

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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DECEMBER 2017 – ADVENTIDE

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

TO THEE, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul. In Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. Neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. – Psalm 24:1 – 3, the Introit of the First Sunday in Advent

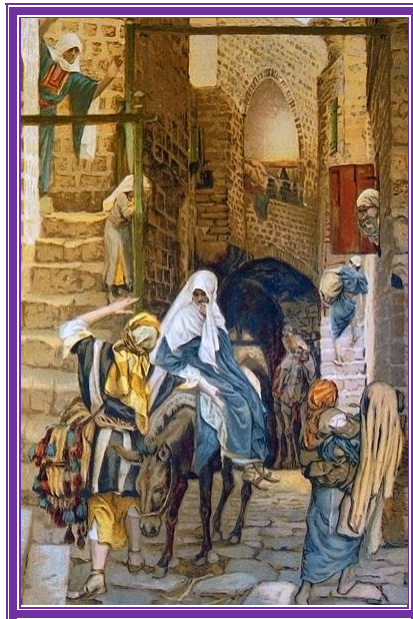
ADVENT, the great and holy season is a time of new beginnings: it is the Liturgical “new year” for the Holy Church and our time to prepare for the *Coming of the Lord*.

It is dogmatic that the Lord Jesus will indeed return with *great power and majesty* (S. Luke 21:27) and judge the world by fire. We must be prepared for this coming and this time. For S. Paul reminds us that it will come *sooner than we believed* (cf. Romans 13:11).

The Apostle wants to remind us of how this earthly life is a struggle and a battle: light against the darkness of sin, the children of grace against the children of sin. He puts before us the contrary behaviours of the good and the evil: we are to *walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: But [we must] put on the Lord Jesus Christ, [that is, we must live in His grace] and make no provision for the flesh in its [lustful temptations] (ibid).*

The greatest war against evil takes place within our own self. This is an important lesson for us to learn: we are at war within our self. Our pride and our lust, for things and people, puts at odds with the light and grace of Christ our King.

Advent is for us a very different season than it was for God’s Chosen People who awaited the Messiah, Who would deliver them from the bondage of sin and darkness: they awaited the coming of the Great High King whom restores grace and order.



But this is not *Whom we await!* At the Incarnation Our Blessed Lord came quietly, humbly, as the Lamb...*as the Lamb*. He returns as the Lion!

He first came and offered Himself as the Paschal Lamb, sacrificed in propitiation for our sins and those of our fathers. However, when He returns, He tells us in the Holy Gospel that He shall return when there is great tribulation;

not this tiny inconvenient sorrow we see now, that on *the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves; Men withering away for fear, and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved; and then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with great power and majesty*. He shall return in great POWER and MIGHT! Won’t all the wimpy, “nice” and limp wristed modernists be surprised when they realize how wrong they have been? Won’t everyone be shocked when they finally understand how His Mercy will work *with His Justice!* Not man’s justice, but God’s justice: power and might, and the wicked will be cast out where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Hear and harken to the warning of the Apostle, and live in righteousness, holiness and grace – become a saint now, today, this very instant, before Our Lord and King *does* return, and all our excuses and whining will be drowned out by our screams and terrors as we descend into the pit of hell!

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: I recently read in one of Father John Laux excellent books on Catholicism where he states that the Blessed Virgin Mary "died." Is this an error on his part? I thought Our Lady did not die due to her Immaculate Conception and being free from sin. Can you please explain?

In Christ the King, FC, Lynwood, CA

A: Thank you for your e-mail question – very timely indeed since we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception this month! In general there are a few things to note:

The book by Father John Laux was written *prior* to the solemn definition of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1950, so his language may be imprecise but not in error. In his infallible dogmatic pronouncement Pope Pius XII first says this:

Now God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempted from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.

