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LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

But for this cause have I obtained mercy: that in me first Christ Jesus might shew forth all patience.

– 1 Timothy 1:16

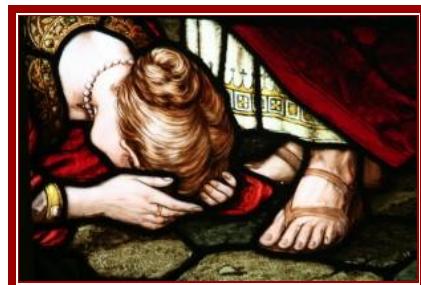
THE month of June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of JESUS, reminds us to reflect and remember the authentic mercy of God. In this bizarre period of the history of the Church, when the modernist (heretic) talk-track is “*who am I to judge?*” and the clamour of “*mercy*” (meaning toleration of error and sin), it is important for Catholic Clergy to teach the faithful what the true and authentic meaning of what mercy is (in a Catholic sense).

S. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelic Doctor, teaches us that although **mercy** is a spontaneous product of the theological virtue of **charity**, it is also a special virtue that stands on its own. He further teaches, along with the Scholastics, it is to be referable to the quality of **justice**. In other words, mercy cannot exist without justice. When we read the examples of Our Blessed Lord’s mercy in the Holy Gospels, our Lord first exacts a sincere plea from the suppliant, and then the promise to sin no more (cf. S. John 8:11). And there it is: without the promise to repent and avoid future sin there can be no administration of mercy.

So doctrinal is this teaching that without true repentance and firm amendment to sin no more a penitent in the confessional *cannot* receive *valid* absolution! To wit:

“Contribution or attrition must be expressed in some external sign, and therefore merely internal contrition or attrition does not suffice.” (no. 659 *a* from Rev. Dominic Prümmer, O.P.’s **Handbook of Moral Theology**).

Let us not forget the very words of the Saviour Himself: *Except you do penance, you shall likewise perish* (S. Luke 13:3).



What is doubly diabolical about those who propose and teach this *new* and perverse doctrine is that they lead souls astray: there is the possibility of sincere people believing that God will impose His mercy without the required need of penance and conversion, and these well intentioned people will not receive that very mercy they think will be given to them.

The modernist concept of “*mercy*,” besides being fundamentally wrong, contradicts Christ Himself. So who should we believe, illiterate and uneducated, but well meaning (of course) Religious visionaries (by the way this “diary” was

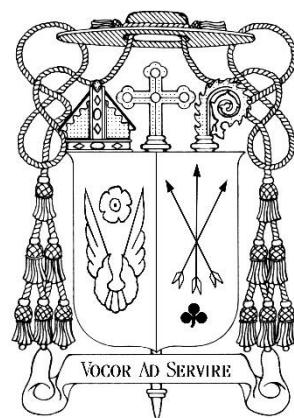
condemned as heretical and on the Index of forbidden books up until the election of John Paul II) or Our Lord and Saviour Himself? There can be no mercy without repentance and justice: *Amen I say unto you, thou shalt not go forth from thence unless thou repay every last penny.* (S. Matthew 5:26)

True Catholics must take the sure ground of following the Sacred Scriptures and Sacred Tradition. The constant and unchanging truths of Christ’s True Church are the only safe way to salvation. Do not forsake the Church, lest you will parish with the modernist heretics and all others who teach false doctrine.

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

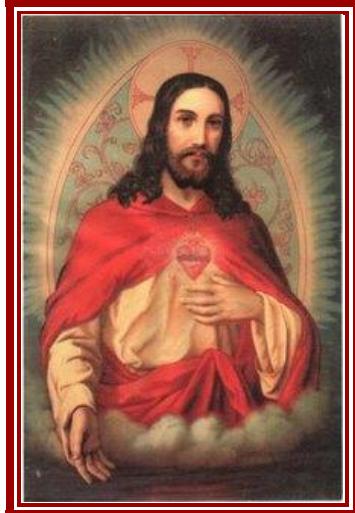
Q: Can you tell us more about Holy Days of Obligation - where they come from, why they are on those certain dates?

God Bless You! J.T., Los Angeles, CA

A: What an outstanding question. It saddens me that the majority of Catholics are fairly ignorant about the Holy Days of Obligation, so I am happy to have the chance to explicate them for our readers!

In the United States we have six additional Holy Days of Obligation, and what I mean by that is that *every* Sunday is a Holy Day where ALL Catholics are required to attend Holy Mass and contribute to the support of their Pastors. These additional Holy Days are: CHRISTMAS, the CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD, ASCENSION THURSDAY, the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ALL SAINTS DAY, and the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Several of the dates are logical, such as eight days after we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord we celebrate His Circumcision and Naming. But others became traditional days celebrated by local churches (like the Assumption) and then made their way to the Universal calendar of the Church. It is also important to look at these days as opportunities for grace and spiritual knowledge and growth. The Church celebrates these days because each one plays an important role in our salvation.

If you have a question, please feel free to send them via mail or e-mail (Info@stfrancisoratory.org).



Most Sacred Heart of JESUS: (12th June): Have Mercy on us!



PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. Alfred Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William Schiermeyer, and Mrs. Denise Huizenga. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Thomas Dean Smith†, and the Rev. Fr. Nicholas Gruner†. 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 and First Saturday devotions will be on the 5th and 6th of June. Holy

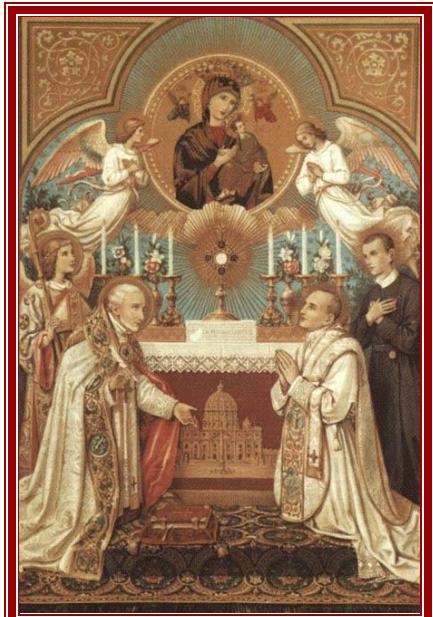
Saint Francis Exchange

Mass will be at 7:00 pm (Fri) and 8:00 am (Sat) with confessions heard before Holy Mass. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows Holy Mass on Friday. This is a wonderful and most pious devotion, so please be sure to invite friends and family.



CORPUS CHRISTI

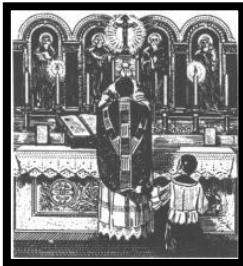
THURSDAY the 4th of June is the solemn feast of CORPUS CHRISTI. We will have public Holy Hours every day through the following Sunday, which will culminate in a public Eucharistic Procession in honour of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please be sure to sign up for the open adoration times, and invite as many friends and family as possible: show Our Lord and the world how much you love and adore Him!



Mass Envelope

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!



Oratory of Saint Francis of Assisi A Roman Catholic Chapel Traditional (Latin) Roman Catholic Mass



Sunday Mass Time:
10:00 am – Parochial Mass
with Homily

Daily Mass Times:
Tues. through Friday 7:00 am

Saturdays 8:00 am

First Friday 7:00 pm

Confessions one half of an hour before Holy Mass

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