

# SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

AUGUST 2021 – MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION

## LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

**W**HO is she that cometh  
forth as the morning  
rising, fair as the moon, bright  
as the sun, terrible as an army  
set in array?

– Canticle of Canticles 6:9

**O**UR LADY, the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the most glorious and honourable creature in all of human history. Because of her fidelity to God at the completion of her earthly life God raised her body and soul, fully united, into the glory of heaven. The denial of this dogmatic fact is *heresy*, that is, separates one from the life of grace, deprives them of fellowship of God and His Church, and, if unrepented, will lead to eternal damnation. *Period.*

We are in dangerous times, almost perilous times; yet Our Lady continues to aid and protect us and her Son's Holy Church. In order to give proper thanks to her, and to God Who gave her to us, *she must be honoured.* The great and holy feast of Our Lady's *Assumption into Heaven* falls on a Sunday and therefore there should be no excuse to not rejoice with solemnity and devotion. No one should miss Holy Mass and should offer their prayers to God in gratitude for such a beautiful and loving mother! Let nothing impede our public worship and religious display. Let us raise

our hearts and voices to heaven signing her hymns and praises.

S. John Damascene exquisitely says of Our Lady's Assumption: *This day the holy and animated Ark of the living God, which had held within it its own Maker, is borne to rest in that Temple of the Lord, which is not made with hands.* How lovely, the creature that held the Creator is raised to the perfection of Paradise. *Salve, sancta Parens, enixa puérpera Regem, qui cælum terrámque regit in sæcula sæculórum:* Hail, Holy Mother, thou who didst bring forth the King, Who ruleth heaven and earth forever and ever. May her glory reign down upon those who love her!



*Hail, Holy Queen  
Enthroned Above!*

Our Lady gloriously shines bright in Heaven and on earth; and her requests before the Throne of God are heard and acquiesced to. She petitions God Almighty on our behalf, and we must trust in our prayers and petitions to her, especially as things seem so bad, as the Holy Father Pius XII teaches us:

*From the earliest ages of the Catholic Church a Christian people,*

*whether in time of triumph or more especially in time of crisis, has addressed prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven. And never has that hope wavered which they placed in the Mother of the Divine King, Jesus Christ; nor has that faith ever failed by which we are taught that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, reigns with a mother's solicitude over the entire world, just as she is crowned in heavenly blessedness with the glory of a Queen.*

*Following upon the frightful calamities which before Our very eyes have reduced flourishing cities, towns, and villages to ruins, We see to Our sorrow that many great moral evils are being spread abroad in what may be described as a violent flood. Occasionally We behold justice giving way; and, on the one hand and the other, the victory of the powers of corruption. The threat of this fearful crisis fills Us with a great anguish, and so with confidence We have recourse to Mary Our Queen, making known to her those sentiments of filial reverence which are not Ours alone, but which belong to all those who glory in the name of Christian (Pius XII *Ad Cæli Reginam*, nos. 1-2, 11 October 1954).*

Keep our Blessed Lady in your hearts and prayers, and trust in her promise to protect us from the wicked.

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:  
I have two questions for you:

- 1) If the Blessed Virgin Mary was immaculate and free from sin, did she have to suffer a mortal death? Was she still under the curse of the flesh?
- 2) How can we best explain her sleep and Dormition to Protestants?

Thank you!

*NB, Rancho Cucamonga, CA*

**A:** The sublime mystery of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, definitively and infallibly proclaimed necessary to believe for salvation by the Venerable Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* (1 November 1950) (an Apostolic Constitution is the highest form of decree given to the Church by a Pope), is the completion of the promises of Our Lord JESUS CHRIST: *he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, yet shall he live* (S. John 11:25, cf. S. John 3:36, 6:35, 6:47). Our Lord gives us the tangible proof of His veracity when He promises us life eternal; of course predicated upon our *belief* and *response*. The Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, is assumed into the heavenly paradise, where she is united with the greatest of all joys, her Son and Saviour JESUS CHRIST!

