

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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JUNE 2020 – MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

Then Jesus said to them: I am the Bread of Life...Amen, amen I say unto you: Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His Blood, you shall not have life in you. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My Blood, hath everlasting life: and I will raise him up in the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed: and My Blood is drink indeed.

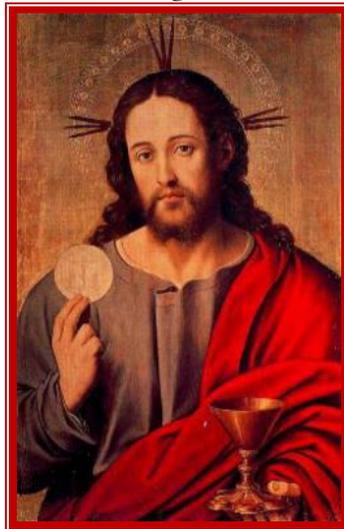
– S. John 6:54 – 56

THE Holy Catholic Church has defended the belief in the True Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Body, Blood, Souls and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar since Our Lord's discourse found in the sixth chapter of S. John's Gospel.

S. Paul, after explicating the Last Supper in his first Epistle to the Church in Corinth, gives a very serious admonition: *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* (I Corinthians 11:27). Great Church Fathers such as S. Ignatius of Antioch, S. Justin and S. Irenaeus, to name just three, write explicitly concerning this dogma of the Holy Church.

Unfortunately the Holy Church has had to defend the

veracity of this belief against the heretics for many centuries. However, since the introduction of the Protestant and most likely invalid rites into the official Liturgy of the Church, belief among the modernist clergy and faithful in the True Presence has tremendously diminished. This, of course, is what the revolutionary *de-formers*, like those of the sixteenth century wanted all along.



The glorious and canonised Liturgy of the Catholic Church elevates the souls of the faithful by honouring Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar by keeping its ceremonies and rite pure, pious, dignified and, above all, sanctified. The worship of Almighty God must always be above mere observation, the faithful raise themselves to their Saviour by reverent prayers and adoration of God truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Those of you that have the great and rare privilege of

attending Holy Mass in its pristine form, pristine and unaltered, must give God great thanks and support the clergy that administer and offer Holy Mass and all the Sacraments with great care and reverence.



It is the Catholic Church of East *and* West that alone preserves both the Sacraments and the Doctrines of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest and King. It is the Catholic Church of East *and* West where Christ Our Eucharistic King dwells and remains with His faithful *unto the consummation of the world* (S. Matthew 28:20).

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: Hello Monsignor: I have always admired ancient art, Greeks, Egyptian, Ancient Chinese, Japan, etc. and have often wondered if there is anything wrong in having an admiration for art that was born out of slavery, bloodshed and barbarism. I do not sense anything wrong in it, but would like to know how the church advises on it.

God bless and thank you for your wisdom, SS, Arleta, CA

A: The Holy Church has always held that *pulchritas*, true beauty, reflects the beauty of God's creation. The glory of the human body was always upheld by the pagans, most especially of the Romans, Greeks, Egyptians and Mesopotamians of the West and near East, and the Indians of Asia. Interesting enough the artists of the Far East, for example China and Japan, had a more modest view of the human body in their art.

We must remember that for the Christian true art must serve a higher purpose, to raise man's heart and mind to God. S. Thomas teaches us that: *Art is simply a right method of doing things. The test of the artist does not lie in the will with which he goes to work, but in the excellence of the work he produces.*

The appreciation of true art, as long as it is not profane or vulgar, can be appreciated without fear. The Vatican Museum, for many centuries,

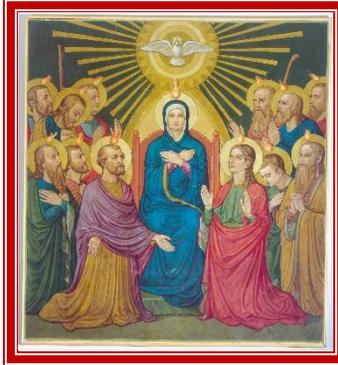
has collected, preserved and displayed such art for centuries.



The Statue of Tutankhamun being protected by his namesake in the Louvre Museum, Paris, France, picture taken by the Monsignor himself.

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

info@stfrancisoratory.org



VIGIL OF PENTECOST AND THE EMBER DAYS

SATURDAY the 30th of May, is the **Vigil of Pentecost**, a day of fast and partial abstinence. In addition, Wednesday (3rd of June), Friday (5th of June) and Saturday (6th of June) are the **Ember Days of Pentecost**. These days are also days of fast and partial abstinence, save Friday which is total abstinence, with extra prayers for the needs of the Holy Church attached.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. McCanna Anthony Sinise, Miss Lauren Howard, Mr. Paul Howard, Miss Rhonda Roeszler, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Frank Calderon† and Mr. Alfred J. Smith†. *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.*

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.

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 2020**

15 August 2020 (Saturday)

Assumption of the BVM

1 November (Sunday)

All Saints Day

8 December 2020 (Tuesday)

Immaculate Conception of the BVM

25 December 2020 (Friday)

Christmas

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

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

7 June 2020:

Trinity Sunday:

commemoration of the 1st Sunday after Pentecost at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

14 June 2020

Sunday after Corpus Christi:

commemoration of Octave of Corpus Christi and S. Basil the Great at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

21 June 2020

Sunday after the Sacred Heart:

commemoration of Octave of the Sacred Heart and S. Aloysius Gonzaga at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

28 June 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday:

commemorations of S. Irenaeus and the Octave of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist 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.



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**CATECHISM
FOR ALL**

OUR monthly lecture for June will be on the *Saints of the Catholic Church*. Please submit your questions to:

info@stfrancisoratory.org

If you have not yet signed up for the lecture series you may do so at any time. **If you are interested please send an email to:**

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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!



Saint Francis Exchange 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.