

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

JULY 2022 – MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

THE PRIEST shall dip his finger in the blood of the victim for sin, touching therewith the horns of the Altar of holocaust, and pouring out the rest at the foot thereof. –

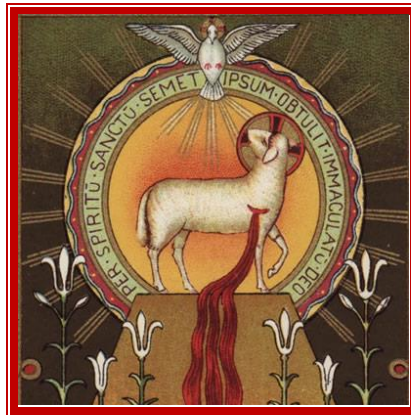
Leviticus 4:25

TRUE SACRIFICE requires the immolation of the victim; the Sacrifice of the Cross required the same immolation of Our Lord, High Priest and Victim, and therefore His Precious Blood was poured out for the cleansing, redemption and sanctification of man. This act of immolation is performed by the Priest of the New Covenant through the consuming of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

The vivid image of the pouring out of the Blood of Christ must always be at the forefront of the mind of the sanctified soul; and the only appropriate reaction can be profound gratitude and conversion. Our conversion and sanctification is the only correct act that we can offer back to God that will please Him; *we must become saints!*

The Apostle teaches us of the cleansing and healing power of the Blood of Christ: *But Christ, being come an High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect*

tabernacle not made with hand, that is, not of this creation: neither by the blood of goats, or of calves, but by His own Blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. 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 9:11 – 14)?



S. Paul's words to his own people, the Hebrews, uses language that would be understood immediately upon hearing: Our Lord and King Jesus Christ is the High Priest of the New and Eternal Covenant and His Sacrifice is made once and completes what is necessary to appease the offended majesty of God. When the Apostle says that Our Lord is High Priest Who *enters once into the holies*; whereas the High Priests of the Temple enter into the Holy of Holies once every year to offer the oblation of blood for the reparation of sins; their own and those of God's people. Christ's Sacrifice upon

the Cross of Calvary is poured out completely and sufficient for the reparation of our sin, once and for all times. Even the Sacrifice of this Altar here at S. Francis is the One Sacrifice renewed in an unbloody manner: this Sacrifice is the same One Sacrifice of Christ – not a new sacrifice, not another sacrifice: the one same Sacrifice that can only be offered by Our Lord through His priest who stands in His Person.

Later the Apostle will write, *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).*

Lastly, I again I ask all who read this little newsletter to continue to keep in your prayers our need for a permanent home for our little Oratory Chapel; fancy is not needed, just sturdy and welcoming, where Our Lord and King may dwell and His servants can adore Him with reverence and devotion. May He reign in our hearts, minds and souls forever!

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: Dear Monsignor, We hope you are doing well. When a baby is baptized Catholic, it is the parent(s) that decide to baptize their baby. If a baby passes away prior to coming to full term, or is born, but passes away prior to being baptized, if the parent(s) had planned to baptize their baby, would "baptism of desire", based on the desire of the parent(s) apply? Thank you!

In Christo Rege,

Fr. & A. S. Van Nuys, CA

A: Grand question: laying aside the theological *theory* of Baptism of Desire, as it does not apply in this regard, as it is, according to the theory, the desire for Baptism required by the *will* of the individual, and not any other person, even parents.

Those children who die *before* their birth or soon after, enter into the state of *Limbo* (*limbus* in Latin meaning *hem* or *border*), or *Limbus Infantium* (Limbo of Infants) as opposed to the *Limbus Patrum* (Limbo of the Fathers) for those who died *justified* before the Resurrection of the Lord.

The former state of *Limbo* is a state of perfect natural contentment; the soul is not suffering nor damned, as that individual did not have the ability to be Baptised through no intentional fault of their own. S. Paul's teaching is quite explicit in this regard (*cf. Romans 5:12, ff.*).

