

# SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

JUNE 2019 THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

## LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

**F**OR My flesh is meat indeed: and My Blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My Blood, abideth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, the same also shall live by Me. This is the Bread that came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead. He that eateth this Bread, shall live forever. – S. John 6:56–59

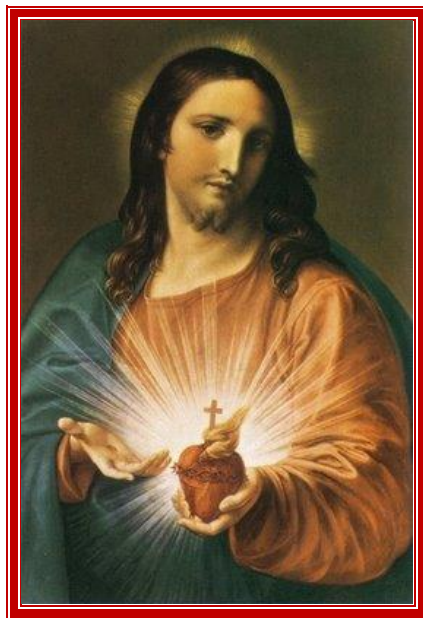
**O**UR Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ, teaches His disciples, and us, that He shall abide with us forever; not only spiritually as He says in S. Matthew's Gospel (18:20) but actually, physically and completely. This beautiful teaching of the Holy Church has been held since the very beginning of her foundations. S. Paul explicitly confirms this is his first letter to the Church in Corinth:

*Therefore whosoever shall eat this Bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and of the Blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of the Chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord* (I Corinthians 11:27-29).

The month of June has always been dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Sacred Heart: two devotions in honour of Our Lord that are intrinsically connected.

In both of these devotions Our Blessed Lord gives us Himself. His generosity is so deep and so profound that His love and mercy endures forever (cf. Psalm 135:1 and I Paralipomenon 16:34)!

The Lord Jesus is the font of all life and love and flows from His Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament and His Most Holy and Sacred Heart.



Pope Pius XII teaches us: *The Church, rejoicing in this inestimable gift, can show forth a more ardent love of her divine Founder, and can, in a more generous and effective manner, respond to that invitation which St. John the Evangelist relates as having come from Christ Himself: "And on the last and great day of the festivity, Jesus stood and cried*

*out, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come to Me, and let him drink that believeth in Me. As the Scripture saith: Out of His Heart there shall flow rivers of living waters.' Now this He said of the Spirit which they should receive who believed in Him (S. John 7:37-39)."* (*Haurietis Aquas* no.3, 15 May 1956).

On account of this sublime teaching we come to Our Lord with confidence, believing and clinging to Him: *O Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like unto Thine!* His Heart has been opened for us, pouring forth grace and mercy, and His Body given to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament so may abide with us forever.

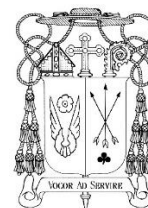
It is with this confidence that we of our little Oratory Chapel continue to trust in His promises and remain faithful to Him. We must remain faithful to Him and His Most Holy Catholic Church.

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 grew up in the *Novus Ordo* and heard over and over that as long as a person (of any religion) followed their conscience and is “good” they can go to heaven. As I learn more and more about the authentic Catholic Faith I fear that most people go to hell. What is the real Catholic teaching about following your conscience? Thank you in advance.

*Anonymous*

**A:** Alas, many souls have been led astray by this erroneous modernist teaching. We call this error “Universal Salvation,” that is, the belief that everyone will be saved and go to heaven no matter what. This is predicated upon a false notion of the mercy of God. Quite often one hears things like “How could an all loving God send anyone to hell?” or, “I don’t believe in hell.” First, God sends no one to hell, we “choose” it when we sin and do not repent and amend our way of life. Now as far as following one’s conscience, this is only valid when one’s conscience is an *informed* and *Catholic* conscience. For example: attending the traditional Latin Mass at S. Francis or another Mass centre that is not part of the NewChurch, is seen by modernists as wrong or even sinful; however, our informed and Catholic conscience teaches us that receiving true, valid, and Catholic Sacraments, and attending the canonized (and perpetually legal) Catholic

Mass of all ages is not only acceptable, it is the *only* legitimate means of publicly offering worship to God Almighty.