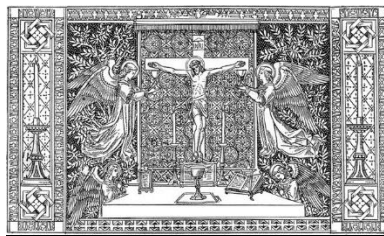
And in his dogmatic formulation of this infallible proclamation teaches:

*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**, (emphasis mine) *was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.**

So what the Church teaches is that the Blessed Virgin Mary had a natural "death" of her body (or *falling asleep* as the Eastern Catholic Church says) and then was taken up into heaven without ever suffering bodily corruption.

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

info@stfrancisoratory.org



PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Miss Chelsea Hazeldine (the Monsignor's God-daughter), Mrs. Tonya Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Howard, Mr. Frank Calderon, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mr. Joseph Bremmer, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William Schiermeyer, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your

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prayers the souls of those who have died, especially for Mrs. Maureen Morelli†, Monsignor R. Terence Fulham†, Mr. David Damits†, Mr. Gino Dinnocente†, Sgt. Kenneth L. May, USMC (Ret.)†, Mr. Alfredo "Freddy" Cortes†. *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. 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.*



FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY

OUR First Friday devotions will be on the 1st of December at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and our First Saturday devotions will be on the 2nd of December at 8:00 AM, followed by the Devotions to the Immaculate Heart.





**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION:
AN HOLY DAY
OF OBLIGATION**

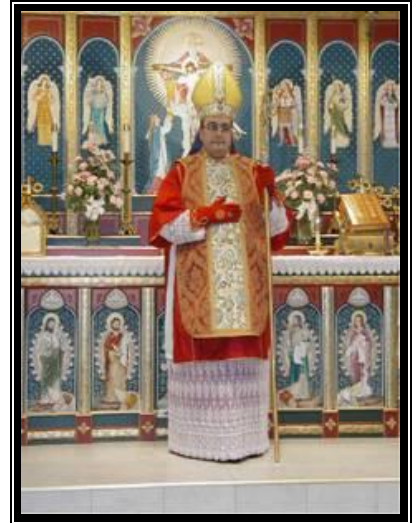
FRIDAY the Eighth of December is the great feast of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**: an Holy Day of Obligation. The Faithful must attend Holy Mass and refrain from *unnecessary servile work*.

The Faithful are also reminded that the day before (Thursday the 7th) is a day of **FAST** (those from age 21 – 59 may only have **ONE** full meal with two smaller meals) and **ABSTINENCE** (no meat for those over 7 years of age).



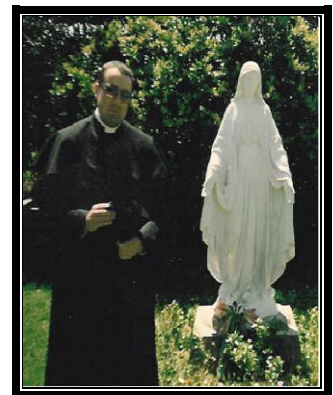
**GIFTS FOR THE
CLERGY**

YOUR clergy here at S. Francis would like to remind you that if you wish to give them a gift for Christmas, or even better, for the Epiphany) may have Masses offered for them or make gifts to the Building Fund for them. **Spiritual Bouquets** are the most desirable gifts to the Fathers: Rosaries, Sacrifices, Holy Communions, and of course Holy Mass.