If you have a question, please feel free to e-mail:
info@stfrancisoratory.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially **Miss Jennifer Smith**, **Mr. Vern Fenimore**, **Miss Erica Chapman**, **Mr. Charles E. McClusky**, **Mrs. Denise Huizenga**, **Mr. M. Gary Starr**, **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. *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 always be sent to our Post Office Box:

St. Francis of Assisi
PO Box 8469
Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469

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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 2022

- 15 August 2022 (Monday)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 1 November 2022 (Tuesday)
Feast of All Saints
- 8 December 2022 (Thursday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 25 December 2022 (Saturday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord



Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16 July): Pray for us!

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

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

3 July 2022:

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:
Commemoration of *S. Pope Leo II* and the *Octave of Ss. Peter & Paul* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

10 July 2022:

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
Commemoration of the *Seven Holy Brothers Martyrs & Ss. Rufina and Secunda, Martyrs* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion: *Last Gospel of the Sunday.*

17 July 2022:

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:
Commemoration of *S. Alexis* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

24 July 2022:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:
Commemoration of *S. Christina* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

31 July 2022:

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:
Commemoration of *S. Ignatius of Loyola* 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:
(please call or email for current
Mass time and location)

(818) 786-2540

e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org

Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.stfrancisoratory.org

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*S. James the Greater, Apostle:
(25 July)
Pray for us!*

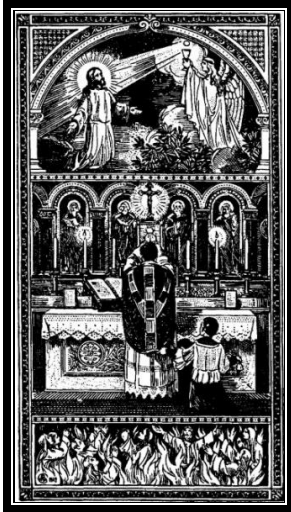
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✿ **Saint Francis Chapel** is staffed by the **Priestly Society of Christ the King (SSCR)**; properly trained and ordained Roman Catholic Priests who are faithful to the teachings and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. Saint Francis is not affiliated 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*).



The young LOVE Holy Tradition!



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:

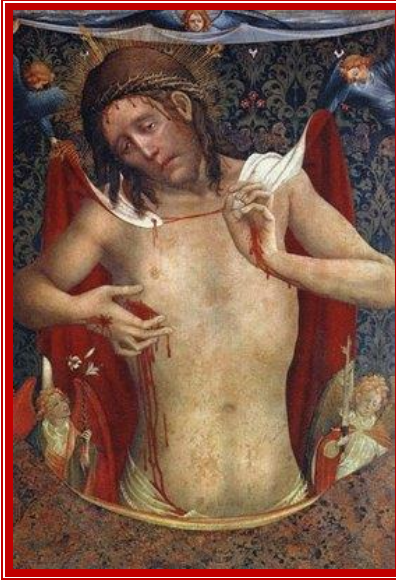
www.traditio.com

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.



Prayer to the Precious Blood

O PRECIOUS BLOOD of Jesus, infinite price of sinful man's redemption, both drink and laver of our souls, Thou Who dost plead continually the cause of man before the Throne of infinite mercy; from the depths of my heart, I adore Thee, and so far as I am able, I would requite Thee for the insults and outrages which Thou dost continually receive from human beings, and especially from those who rashly dare to blaspheme Thee. Who would not bless this Blood of infinite value? Who doth not feel within himself the fore of the love of Jesus Who shed it all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this divine Blood? Who

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hath drawn It from the veins of my Saviour, even to the last drop? Ah, this surely was the work of love. O infinite love, which has given us this saving balm! O balm beyond all price, welling up from the fountain of infinite love, grant that every heart and every tongue may be enabled to praise Thee, magnify Thee and give Thee thanks both now and forever more. Amen. (*An indulgence of 500 days Pius VII, 18 October 1815; S. P. Ap., 25 June 1932*)



*The Precious Blood of Christ
At Holy Mass*