Not going to Mass on Sunday or not following an obligatory law (like those whose conscience tells them they can fornicate, use contraception, etc.) is a false and sinful misuse of their conscience; more realistically this is “convenience” rather than “conscience.”

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

[info@stfrancisoratory.org](mailto:info@stfrancisoratory.org)



### MY DEAR ALLISON

**T**HE questions of children are often so innocent yet profound... as they say, *from the mouths of babes* (cf. Psalm 8:2). Recently a young mother asked me a question that her seven year old asked her: “who made God? And what was here before Him?” not a bad question for a little one. I wrote her a letter, which made her very happy and quite satisfied her curiosity.

**My dear Allison:**

Your mother gave me your question about God: that is a very grown up and logical question. As you know, everything has a beginning, like a book or a movie; even you and I have a beginning. We also, like all things, have an end. A movie ends, a book ends, and some day even you and I will have an end in this world.

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God created all things; He made the whole universe and everything inside of it. God is “infinite,” which means He has no beginning and no end. Because God is the source of all creation He gives all things life. There was nothing before God – He was never created or made because He has always been.

When I was your age and I would think about this same question it would make my head hurt, really. It was very hard to understand, but as I became older I learned to understand that God is a mystery, and that I must believe Him even more than my own mind. That is why we call this FAITH – which is to believe without fully understanding right now, we just trust God. Someday, if we very good and go to heaven, God will let us understand EVERYTHING. All our questions will be answered in an instant.

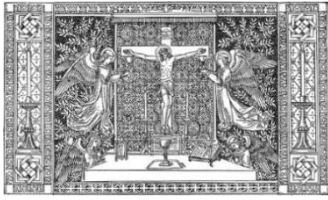
If you have any more questions I am more than happy to help you! God bless you!

In Cristo Rey,

Msgr. Thomas JF Sebastian

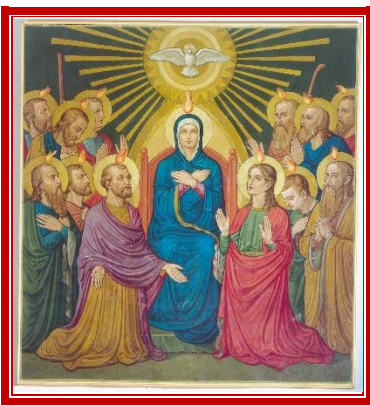


*For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? (Romans 11:34)*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Y**OUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. Frank Calderon. Miss Rhonda Roeszler, Mr. Gary Starr, Mr. Alfred Smith, Mrs. Betty Schiermeyer, 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.*



## PENTECOST

**T**HE great and glorious feast of Pentecost will take place on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. To mark this beautiful 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

**W**E have delivered our first monthly lecture, which was about **Our Lady in Scripture**. Our lecture for June will be about **Eucharistic Miracles**; please submit your questions to [info@stfrancisoratory.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@stfrancisoratory.org) email address.**



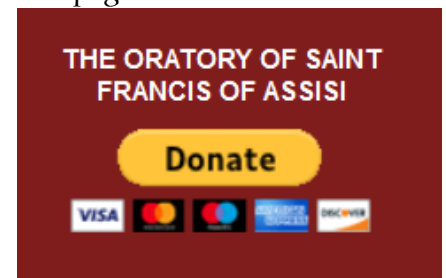
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## HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

**W**E 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**

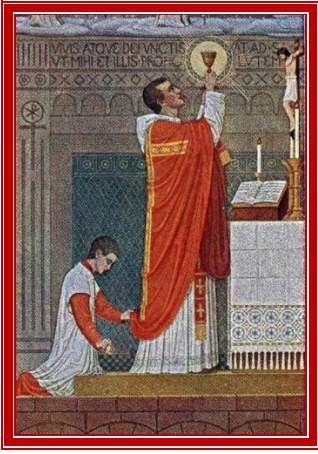
You can also donate on line with the **PayPal** link on our webpage:



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 June 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!



### 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

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Park, CA 91303

(between Sherman Way and  
Vanowen).

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

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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*).

## 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](http://www.traditio.com)

[www.traditioninaction.com](http://www.traditioninaction.com)

[www.remnantnewspaper.com](http://www.remnantnewspaper.com)

[www.traditionalmass.org](http://www.traditionalmass.org)

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