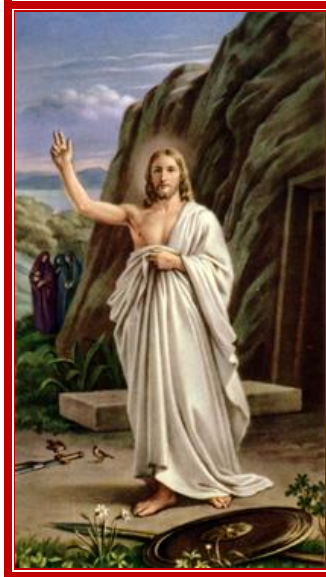
FOR I delivered unto you first of all, which I also received: how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures: And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures: and that He was seen by Cephas, and after that by the eleven.

1 Corinthians 15:3 – 5

THERE can be no greater moment of triumph and joy in all of human history than the conquering of sin and death by our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The supreme Sacrifice made by Our Blessed Lord for our benefit has been accomplished, approved and accepted... *consummatum est* (John 19:30). This solemn moment we come together as a Church and a family to commemorate that event which still stirs and lifts our hearts and souls with exuberant joy and gratitude: *In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, you being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus; to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ...Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened. For Christ our Pasch is Sacrificed* (1 Corinthians 5:4 – 7)! We, like Our Blessed Saviour, and like the leaven of which the Apostle speaks, can

now rise also, if we be dead to sin and vivified by His all-powerful grace!

Sometimes it is difficult to comprehend the tremendous significance of this historical and spiritual event, this is because we often fail to understand the miracle: yes, many have been raised from the dead, however, their participation was passive: Christ Jesus, being God, the very Author of life, was raised from the dead by His own power and volition - no one else has ever done that except The Son of God.



This glorious display of the Divine Power is a confirmation for us, *Know you not that all we, who are baptised in Christ Jesus, are baptised in His death? For we are buried together with Him by baptism into death; that as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection*

(Romans 6:3 – 5). We now share in the spiritual life by our Holy Baptism in order that we may share in Our Lord's most glorious Resurrection! The Saviour has filled the breach and we have been restored in and by Him, as the Apostle teaches us: *through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, making peace through the blood of His Cross, both as to the things that are on earth, and the things that are in heaven* (Colossians 1:20).

As a brief update, some of you have already learned that the landlord of our house has decided *not* to renew our lease and so we have returned to my modest apartment for Holy Mass. We have not been left homeless, praise Our Good and Generous Lord. Some may see this as a setback, but we must look at it as a true blessing, as well as a confirmation that the evil one does not want the True Faith and the True Mass. Your prayers for a permanent home are still needed, and I am grateful for those 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: Your Excellency, are Protestant marriages valid, even when both have been baptized in their Protestant churches?

B.A

Kansas City, KS

A: Yes, *some* non-Catholic marriages are valid: they must *always* be individually investigated, as they may be a valid *natural Marriage*. Sacramental Theology teaches us that the *Minister of the Sacrament of Marriage* is the couple themselves, *Matrimonium facit consensus* (Marriage is contracted through the mutual, expressed consent), the Priest acts as the *witness* of the Church. For example, Catholics in countries that were deprived of clergy for years at a time could *validly* Baptise their children and enter into a Catholic Sacramental Marriage as long as the ceremonies were offered properly and with the *intention* to validly confect the Sacrament.

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

info@stfrancisoratory.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mrs. Norma Hernandez, Mr. Charles Edward McClusky, Mr. Paul Howard, Mr. John Owen, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria

Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died. Especially Mrs. Diane Powers-Lewis†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness, please be sure to let the Monsignor know so he 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 Card** to be sent to that person or their family.

Your continued support is appreciated and quite needed

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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 2024

9 May 2024 (Thursday)
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
15 August 2024 (Thursday)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 November 2024 (Friday)
Feast of All Saints
8 December 2023 (Sunday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
25 December 2024 (Wednesday)
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:

7 April 2024:

Low Sunday:

No Commemorations.

14 April 2024:

Good Shepherd Sunday:

Commemoration of *S. Justin, Martyr* and *Ss. Tiburtus & Companions* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

21 April 2024:

Third Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of *S. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*, and the *Commemoration of the Octave of S. Joseph* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

28 April 2024:

Fourth Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of *S. Paul of the Cross, Confessor* and *S. Vitalis, Martyr* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

3 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 Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am

(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

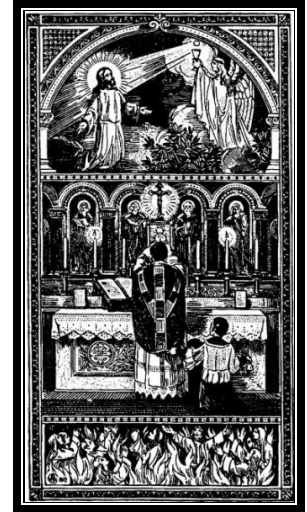


*Solemnity of S. Joseph:
Pray for us!
17th of April*



✿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

www.novusordowatch.com

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

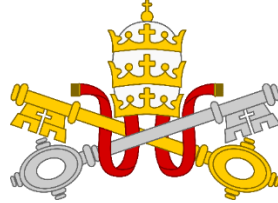
PETER SPEAKS:



IT may likewise be asked why, when the disciples were toiling in the sea, the Lord, after His Resurrection, stood on the shore, whereas, before His Resurrection, He had walked on the waves before them all. The reason of this is quickly known if we will think of the end which it then served. The sea is a figure of this present world, tossed to and fro by changing fortune, and continually ebbing and flowing with the diverse tides of life. The stableness of the shore is an image of the never-ending rest of the eternal home. The disciples therefore, for that they were yet tossed to and fro upon the waves of a dying life, were toiling in the sea, but He our Redeemer, Who had already laid aside that which in this body is subject to corruption, and had risen again from the

dead, He stood upon the shore.

- (*Sermo 24, De Evangelium*) S. Pope Gregory



Enjoy these wonderful images from Easter Sunday!



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moreaux



Jonni & Roman Alexander Mendoza



The Flores Family

Saint Francis Exchange Baptism of Mr. Myron Michael Sokolsky

