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

JULY 2019 THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

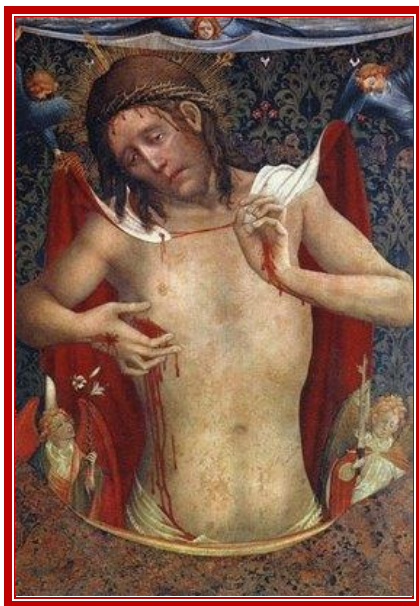
BUT one of the soldiers with a spear opened his side, and immediately there came out blood and water. And he that saw it, hath given testimony, and his testimony is true. And he knoweth that he saith true; that you also may believe. – S. John 6:56–59

FROM the earliest time the Holy Church has venerated the Most Precious Blood of the Lord and connect directly the shedding of His Blood's role in our salvation. The Sacred Scriptures give us wonderful teachings about the Blood of Christ, for example Blessed Peter teaches us: *Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold or silver, from your vain conversation of the tradition of your fathers: but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled* (I S. Peter 1:18-19). The Apostle whom Jesus loved states: *But if we walk in the light, as he also is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin* (I S. John 1:7).

Chief among these doctrinal teachings are these from the Apostle: *Being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption, that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God hath proposed to be a propitiation, through faith in His Blood, to the showing of His justice, for the remission of former sins* (Romans

3:24-25). Also, *Unto the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He hath graced us in His beloved Son, In whom we have redemption through His Blood, the remission of sins, according to the riches of His grace* (Ephesians 1:6-7).

So from the mouth of Our Lord Himself, *My Blood is drink indeed* (S. John 6:56), we learn that His offering of His Blood for our salvation and cleansing is necessary and the offering of It at Holy Mass is of the greatest value, *For if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of an heifer being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who by the Holy Ghost offered himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God* (Hebrews 9:13-14)?



The Angelic Doctor, S. Thomas Aquinas beautifully teaches us that *From the side of Christ, there flowed water for cleansing, blood for redeeming. Hence blood is associated with the*

Sacrament of the Eucharist, water with the Sacrament of Baptism, which has its cleansing power by virtue of the Blood of Christ (Sum. Theol. III, q. 66, a. 3m).

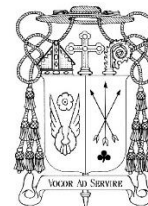
I ask the faithful to truly pray and meditate upon the **Blood of Christ** often and with purpose. Consider how He allowed His Precious Blood to fall from His Sacred Body, even to the ground so that even the smallest of drops might fall upon us for our redemption. Our Lord emptied Himself out upon the Cross on account of His great and perfect love for us. Such a complete sacrifice and offering requires our proper gratitude and we should always honour His Most Precious Blood, shed and offered for love of all men (*If we look to its value, we must confess that the Redeemer shed His Blood for the salvation of all; but if we look to the fruit which mankind have received from it, we shall easily find that it pertains not unto all, but to many of the human race* - Council of Trent).

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

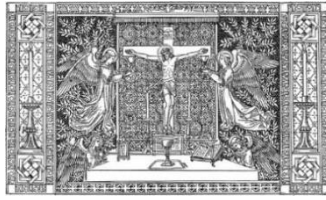
Q: I understand that charity is one of the theological virtues, but I also thought that it was a supernatural grace. Is charity something that we can develop or obtain on our own, or is it entirely infused in us from above? It is my understanding that we can pray for grace, and that charity is one of those graces. I do not understand how it can be a virtue and a grace. Perhaps I do not understand what virtue and grace are, and how they are obtained. I would appreciate it if you could advise me about this. Many thanks for answering our questions about the Faith!

Anonymous

A: As you rightly stated charity is a grace *and* a virtue. **Grace** is a supernatural gift from God that vivifies our soul and allows us to live a life pleasing to God. With an increase of grace from God we gain **Virtue**, which operates by giving us courage to go good. Now **Charity**, which is the supernatural love of God, is a **grace** given to us by God and allows us to love Him above all else, which increases the **virtue** of **charity**, and allows us put that grace into action for God and others.

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 Mr. Frank Calderon. Miss Rhonda Roeszler, Mr. Gary Starr, Mr. Alfred Smith, 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.*



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL:
PRAY FOR US!
16 JULY**

THE great and glorious feast of Pentecost will take place on Sunday the 9th of June. To mark this beautiful

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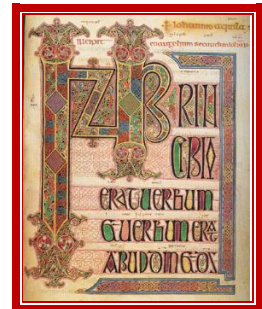
feast of the Lord the Holy Ghost several men of the parish shall receive the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation: please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Lord the Holy Ghost!



CATECHISM FOR ALL

OUR monthly lecture for July will be on the **History of the Bible**; please submit your questions to info@stfrancisoratory.org

There is still plenty of time to sign up for these lectures. **If you are interested please send an email to the info@stfrancisoratory.org email address.**

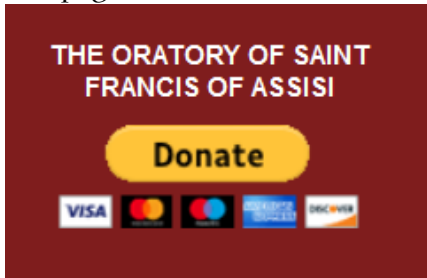


HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

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.

BTW: There are still several open dates in July for Masses.

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!

REMAINING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2019

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

15 August 2019 (Thursday)

All Saints Day:

1 November 2019 (Friday)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

8 December 2019 (Sunday)

Christmas:

25 December 2019 (Saturday)

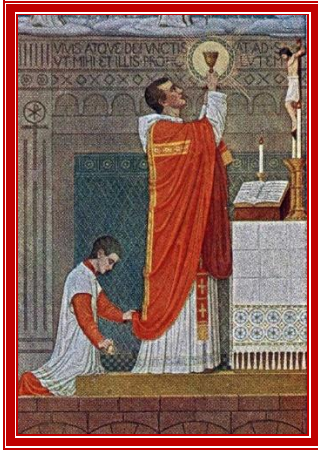
CONFIRMATIONS 2019

We were blessed this past June with the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation for five men of the Mission Chapel!



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Sunday Mass Time:
9:00 am – Parochial Mass
with Sermon

Confessions one half of an hour before Holy Mass

Gates, Kingsley & Gates
Praiswater Mortuary

located at

6909 Canoga Ave, Canoga
Park, CA 91303

(between Sherman Way and
Vanowen).

(818) 786-2540

e-mail:

info@stfrancisoratory.org

Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.stfrancisoratory.org

N.B. : Our new Mailing
Address is:

Post Office Box 8469
Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469

✿**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.remnantnewspaper.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.

MORE IMAGES FROM PENTECOST SUNDAY

