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

MAY 2022 – MONTH OF OUR LADY

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

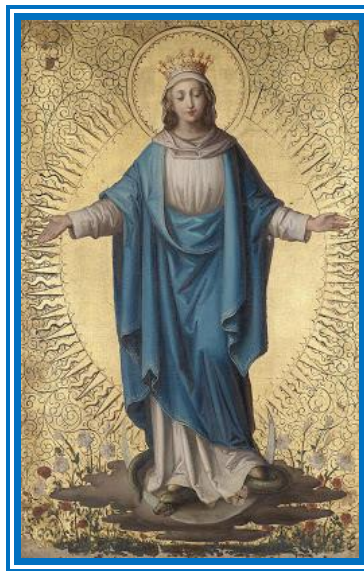
WHO is she that cometh
forth as the morning
rising, fair as the moon,
bright as the sun, terrible as
an army set in array? –
Canticles 6:9

OUR BLESSED LORD
gives us His very own
Mother from His Cross: *Behold
thy Mother* (S. John 19:27), and
like the Beloved Disciple we
must *take her to our own* (*ibid.*).
Such a wondrous and mystical
gift must be gratefully and
lovingly embraced; Our Lady
is our greatest advocate before
Our Lord, her Son and Saviour,
and if we would simply follow
her request: *Whatever He
shall say to you, do ye* (S. John
2:5).

In his exquisite Papal
Bull *Dominici Gregis* (3 February
1603) Pope Clement VII (d.
1605) extols the virtues of Our
Lady as a remedy to societal
ills, and truly if we would
simply acquiesce to her
numerous requests to repent,
convert, pray and live lives of
grace that please God all the
evil of this world would simply
disappear, however, man in his
sinful arrogance remains aloof
to Our Blessed Lady's call to
turn *towards* Christ and *away*
from the devil.

Our Lady's role as
Mother and *Advocate* is powerful
and all of heaven heeds her
requests for our assistance to
attain heaven, as S. Basil the

Great (d. 379) writes: *O sinner,
be not discouraged, but have
recourse to Mary in all your
necessities. Call her to your
assistance, for such is the divine
Will that she should help in every
kind of necessity*, and S. John
Vianney (d. 1859), says further:
*If you invoke the Blessed Virgin
when you are tempted, she will
come at once to your help, and
Satan will leave you.*



We must take our
devotion and recourse to Our
Lady beyond mere piety, our
love for the Holy Mother of
God must be tangible and
witnessed before all men. The
secular world likes to say that
May is the month of mothers
and includes many individuals
who are *not* mothers, neither
biologically nor spiritually, but
merely in some form of
unnatural sentimental regard;
this must be combatted as it
degrades and lessens the truth
of motherhood and
womanhood. Calling a thing
what it is not does not change
its nature, it does not make it
so. We must protect the nature

of women and motherhood,
which then protects the nature
of the family and all of human
society, both naturally and
supernaturally.

Praise God for creating
man in His own likeness and
image, thus giving him a nature
that is unique and distinct from
all other creatures, and then
giving him two distinct and
unique forms, male *and* female,
that are complimentary to one
another. Without the proper
and well-ordered nature of male
and female human society
would cease to exist; but
ultimately such an attack
cannot conquer humanity, as
God will not allow the total
self-annihilation of man,
wicked creature though he be;
because, again turning back to
Our Lady, we know that God
shall gloriously conquer
through her, as she says: *In the
end my Immaculate Heart shall
triumph!*

Again I ask all who read
this little newsletter to
continue to keep in your
prayers our need for a
permanent home for our little
Oratory Chapel; fancy is not
needed, just sturdy and
welcoming, where Our Lord
and King may dwell and His
servants can adore Him with
reverence and devotion. May
He reign in our hearts, minds
and souls forever!

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: Monsignor Sebastian: When our time to die comes or our instincts indicate, having perfect contrition is a must whether or not a Priest is at our bedside: is this correct?

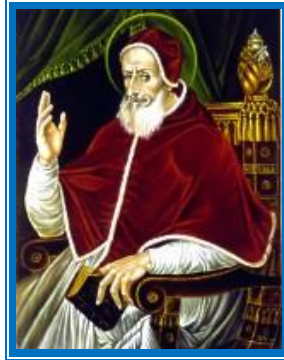
God bless you,

CL, Saint Bernard, LA

A: *Perfect Contrition* is the complete and satisfactory abhorrence of sin and the firm purpose to never commit sin again. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* teaches this: "The Council of Trent (Sess. XIV, Chap. iv) has defined contrition as "sorrow of soul, and a hatred of sin committed, with a firm purpose of not sinning in the future". This hatred of sin may arise from various motives, may be prompted by various causes. The detestation of sin arises from the love of God, Who has been grievously offended, then contrition is termed *perfect*;" then teaches further, "if it arise from any other motive, such as loss of heaven, fear of hell, or the heinousness of guilt, then it is termed *imperfect* contrition."

