

# SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

NOVEMBER 2020 – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

## LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

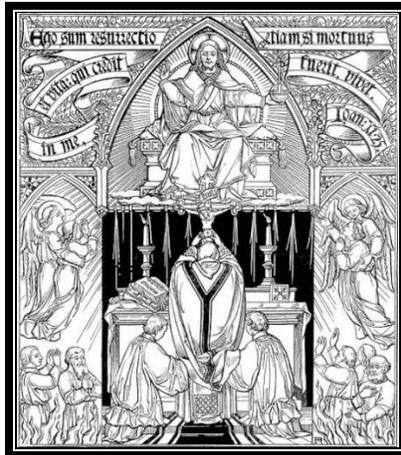
**A**ND making a gathering, he sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection, (For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins. – II Maccabees 12:43 – 46

**E**VERY November I extol the virtue of devotion to and praying for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. The first reason is because it is another sublime teaching of the Holy Church that is under attack by the NewChurch or simply ignored; and the other reason is because I myself do not want to languish in Purgatory with no one to pray for my soul!

I often tell the faithful if we do not pray for the Holy Souls and teach others to do so who will be left to pray for them? Truly is it a good and holy thing for the faithful remnant to practice, and not *just* during this month. I encourage everyone to add an additional decade of their daily Rosary for the Holy Souls, as there is no such thing as an ungrateful Holy Soul, who will surely pray for you upon the

release and entrance into Heaven.

It is also good to remember that **All Souls Day** always follows another magnificent feast, that of **All Saints**, an Holy Day of Obligation, which this year falls on a Sunday. I still *highly* encourage attendance at Holy Mass the next day for the Holy Souls, not obligatory but so heroic. There are *many* special graces and indulgences attached to that Holy Mass and the visiting the graves of our Catholic loved ones.



Most especially I recommend praying for your deceased clergy, most especially those who Baptised us, heard our Confessions and forgave our sins. Every year I offer a special Mass of Requiem for the **Monsignor John C. Simmons**† (d. 2003) who Ordained me to the Catholic Priesthood, then Consecrated me as a Catholic Bishop. This year I decided to add to this newsletter a list of those members of our little Oratory Chapel who have gone before us: please keep them in your daily prayers as well.

The apodictic mercy of God for souls is aided by our

prayers and sacrifices for our loved ones who have gone before us *in a state of grace*, and as we pray for them they pray for us before the throne of God; united by what the Holy Church calls the **Communion of the Saints**, as the Apostle teaches, *they that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that invoke the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ* (I Corinthians 1:2). This holy reciprocity that connects the Church Triumphant, the Church Suffering and the Church Militant demonstrates the perfection of God and His creation when His creatures cooperate and are well-ordered. Purgatory is the remedy for souls which have repented and been restored to the friendship and favour of God, as the Church teaches: *Whereas the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, has from the Sacred Scriptures and the ancient tradition of the Fathers taught in Councils and very recently in this Ecumenical synod (Sess. VI, cap. XXX; Sess. XXII cap.ii, iii) that there is a purgatory, and that the souls therein are helped by the suffrages of the faithful, but principally by the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar; the Holy Synod enjoins on the Bishops that they diligently endeavor to have the sound doctrine of the Fathers in Councils regarding purgatory everywhere taught and preached, held and believed by the faithful* (Denzinger, "Enchiridion", 983).

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:  
 “And He said: Let Us make man to Our image and likeness; and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth.” Genesis 1:26 DRC1752

In this verse we read the writer using the plural “us” and “our” when speaking of creating Man. It is my understanding that the Hebrew reads אֱלֹהִים (Elohim) which is also plural. Is this the writer making use of the royal “we”, and if so, did the royal “we” exist in the original Hebrew? Or is it perhaps a reference to the Trinity?

Thanks!

*F.M., Irvine, CA*

**A:** The Church Fathers teach us that the Old Testament speaks of the Holy Trinity in shadows and allusion. S. Paul, the Apostle, speaking more properly of sacrifice, teaches us: *For the law having a shadow of the good things to come, not the very image of the things* (Hebrews 10:1), and therefore there is only indication of the Trinity in the Old Testament. As you quoted above God does speak of Himself in the plural e.g.: *Elohim* and *Jahweh* to which the early Doctors of the Old Testament understood as a separate operation (i.e.: One Who sends and One Who is sent) of God but did not have an understanding of His distinct Personhoods.