**IN MEMORIAM:
MONSIGNOR
FULHAM**

HIS LORDSHIP, the Most Reverend Lord **Terence Robert Fulham**†, aged 50, of Spring Hill, FL passed away on Sunday the 19th of November 2017. He was born in Liverpool, England came to the area in 1996 from Spokane, Washington. He was Bishop of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Spring Hill. My Lord Fulham shared the same Apostolic Succession as Monsignor Sebastian, both being Consecrated Catholic Bishops by His Grace, My Lord John Christopher Simmons†.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017

01 December 2017	<i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>	7:00 PM	Mr. Alfredo Cortes†	
02 December 2017	S. Bibiana	8:00 AM	Dom Anselm Marie, osb	Msgr. Sebastian
03 December 2017	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
04 December 2017	S. Peter Chrysologus	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
05 December 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	Private Mass	Mr. Alfredo Cortes†	Msgr. Sebastian
06 December 2017	S. Nicholas	Private Mass	The Cortes Children	
07 December 2017	S. Ambrose	Private Mass	Mr. Alfredo Cortes†	The Cortes Family
08 December 2017	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of BVM	7:00 PM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
09 December 2017	Within the Octave	8:00 AM	Dom Anselm Marie, osb	Msgr. Sebastian
10 December 2017	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
11 December 2017	S. Damasus	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
12 December 2017	Our Lady of Guadalupe	8:00 AM	Mr. Alfredo Cortes†	The Cortes Family
13 December 2017	S. Lucy	8:00 AM	Mr. Alfredo Cortes†	The Cortes Family
14 December 2017	Within the Octave	8:00 AM	Rev.Fr. Matthew Howard	The Alfred Smith Family
15 December 2017	Octave of the Immaculate Conception	8:00 AM	Dom Anselm Marie, osb	The Alfred Smith Family
16 December 2017	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	8:00 AM	Dom Anselm Marie, osb	Msgr. Sebastian
17 December 2017	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
18 December 2017	<i>feria</i>	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
19 December 2017	<i>feria</i>	8:00 AM	Rev.Fr. Joseph Hoffman, O.Cart.	The Alfred Smith Family
20 December 2017	Vigil of S. Thomas	8:00 AM	Msgr. Sebastian	The Alfred Smith Family
21 December 2017	S. THOMAS, Ap.	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
22 December 2017	S. Frances Xavier Cabrini	8:00 AM	Mr. Charles E. McClusky	Msgr. Sebastian
23 December 2017	<i>Ember Saturday</i>	8:00 AM	Dom Anselm Marie, osb	Msgr. Sebastian
24 December 2017	Vigil of the Nativity	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
25 December 2017	NATIVITY OF THE LORD	12:00 AM	Fr. Raphael Guzo, fba†	Msgr. Sebastian
		10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
26 December 2017	S. STEPHEN, Protomartyr	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
27 December 2017	S. JOHN, Ap.	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
28 December 2017	HOLY INNOCENTS	8:00 AM	Mrs. Patricia McClusky†	Msgr. Sebastian
29 December 2017	S. Thomas of Canterbury	8:00 AM	H.G. Msgr. John Simmons†	Msgr. Sebastian
30 December 2017	Within the Octave	8:00 AM	Mrs. Patricia McClusky†	Msgr. Sebastian
31 December 2017	Sunday within the Octave	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	



Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am – Parochial Mass
with Homily

Daily Mass Times:

Tuesday through Saturday
8:00 am

First Friday 7:00 pm

Confessions one half of an hour before Holy Mass

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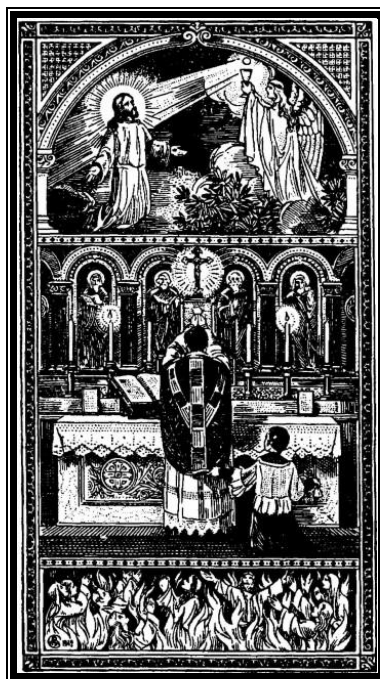
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MASS GUILD

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

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