

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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AUGUST 2024 – MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

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.

Pius XII - *Munificentissimus Deus*, no.44 - 1 Nov 1950

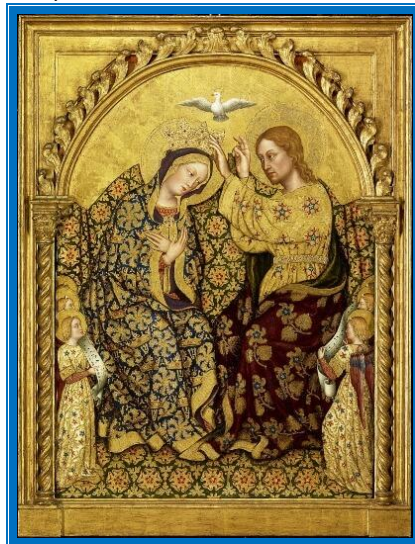
EVERY Catholic owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to our Holy Father Pope Pius XII, who, with great providence and fortitude proclaimed the Dogma of the *Bodily Assumption of the Most Blessed and Glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ*.

As the Holy Father's Apostolic Constitution reminds us of the Holy Church's perennial belief in Our Lady's bodily assumption, and the Liturgical Feast has existed in both the Western and Eastern as early as the fourth century. The Holy Church, most especially in her earliest Ecumenical Councils, has always upheld the unique dignity and role of Our Lady in our salvation history.

During these turbulent times we must cleave to Our Lady's most holy example and heed her warnings, most

especially those from the approved apparitions at Fatima. Her maternal care for us must be respected and promoted by the faithful, as we read in the book of Ecclesiasticus, *They that explain me shall have life everlasting* (24:31).

We must remember that when we pray to Our Lady we are asking for her to *intercede on our behalf*, that is, we are asking for her special assistance and favour *by the Holy Name* – she is asking God, on our behalf, for a grace and spiritual favour. That is the key point: she does not grant a favour by her own power, but rather, she asks for us, pleading before the Throne of God. Our Lady, and all of the angels and saints in heaven, are not “little gods”, but rather, they are our *advocates*.



The word *advocate* means “to speak for you” and this is what Our Lady does, she speaks for you and I before the Throne of the Most High God. When writing to the Church in Corinth the Apostle reminds of the importance and efficacy of intercessory prayer: *Your*

helping withal in prayer for us: that for this gift obtained for us, by the means of many persons, thanks may be given... (II Corinthians 1:11), and therefore I ask all of you, who helps us to obtain gifts if not Our Lady?

We have examples of Our Lady interceding in the Holy Gospels; did she not ask Our Lord to perform His first *public* miracle by turning water into wine (cf. S. John 2:3 – 5)? If she would assist at a wedding how much more will she assist us in obtaining the grace to save our souls? Be Our Lady's and she shall be yours! The Blessed Virgin Mary is the *Mother of fair love* (Ecclesiasticus 24:24), and she shall bring comfort and confidence to your heart, and take to yourself her example, *Ecce ancilla Domini: fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum* (S. Luke 1:38).

Lastly, may I beg your prayers for me, that I stay faithful and strong and to work tirelessly for the Kingdom of her Son, Our Lord and King Jesus Christ: may your prayers to her be heard and accomplished for the sanctification of souls and for eternal glory before the Throne of God Almighty.

As always, 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: My Lord: Previously you have mentioned that modern “Vatican 2 Catholics” have departed so far from the authentic Faith that they no longer are able to distinguish truth from error. How can we help “convert” them to real Catholicism?

Thank you for your care for souls! In Christ the King,

Anonymous

A: Your question is very important and contains great charity because your desire is to help others save their souls and go to heaven!

Most modern Catholics, as you say, are unaware that they no longer hold even the most basic of dogmatic truths, perhaps this is where the *invincible ignorance theory* comes into play...but to your question: the first thing we must all do is pray for them, whether they be liberal, moderate or traditional-*ish* Conciliar Catholics. Our primary obligation is to always pray for those in need, and they are in the greatest of spiritual need because they have (unknowingly or even knowingly) been deprived of the true Holy Catholic Faith, and in most cases true Holy Catholic Sacraments, which deprives them from Sacramental Grace, much needed to save their souls.

Next we must teach them true and sound doctrine by teaching and example. One of the simplest things I do,

which almost always elicit comments or questions is making the Sign of the Cross and saying Grace before *and* after meals in public. Another witness is that if I am invited to some type of function or gathering on a Friday I always let my host know that I do not eat meat on that day as a *Religious Obligation*, this way I do not surprise or embarrass them or myself by not eating what is put in front of me.

Lastly, the best way to convert anyone is to know the Holy Faith yourself and to *defend* it and not *argue* about it – the only one who wins an argument is the devil...

This is why I spend so much time teaching the faithful about the Holy Faith in my sermons and in the Faith Lectures I offer. As a young man once remarked to me, to detect a *forgery* one must first study and thoroughly know the *real* thing.

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 Mr. George Porter, 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 Mr. Kirk Lewis†, Mrs. Diane Powers-Lewis†. *If*

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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 online via **PayPal** and **Zelle** (be sure to select *donation* and not payment) or you can always send it 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 2024

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 AUGUST: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

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

4 August 2024:

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Dominic, Confessor* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

11 August 2024:

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:
Commemoration of *Ss. Tibertius & Susanna Virgin Martyr* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

18 August 2024:

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

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

25 August 2024:

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. King Louis IX* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* 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 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:

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S. Lawrence, Martyr and Deacon
10th of August:
Pray for us!

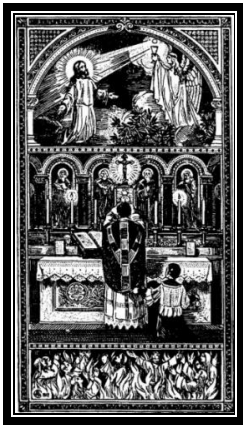


THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: AN HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY 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.



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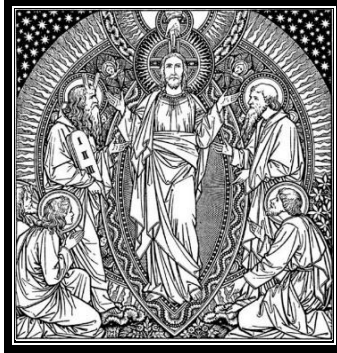


MASS GUILD

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!



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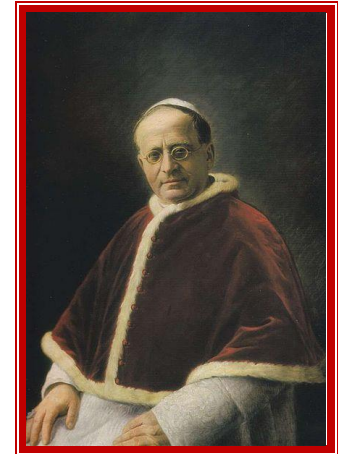
RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

www.traditio.com
www.traditioninaction.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.

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PETER SPEAKS:



MAY the most benign Virgin Mother of God smile on this purpose and on these desires of ours; for since she brought forth for us Jesus our Redeemer, and nourished Him, and offered Him as a Victim by the Cross, by her mystic union with Christ and His very special grace she likewise became and is piously called a reparatress. Trusting in her intercession with Christ, who whereas He is the “one mediator of God and men” (I S. Timothy 2:5), chose to make His Mother the advocate of sinners, and the minister and mediatrix of grace. (*Miserentissimus Redemptor*, no. 21, Pope Pius XI, 8 May 1928)

