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MAY 2020 – MONTH OF OUR LADY

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

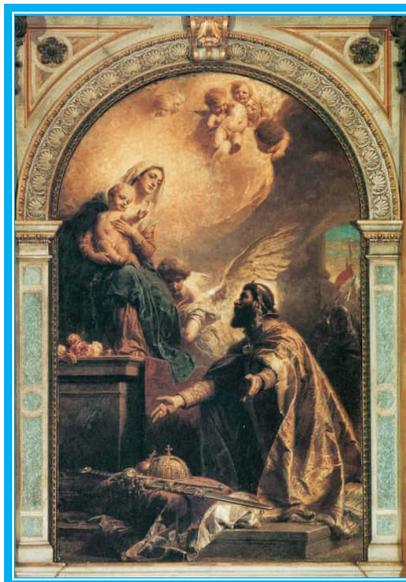
*Who is she that cometh forth
as the morning rising, fair as
the moon, bright as the sun,
terrible as an army set in
array? – Canticles 6:9*

AFTER driving out the pagans from Hungary, Pope Sylvester II crowned Saint Stephen as King of the Hungarians (*Szent István Király*) on the 25th of December 1000 (two hundred years to the day that Pope S. Leo III crowned Charlemagne Holy Roman Emperor). Pious legend tells us that upon his return to Hungary, he laid his emblems of kingship at the foot of the Blessed Virgin Mary and proclaimed her *Magyarország Királynője*, that is, *Queen of Hungary*. The saintly king then proclaimed the Feast of the Assumption a national Holy Day with Solemn Masses, Processions and other pious observances. To this day the people of Hungary have great devotion to Our Lady and due to the love of her they remain faithful to the Catholic Faith. Our Lady of Hungary has preserved the Faith with her maternal care and aid for over a thousand years.

One of the greatest devotions in the Holy Church is that of Our Lady as the *Blessed Virgin Mary, Destroyer of All Heresies*. S. Pope Pius X confirmed this title of Our Lady in his monumental work against the heresy of *Modernism*

the encyclical *Pascendi Dominici Gregis* (8 September 1907). The veracity of the Holy Mother of God being despised by heretics, pagans and demons and loved by devout Catholics is obvious and demonstrable.

In very recent times the modernist heretics of the NewChurch have attempted to coalesce proper and true devotion of the Blessed Virgin with pagan earth/mother goddesses like the *Devi, Gaia*, and most recently the *Pachamama* of the Amazonians. This is, of course, a purposeful move by the NewChurch to *harmonise* the religions of the world into a **One World Religion** that it relative to politics and cultural whims, where everything would *and must* be tolerated except for the One True Faith of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.



S. King Stephen offering his emblems of Kingship to the Holy Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This wicked and dangerous syncretism has at its core a hate for God and His

revealed religion, and, of course, a hatred of God's own mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Contrariwise, the faithful Catholic agrees with the opening words of Pope Pius XII in his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* (11 October 1954): *From the earliest ages of the Catholic Church a Christian people, whether in time of triumph or more especially in time of crisis, has addressed prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven. And never has that hope wavered which they placed in the Mother of the Divine King, Jesus Christ; nor has that faith ever failed by which we are taught that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, reigns with a mother's solicitude over the entire world, just as she is crowned in heavenly blessedness with the glory of a Queen.*

During this time when souls are being lost by the lies and deceit of the NewChurch enemies we *must* seek the aid of Our Lady; that she **destroys** their errors and **converts** their hearts and minds. Let us lay our hopes at her feet that she may intercede on our behalf before the Throne of her Divine Son, Our Lord and King Jesus Christ!

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: Is the Latin Rite the “main rite” of the Catholic Church, and why did the Latin Rite receive special importance over other Western rites such as the Gallican rite and Ambrosian rite? Also, is Latin truly the language of the Church and of the Angels, and if so why was the earlier Latin Rite infused with so much Greek?

Thank you, N.B., RC, GA

A. As always you ask wonderful questions. Just a few distinctions, the Latin or Western Rite is used to distinguish between those of the Western Church, offered in Latin, and those of the Eastern Rite offered in several eastern languages such as Greek, Armenian, Coptic and Ukrainian (to name just a few).

In the western Church there are various Rites, some of which you mentioned. These rites developed by the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops, in various cities. The *Ambrosian Rite*, is named for S. Ambrose (d. 397) the Bishop of Milan, however there is no direct evidence that he “created” the rite but that he helped keep it pure and in line with the approved and accepted Liturgical Rite of that City. There was also the *Mozarabic Rite* used in parts of Spain and Portugal, the *Sarum Rite* used in Salisbury and much of England, the *Gallican Rite* used in parts of Gaul (France), which all fell into general disuse even before

Vatican II except in certain cities or Cathedrals.

