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LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

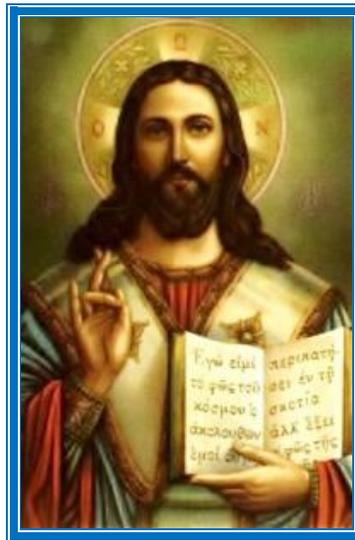
AND from the fig tree learn a parable: When the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh, even at the doors.

– S. Matthew 24:32 – 34

HAVING heaven always before us the Catholic soul must zealously seek out ways for the sanctification of his soul, lest through wickedness or idleness he loses it. We are now in summer and the season which should remind us to take a brief rest before the harvest has become one of sloth, immodesty and impurity. Man has become too accustomed to sin and evil, forgetting what God has done for him: ... *and the people sat down to eat, and drink, and they rose up to play. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Go, get thee down: thy people, which thou hast brought out of the land of Egypt, hath sinned. They have quickly strayed from the way which thou didst shew them* (Exodus 32:6 – 8).

In times past when disease and civil strife took over society the faithful, urged on by their *Shepherds*, filled the churches, fasted, did penance and made processions begging for God's mercy and relief: alas, today's faithful, urged on by their *Shepherds*, stay out of churches,

gorge themselves with *contactless delivery*, find solace in physical impurity and curse God for their deserved condition. The world *deserves* a great chastisement because, as the Apostle warned us: *For many walk, of whom I have told you often (and now tell you weeping), that they are enemies of the Cross of Christ; Whose end is destruction; whose God is their belly; and whose glory is in their shame; who mind earthly things* (Philippians 3:18 – 19). Today's man should hide from God in shame as did our First Parents when they too discovered they were naked (*cf.* Genesis 3:10)!



If we could truly learn from the Teaching Christ, if we could truly imitate the Teaching Christ, Who is meek and humble of heart (*cf.* S. Matthew 11:29) we would not only endure this season but thrive spiritually. The current political situation we see before us at its root is satanic *anarchy, rebellion and destruction*. When this is coupled by a pandemic effecting society *fear* and

mistrust reign supreme. As I have said for these past few months in this newsletter, almost no one is turning to God, instead they stay home hiding under their metaphorical bed hoping this will all just *go away*. It will not. This is the new normal and we must storm heaven with confidence and *not* fear.

Ask the Children of Fatima to give you courage, follow their example and make heaven your goal rather than the *comfort* and *security* of this world. This is the time for us to *Be sober and watch: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour* (I Peter 5:8). If you want to make it through this season than lay aside fear and have confidence in the Lord, *fast, sacrifice and pray*. Pray for yourself, your family and your Church; then pray for the peace and conversion of the misguided people who have allowed themselves to become pawns of the evil one. *Pray without ceasing* (I Thessalonians 5:17) knowing that *God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of sobriety* (II Timothy 1:7). Remember, evil is not stronger than the grace of God; He is our refuge and our hope and our aid during times of trouble (*cf.* Psalm 45:2)!

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: Hello Monsignor: Here is a question: what is the difference, or is there one, between a “false Pope” and when the Seat of the Pope is Vacant?

Thank yo!

D.H., Glendale, CA

A: There actually is a significant difference: a false pope, commonly referred to as an *Anti-Pope*, is an individual either elected *illegally* by a rogue group of Cardinals or self-proclaimed. The Church has had Anti-popes many times during her history, in fact during the Great Western Schism (1378 – 1418) there were at least three “popes” at one time. The situation was finally solved at the Council of Constance by making all the papal claimants abdicate and electing Pope Martin V in 1417. Interesting to note that there are canonised saints on all sides that supported these Anti-Popes, obviously *rejecting* a questionable pope is neither sinful nor schismatic.

The other part of your question concerns the Vacancy of the Holy See. When a Pope dies or abdicates, such as Pope S. Celestine V in 1294, the *Office* of the Pope becomes vacant, hence the interregnum called *Sede Vacante*, the See (Seat) [of the Pope] is Vacant.



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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: AN HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday the Fifteenth of August is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass will be offered at 10:00 am

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mrs. Diane Powers, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mr. McCanna Anthony Sinise, Miss Lauren Howard, Mr. Paul Howard, Miss Rhonda Roeszler, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Frank Calderon† and Mr. Alfred J. Smith†. *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

WE have had some recent inquiries on-line about how to donate or send Mass stipends. You can always send your donation to our Post Office Box:

St. Francis of Assisi

PO Box 8469

Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469

You can also donate on line with the PayPal link on our webpage:



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!

But when thou dost alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doth. That thy alms may be in secret, and thy Father Who seeth in secret will repay thee.

S. Matthew 6:3 – 4

**HOLY DAYS OF
OBLIGATION FOR 2020**

15 August 2020 (Saturday)

Assumption of the BVM

1 November (Sunday)

All Saints Day

8 December 2020 (Tuesday)

Immaculate Conception of the BVM

25 December 2020 (Friday)

Christmas

**SUNDAYS OF AUGUST:
THE CATHOLIC
HAND MISSAL**

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

2 August 2020:

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

commemoration of S. Alphonsus and S. Pope Stephen I at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

9 August 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:

commemoration of S. John Vianney and S. Romanus at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

16 August 2020

S. Joachim, Father of the BVM:

commemoration of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

23 August 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of S. Philip Benizi at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

30 August 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of S. Rose of Lima and Ss. Felix & Adauctus

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.



S. Joachim: Pray for us!

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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

Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.stfrancisoratory.org

N.B.: Our Mailing Address is:

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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,

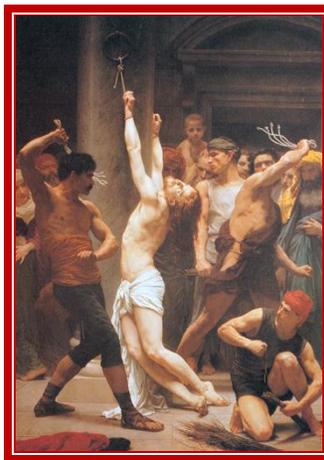
Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

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.



The Saints in Times of Distress:

If you embrace all things in this life as coming from the hands of God, and even

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embrace death to fulfill His holy will, assuredly you will die a saint. – *S. Alphonsus Liguori*

If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you and that He certainly intends to make you a saint. – *S. Ignatius of Loyola*

Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the heights of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases. – *S. Rose of Lima*

Tribulation is a gift from God; one that He especially gives to His special friends. – *S. Thomas More*

Love that cannot suffer is not worthy of that name. – *S. Claire of Assisi*

Whatever God gives and permits: temptation, being tried by others, hurt or abuse, or any sort of trouble, He gives and permits it for our good; either to cleanse us of our sins or our growth in perfection and grace. – *S. Catherine of Siena*



S. Charles Borromeo comforting the victims of plague with the Holy Sacraments