Whether or not a Priest may be by our side at a grave illness or death we *must always* have a proper contrition for our sins and a firm purpose of amendment, *i.e.*: to avoid sin in the future. Let us also be sure to not wait until we are close to death to have sorrow for our sins, sacramentally confess them and then remain in God's grace: let us be aware of the state of our soul as well as the *Four Last Things*: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

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



*S. Pope Pius V
(5th of May):
Pray for us!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. Charles E. McClusky, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mr. M. Gary Starr, Mrs. Diane Powers, Paul Howard, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Monsignor Daniel Dolan† and Mrs. Patricia Hundt-West†. *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.*



Real Men Kneel at Holy Mass!

HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

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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 2022

26 May 2022 (Thursday)

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

15 August 2022 (Monday)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 November 2022 (Tuesday)

Feast of All Saints

8 December 2022 (Thursday)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

25 December 2022 (Saturday)

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

**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 May:

1 May 2022:

Saints Philip & James:

Commemoration of the *Second Sunday after Easter* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

8 May 2022:

Third Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of the *Apparition of S. Michael the Archangel* and the *Sunday within the Octave of the Solemnity of S. Joseph* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

15 May 2022:

Fourth Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of *S. John the Baptist de la Salle* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

22 May 2022:

Fifth Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of *Our Lady and Against the Persecutors of the Church* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

29 May 2022:

Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension:

Commemoration of *S. Mary Magdalen del Pazzi* and *Within the Octave* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

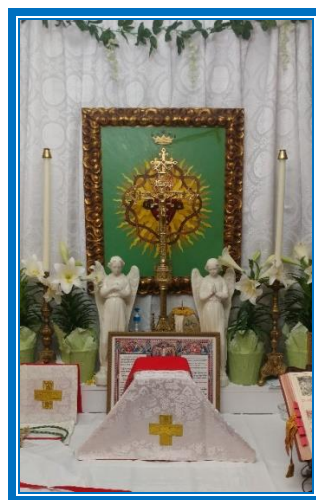
To correctly participate at Holy Mass one *silently* unites his prayers with those of the Church through pious and attentive meditation of the prayers and reading of Holy Mass.

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.



The Hiding Mass in Ireland



The Hiding Mass in Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:
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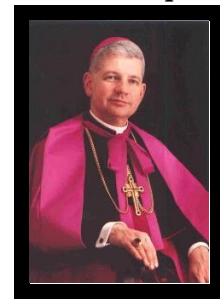
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✿ **Saint Francis Chapel** is staffed by the **Priestly Society of Christ the King (SSCR)**; properly trained and ordained Roman Catholic Priests who are faithful to the teachings and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. Saint Francis is not affiliated 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*).



In your charity we ask that you keep in your prayers the soul of Lordship the Most Reverend Monsignor ✕ Daniel Dolan†. His Lordship was a zealous pioneer of traditional

Catholicism, without compromise; please pray for the repose of the soul of this holy Bishop:

O God, Who dist raise Thy servant Daniel to the dignity of Bishop in the Apostolic Priesthood; grant, we beseech Thee, that he may be joined in fellowship with Thine Apostles forever more. Though Our Lord...



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
- 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.

PASTORAL VISIT

THIS APRIL the Monsignor Sebastian made a Pastoral Visit to the very lovely Holy Family Church in Melbourne, FL. The faithful and their dear Pastor, Father Gregory Safreed, OSF, made a tremendously positive impression on our Monsignor Sebastian with their hospitality and generosity of self. If anyone is ever visiting that part of Florida they can rest assured that the Catholic Faith and Faithful are completely present there.

In these times of confusion and doubt as to the catholicity of other Mass Centres it is a reassuring joy to have full confidence in others who love their Faith and Holy Mass like the wonderful people of Holy Family!

They began quite modestly in the 1970s and by 1981 they began to have

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a monthly public Mass at the local American Legion Hall; the rest, as they say, is history – and from the pictures below you can see how God has rewarded their fidelity to the True Faith and the True Mass! God bless Father Gregory and the Faithful of Holy Family!



Holy Family sanctuary



The Holy Family shrine



The faithful of Holy Family at the May Crowning of Our Lady in 2021



Father Gregory reverently before the Tabernacle at the May Crowning of Our Lady in 2021