Other *greater* rites of the Eastern Church such as the *Alexandrian* (used in the Coptic, Eritrean and Ethiopian Catholic Churches), the *Armenian*, *Syro-Malabar*, *Chaldean* and *Maronite* rites and the various *Greek Catholic* churches (*Albanian*, *Hungarian*, *Melkite*, *Ruthenian*, etc.) are still in use, but, alas, have also in recent years conformed to the New Church reforms and changes. Most of these Eastern Churches (always in communion with Rome) were often founded by the Apostles who brought the Holy Faith to those lands. While these rites have local variations *every single one* conforms to the same basic liturgical form. The KYRIE, GLORIA, CREDO, SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS, and AGNUS DEI exist in all of these holy rites of the Universal Church of Jesus Christ. The prayers of their Canons, called the *Anaphora* (ἀναφορά meaning *carrying back* in Greek) are virtually the same as the Roman Canon, again, with only slight local variations. The rite of Rome, still called the *Roman Rite* was brought to that city by Blessed Peter the Prince of the Apostles, and S. Paul. Because of the supremacy of the Apostolic See of Rome, the *mother of churches*, naturally this Rite took precedence over all others.

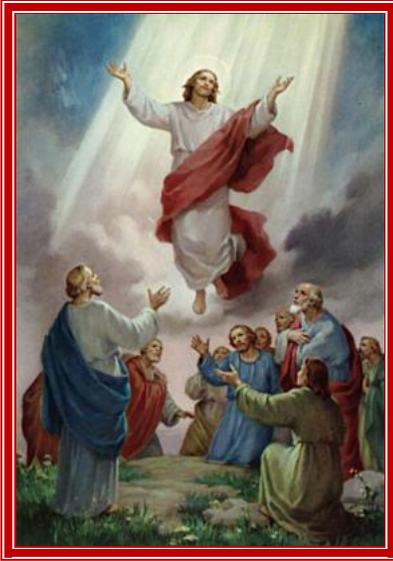
Even at the Holy Council of Trent the Church proclaimed the Roman Rite the main rite of the Catholic Church and canonised its Missal (*cf. Quo Primum* of 14 July 1570, S. Pope Pius V).

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As for the latter part of your question, Latin is the official language of the Western Church because it was the predominant language of the west. As the Church of the West continued to expand so did the use of Latin in the liturgy. Other *approved* Liturgical Languages of the East, such as Greek, were retained if those were the original languages of that Rite, however it was never the common vernacular but its more formal versions, e.g.: the Greek of the Byzantine Rite is not the spoken Greek of today, likewise the Armenian, Coptic and Arabic languages of those rites.

Lastly, I have heard that same expression of Latin being the *language of the angels* but that is pure pious sentiment and not doctrinal at all. The same can be said of liturgical Hebrew. Alas, the only Greek that remains in the Western Liturgy is the *Kyrie* and the *Reproaches* or *Improperia* of Good Friday. In the traditional Solemn Papal Mass there is a Greek Subdeacon and Deacon who would sing the Epistle and Gospel in Greek after the Latin Subdeacon and Deacon sing their portion of the Mass; thus demonstrating the unity of the Universal Church under the authority of the Pope.

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



**ASCENSION OF
THE LORD:
AN HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION**

THURSDAY the 21st of May if the feast of the **Ascension of the Lord**, an Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 pm.

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**

21 May 2020

Ascension Thursday

15 August 2020 (Saturday)

Assumption of the BVM

1 November (Sunday)

All Saints Day

8 December 2020 (Tuesday)

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Immaculate Conception of the BVM

25 December 2020 (Friday)

Christmas

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

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

3 May 2020:

Finding of the True Cross:

commemoration of the 3rd Sunday after Easter, within the Octave of S. Joseph, S. Alexander I & Comp. at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

10 May 2020

Fourth Sunday after Easter:

commemoration of S. Antonius, Ss. Gordian & Epimachus at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

17 May 2020

Fifth Sunday after Easter:

commemoration of S. Pachel Baylon at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

24 May 2020

Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension:

No commemorations.

31 May 2020

Pentecost Sunday:

No commemorations.

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.

CATECHISM FOR ALL

OUR monthly lecture for May will be on *Modernism: the Synthesis of All Errors*. 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:**

info@stfrancisoratory.org

**Sunday Mass Time:
(currently closed – will
resume soon)**

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www.stfrancisoratory.org

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MASS GUILD

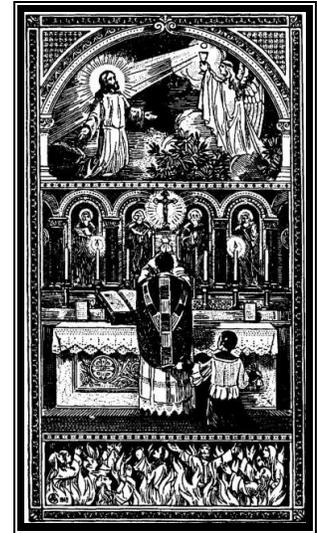
Holy Mass is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of **SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL**. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and 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!



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just as it is today*

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www.traditio.com

www.traditioninaction.com

www.remnantnewspaper.com

www.traditionalmass.org

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