There are some that will argue the necessity of the dogmatic fact of Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven, or

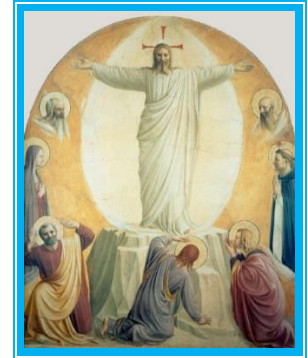
even its veracity using the *questio diaboli: but this is not in the Bible!* This satanic query and lie attempts to confound and confuse the faithful and pious soul. Fear not, there is ample proof of this dogmatic fact in the Sacred Scriptures!

Proof upon proof has been given from the angelic salutation of S. Gabriel: *Ave gratia plena!* (S. Luke 1:28) FULL of grace, no room for sin! And this salutation is from an Archangel sent to Our Lady by God Himself. Grace and sin cannot coexist; they are mutually exclusive. And how could the Saviour take His human Flesh and Blood from corruption and sin? He could not, it would be incongruous! Since she was conceived in grace and a state of perfect sanctification, and remained therein, when her earthly life was deemed by God as complete and satisfactory, she fell asleep in the Lord. Her earthly death was not like, nor could it be like, the death that Adam, Eve, and yes, you and I suffer and will suffer. For death is a result of our sin: *Stipendia enim peccati, mors* (Romans 6:23). When we reflect upon the Book of the Apocalypse, written by the hand of the Apostle S. John under the inspiration of the Lord the Holy Ghost, we further learn: *And a great sign appeared in heaven: a Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars* (Apocalypse 12:1 ff.). And from Solomon's Canticles: *Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array* (Canticle of Canticles 6:9)? Our Lady,

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

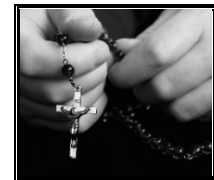
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*Transfiguration of the Lord  
(6<sup>th</sup> of August)*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Y**OUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mrs. Georgette May, 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. John Zignego†. *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

**D**ONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent on-line 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

**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 AUGUST: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

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

**1 August 2021 :**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:**  
Commemoration of *S. Peter in Chains, S. Paul, the Holy Maccabees* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

**8 August 2021 :**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:**

Commemoration of *Ss. Cyracus & Companions* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

**15 August 2021 :**

**Assumption of the BVM:**

Commemoration of *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

**22 August 2021 :**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:**

Commemoration of *S. Timothy & Companions*, and the *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

**29 August 2021 :**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**

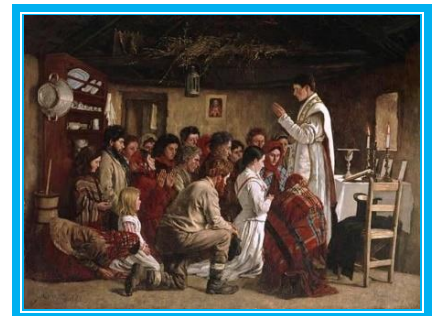
Commemoration of the *Beheading of S. John the Baptist* and *S. Sabina* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

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

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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)*

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e-mail: [info@stfrancisoratory.org](mailto:info@stfrancisoratory.org)

Be sure to visit our web site at:

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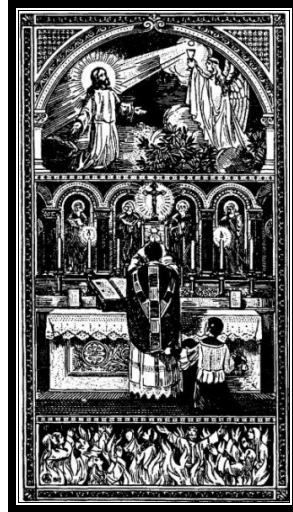
**N.B. : Our Mailing Address is:**

**Post Office Box 8469**

**Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469**



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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](http://www.traditio.com)
- [www.traditioninaction.com](http://www.traditioninaction.com)
- [www.remnantnewspaper.com](http://www.remnantnewspaper.com)
- [www.traditionalmass.org](http://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.*

### Saint Francis Exchange *Days Gone By...*



Our Patron on His Feast 2016



Mr. Garofalo & Mr. Lewis at our Picnic 2016



The Monsignor surrounded by Mr. Fawcett and the Smith Girls – Picnic 2016



More of the Faithful at the Picnic 2016