

# SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

## JULY 2024 – MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

### LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

**B**UT 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?

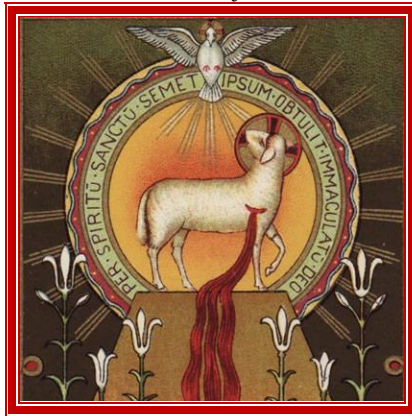
– Hebrews 9:11 – 14

**T**HE pouring out of the very life-blood of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, part of His act of immolation upon the Holy Cross, exemplifies the depth of God's love for His creature.

When I was a youth, many, many years ago, I was at a vocation retreat, and the Father in charge of our morning meditation gave a profound analogy that has never left me: *imagine that the only way that you could save a slug was to become the loathsome creature, and then be put to death by those same creatures...* the dramatic comparison, while extreme,

gives much to meditate upon and consider. The love of God is so profound and unending that He not only gave us a means of restoration and redemption, but He also became that means of restoration and redemption!

In his *Tract 120 of S. John*, that great and holy Doctor of the Church, S. Augustine, teaches us: *The soldier did pierce His Side, thus to fling wide the entrance unto life, whence flow the Sacraments of the Church, those Sacraments without which there is no entrance unto the life that is life indeed. The Blood which was shed from that Side was shed for the remission of sins; that Water is the water that mantleth the laver of Baptism which is our cup of salvation. Therein are we washed, and thereof do we drink...*



*So also was it that the first woman was made from the side of her husband while he slept, and she was called Eve, which is, being interpreted, Life, because she was the mother of the living. This name set forth a great good, before it became associated with the bitter fruit of a great evil. And here in Christ we have the Second Adam bowing His head, and the deep sleep of death falling upon Him upon the Cross, and He sleepeth,*

*that from there a spouse the Church might be formed for Him, even from that which He shed from His side as He slept. O what a death was His, which quickeneth the dead! What is cleaner than His Blood? What more health-giving than His wounding?*

This sublime connection of Father Adam and Christ Jesus, the New Adam, exemplifies the perfect order created and put forth by God for everything, and only a sinful and disordered mind fails to understand the saint's point.

I hope and pray that all who read this little newsletter will truly meditate upon and give honour and gratitude to the Blood of Christ, shed for love of you and I. Please share this newsletter to bring Faith and Hope to those who may be struggling in this world of confusion and disorder: the solution is there for all who seek it, calling to mind the words of the Apostle; *Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation; that we also may be able to comfort them who are in all distress, by the exhortation wherewith we also are exhorted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us: so also by Christ doth our comfort abound* (II Corinthians 1:3 – 5).

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:** Monsignor:  
D.H.  
Glendale, CA

**A:** Simply put, different. I hope this helps.

*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 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

**D**ONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent on-line 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 JULY: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

In order to assist the faithful following Holy Mass with

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their hand missals here are the Sunday Masses for July:

7 July 2024:

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:**  
Commemoration of *Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops and Confessors* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

14 July 2024:

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:**  
Commemoration of *S. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

21 July 2024:

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:**  
Commemoration of *S. Praxedes, Virgin* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

28 July 2024:

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:**  
Commemoration of *S. Nazarius & Companions* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

**T**o 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**

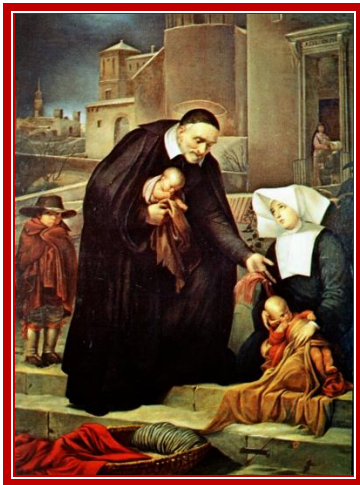
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**www.stfrancisoratory.org**

**N.B. : Our Mailing Address is:**

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**Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469**



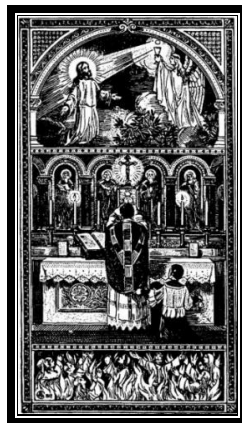
*S. Vincent de Paul*

*19<sup>th</sup> of July:*

*Pray for us!*



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**MASS GUILD**

**H**OLY 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

Saint Francis Exchange 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!



*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

*16<sup>th</sup> of July:*

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### RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

- [www.traditio.com](http://www.traditio.com)
- [www.traditioninaction.com](http://www.traditioninaction.com)
- [www.traditionalmass.org](http://www.traditionalmass.org)
- [www.novusordowatch.com](http://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.*

### PETER SPEAKS:



**E**TERNAL Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in atonement for my sins, and in supplication for the Holy Souls in

## Purgatory and for the needs of the Holy Church. (Prayer of Pope Pius VII, 27 September 1817)



MR. KIRK JOHN LEWIS†:

*May His Soul Resi in Eternal Peace!*  
**W**HENEVER the loss of a member of the faithful occurs it brings sorrow, but when we loose one who is so integral to the very Chapel we founded in 1997, and that has been with us since the beginning, it becomes a profound loss, and at the same time, we have gained another advocate in heaven! Over the decades I developed a deep friendship with Kirk Lewis, meeting monthly for a *boys night out dinner* at Wood Ranch in Northridge, Kirk almost always ordering the *Tri-Tip Salad*.

For the past few years Kirk has been the pillar of his family, mostly by his care for his ill mother, Diane Powers-Lewis, whom we recently also lost, but also by his

Saint Francis Exchange loving support of his sisters Teresa and Denise, as well as an exemplary uncle to Michelle and William Huizenga. His numerous friends and business acquaintances can attest to his incredible morality and work ethic, but mostly they will tell you of his generous heart, always giving and always helping.

I will miss this dear and precious soul, this kindred spirit, this brother in Christ the King, this good friend. I am comforted knowing that my prayers will assist him, and that his prayers will assist me. *Oremus pro invicem amicus meus!* - ✠TS



*For many years Kirk stood in for dear S. Nicholas for our children -and he loved doing it!*



*Kirk with Nick Garofalo at one of our picnics ... no doubt explaining how to properly clean and secure a firearm!*