

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

AUGUST 2023 – MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

AND Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this Child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.

- S. Luke 2:34 – 35

DEVOTION to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is so powerful and laudable that the Holy Church places it on the Octave Day of the Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven. While the devotion to Our Lady's Heart is quite ancient the feast, 22 August, is quite new, being instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1944; however, after the NewChurch took power it has moved this feast twice and in many places it is no longer celebrated at all.

The need to remove the devotional life of faithful Catholics has greatly hindered the faith that gave strength and succor to millions over the centuries, especially during times of persecution and distress. The NewReligion of Vatican II has destroyed the belief in Our Lord's True Presence, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Blessed Sacrament: so if you do not honour Our Lord why honour His mother? This is all part of the evil one's plan for

humanity to fall far from the Faith. The Protestant revolt did less to harm the Faith than the NewReligion of Vatican II has, and at least Luther *et al* had the honesty to confirm they had separated from the Holy Church, unlike the false modernist religion that was *created* in the mid twentieth century.



Devotion to Our Lady and her Most Pure Heart confirms the teaching of Our Lord, her Son: *Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God* (S. Matthew 5:8), and her presence before the Throne of the Most Holy Trinity is our hope; if we could detach ourselves from this world, we too can see God Almighty. Preventing our sanctification is the evil one's plan, he seeks to deprive us from God, not only to make us suffer, but also to mock God, Whom he hates: *He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning* (1 S. John 3:8).

Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, teaches us that only those who have and keep a clean and pure heart will see God: ever

since man lost the glory of his *original innocence* through the filth of his *original sin*, he has attempted to regain and restore himself to the grace and friendship of God. We must understand that Holy Purity is not just for our little children, it is not just for a select few chosen by God, it is a requirement for us all, you and me, so that we can make it to heaven. Even the married are called to remain pure, they must keep their marriages pure and undefiled, remaining faithful to their vows of Holy Matrimony, *forsaking all others*.

Because Our Lady remains pure and immaculate she was always able to see the face of God in her Divine Son, we are even told through pious private revelation that Our Lady always saw the angels about her Son and she certainly saw His glory to a greater degree than even the Disciples at Our Lord's Transfiguration. This ability to see the true countenance of Our Lord is proof of her immaculate holiness; if not for our sin, original and actual, we too could gaze upon the face of God! Her uniqueness was meant to be our normal state, but we, through our first parents, lost it, and therefore she is to be honoured and loved above all creatures for never losing her perfect state of grace.

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 truly appreciate your clear explanation of Catholic teaching, but recently a family member said that you are not very “tolerant” and that if you were less dogmatic you might be able to reach more people. How can I answer them?
In Christ the King,
Anonymous

A: When Our Blessed Lord taught concerning those who persecuted the Baptist and other prophets and teachers He said *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear* (S. Matthew 11:15). Certainly I am neither a prophet or a great teacher, but Our Lord’s admonition is clear: how one receives the teaching of Christ and His True Church is on them. S. Augustine teaches us in his commentaries on the psalms: *Tolerantia quae dicitur ... non est nisi in malis*. Which means: “tolerance pertains only to things that are bad”. We tolerate things that are adverse, things we cannot avoid without incurring some greater adversity or evil. As one of my seminary professors used to say: you tolerate a cold, not a person. The very word “tolerate” comes from *tollere*, the Latin infinitive meaning to remove or take away. To tolerate something does not mean to “put up with it,” rather, it means to remove it or take it away as soon as possible. I cannot, in conscience, water down the doctrine of God or His Holy Church, and still remain faithful to the promises of my Baptism, Ordination and

Consecration. I am bound to them even under pain of death. I am simply an unworthy messenger, and the teaching does not belong to me, but to God. Let us pray that the hearts of those who rebel against Our Lord’s sublime teaching soften and they come to Christ so they can save their soul!

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

Saint Francis Exchange
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!



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

TUESDAY the 15th of August, the feast of the **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, is an **Holy Day of Obligation**, Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 pm.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2023

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 AUGUST: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

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

6 August 2023:

Transfiguration of the Lord:
Commemoration of the *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost* and *S. Xystus II, Pope & Companions* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

13 August 2023:

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of the *Ss. Hippolytus & Cassian, Martyrs* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

20 August 2023:

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Bernard* and the *Octave of the Assumption of the BVM* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

27 August 2023:

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Joseph of Colanctius* 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.



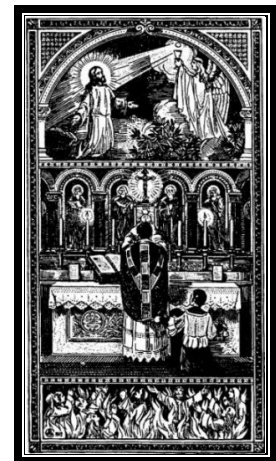
The Hidden Mass in Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:
10:00 am
(please call or email for current Mass time and location)

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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*).



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:

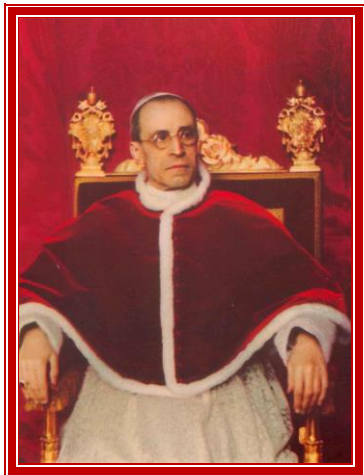
www.traditio.com

www.traditioninaction.com

www.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:



FOR which reason, after we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God Who has lavished His special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the

honour of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, *we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.* Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith. (*Munificentissimus Deus*, nos. 44 & 45, 1 November 1950, Pope Pius XII).



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JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF CHRIST THE KING!

All are invited to join the Knights of Christ the King every First Saturday to attend Holy Mass and then pray the Holy Rosary at FPA Women's Health located at 10200 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills CA 91345 at 10:00 am.