

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd giveth His life for His sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and flieth: and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep: And the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling: and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd; and I know Mine, and Mine know Me.

— Ecclesiastes 3:1 – 4

WE are in strange times beloved, but not unique to human history. Our dearest Saviour warned us many times about hypocritical clergy that have the care of souls *flieth* when things get spiritually rough: they are cowards! *Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites... [you] have left the weightier things of the law; judgment, and mercy, and faith. These things you ought to have done, and not to leave those undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you make clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but within you are full of rapine and uncleanness. Thou blind Pharisee, first make clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside may become clean. Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you are like to whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear to men beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones, and of all filthiness. So you also outwardly indeed appear to men just; but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity* (S. Matthew 23:23 – 28). The mitred heads of the

New Church have wiped their hands of the care of souls and embraced any and all error, heresy and sin for the adulation of the enemies of Christ. At least the *deformers* of the Protestant revolution told the truth that they had abandoned the True Faith for the *religion of man above God*; whereas the modernist betrayers of the Faith began lying about God and the Church with the heresy of the *Evolution of Dogma*.



The Good Shepherd

It is absolute error and heresy to think that God's One True Religion, *outside of which there is no salvation*, can change or be updated; contrast this "teaching" of Vatican II with Sacred Scripture: *The experience of past ages, the progress of the sciences, and the treasures hidden in the various forms of human culture, by all of which the nature of man himself is more clearly revealed and new roads to truth are opened, these profit the Church, too. For, from the beginning of her history she has learned to express the message of Christ with the help of the ideas and terminology of various philosophers, and has tried to clarify it with their*

wisdom, too. Her purpose has been to adapt the Gospel to the grasp of all as well as to the needs of the learned, insofar as such was appropriate (*Gaudium Et Spes*, no.44, 7 December 1965). Now S. James: *Every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change, nor shadow of alteration* (S. James 1:17); and S. Paul: *Jesus Christ, yesterday, and today; and the same forever. Be not led away with various and strange doctrines* (Hebrews 13:8 – 9). How then is the Gospel "adapted" yet remains "the same forever?"

The "New Religion" has produced apostasy, sacrilege, and the rejection of God: the "renewed and reinvigorated" clergy are thieves, extortionists, rapists and pedophiles; not a small group of bad apples but virtually the majority.

The faithful *must pray* for the clergy every day, for the good to stay firm and the wicked to convert. Only prayer and sacrifice will change the hearts and souls of men. Only prayer and sacrifice will change cowardly *pandemic priests* into faithful and good servants of the Lord, who shall lay down their lives for the sheep (*cf.* S. John 10:15).

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: Why is it that the Feast of Easter Sunday moves every year? In Christ,

W.Z., North Hollywood, CA

A: Grand question, and one that caused scandal and schism in the history of the Church. The Church has always commemorated the Life and Ministry of the Lord with specific dates, and certain local churches or Rites might commemorate the *same feast* on different days. For example the feast of the Nativity of the Lord is *now* celebrated on the 25th of December in both the Western and Eastern Church.

In the early Church it was the custom in some places to celebrate Easter according to the Jewish Liturgical Calendar for *Passover* (the fourteenth day of the moon in the month of *Nisan* - ניסן) no matter what day of the week that was. From Apostolic times the majority of local churches celebrated on the Sunday that followed, as befitting the *Day of the Resurrection of the Lord*. This was confirmed at the Council of Nicaea (325), however, sometimes the vacillations of Rome caused confusion and division. In the British Isles (Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England), Easter was held the same Sunday as the majority of the Eastern Church, and did not acquiesce to Rome until the Seventh Century. Since these calculations are predicated upon the lunar cycle the two systems

still occasionally fall on the same Sunday of the year.

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

info@stfrancisoratory.org



*Our Lady of Lourdes
(11th of February):
Pray for us!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mrs. Diane Powers, 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. *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.*



Saint Francis Exchange

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!

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2021

13 May 2021 (Thursday)

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

15 August 2021 (Sunday)

Feast of the Assumption of the BVM

1 November 2021 (Monday)

All Saints Day

8 December 2021 (Wednesday)

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*Feast of the Immaculate
 Conception of the BVM*
 25 December 2021 (Saturday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

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

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

7 February 2021:
Sexagesima Sunday:
 Commemoration of **S. Romuald** at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

14 February 2021:
Quinquagesima Sunday:
 Commemoration of **S. Valentine** and *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

21 February 2021:
First Sunday in Lent:
 Commemoration of the *Suffrage of the Saints* and for the *Living and the Dead* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

28 February 2021:
Second Sunday in Lent:
 Commemoration of the *Suffrage of the Saints* and for the *Living and the Dead* 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.



Real men kneel at Holy Mass!

**17 FEBRUARY 2021
 ASH WEDNESDAY**

Be sure to remember that the 17th of February 2021 is **ASH WEDNESDAY:** a day of *fast* and *total* abstinence from meat. The Monsignor will offer Holy Mass at 7:00 pm that evening.



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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)*

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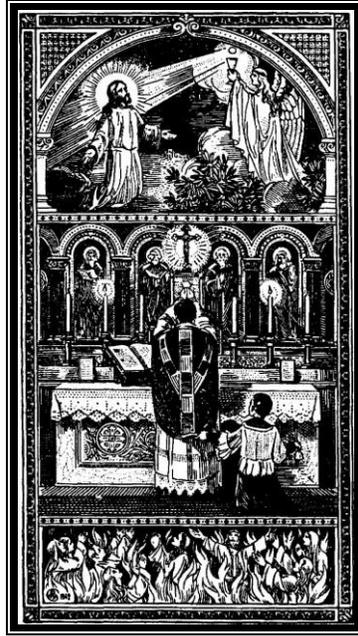
N.B.: Our Mailing Address is:

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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

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