We have clear mentions of the *Spirit of God* (the Holy Ghost), but as I said above, not as a Distinct Person of the Holy Trinity but as the *operation* of God. It is not until Our Lord speaks of the Lord the Holy Ghost Whom He hall send after His Ascension of having not only a distinct operation but also a distinct personhood (cf. S. John 14:26). It is His unambiguous teaching of the Trinity that is found in S. Matthew 28:19 concerning the Sacramental Form of Holy Baptism.

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

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*S. Charles Borromeo (4<sup>th</sup> of November) Patron of Plague Victims: Pray for us!*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Y**OUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mrs. Diane Powers, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, 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 Father Anthony Cekada†, Mr. Frank Calderon† and Mr. Alfred J. Smith†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure*

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*to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.*



## 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  
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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**

1 November (Sunday)

*All Saints Day*

8 December 2020 (Tuesday)

*Immaculate Conception of the  
BVM*

25 December 2020 (Friday)

*Christmas*

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

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

1 November 2020:

**All Saints Day:**

Commemoration of Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

8 November 2020:

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost:**

Commemoration of the Octave of All Saints, and the Four Holy Crowned Martyrs at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

15 November 2020

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany):**

Commemoration of S. Albert the Great at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

22 November 2020

**Last Sunday after Pentecost:**

Commemoration of S. Cecilia at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

29 November 2020

**First Sunday of Advent:**

Commemoration of S. Saturninus 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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*The Hiding Mass in Ireland*



*The Hiding Mass in Van Nuys*

**Sunday Mass Time:**  
*(please call or email for current  
Mass time and location)*

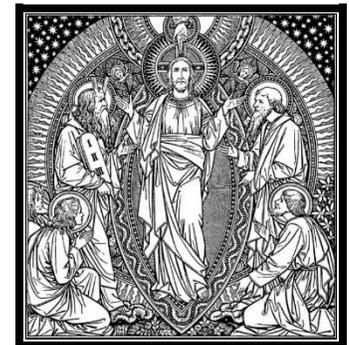
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Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our Holy Fathers, the Popes, most especially Saint Pope Pius V in His infallible decree *Quo Primum*, have given their permission in perpetuity to offer the Traditional Latin Mass (*Missal of S. Pope Pius V* and rubrics 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:

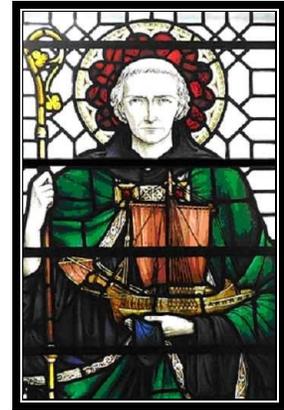
[www.traditio.com](http://www.traditio.com)  
[www.traditioninaction.com](http://www.traditioninaction.com)  
[www.remnantnewspaper.com](http://www.remnantnewspaper.com)  
[www.traditionalmass.org](http://www.traditionalmass.org)

*N.B.: Recommendation of a website is for information, and does not constitute association with or full agreement of opinions or positions.*



*Please pray for our parishioners who have gone before us: Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord; may they, and all the Souls of the Faithful Departed, Rest in Peace. Amen!*

Mrs. Agnes Agzarian†  
 Mrs. Barbara Bowman†  
 Mr. Frank Calderon†  
 Mr. Alfredo (Freddy) Cortes†  
 Mr. David Dammits†  
 Mr. Emil Farrar †  
 Mrs. Teresa Graves†  
 Mr. Jerome Laskey†  
 Mrs. Wanda Laskey†  
 Mr. Craig Marquette†  
 Mrs. Evelyn (Rusty) Marquette†  
 Sgt. Kenneth May, USMC ret.†  
 Mrs. Patricia McClusky†  
 Mr. Robert Odom†  
 Mr. Wilhelm Ramachers†  
 Mrs. Aurelia Scherf†  
 Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Schiermeyer†  
 Mr. William Schiermeyer†  
 Mr. Alfred Smith†  
 Mrs. Darlene Smith†  
 Mr. Ricky White†



O my God, teach my heart this day where and how to seek Thee, where and how to find Thee.

Thou art are my God and Thou art are my all and I have never seen Thee

Thou hast made me and remade me, Thou hast bestowed upon me all the good things I possess, still I do not know Thee.

I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek Thee. I cannot seek Thee unless Thou teachest me or find Thee unless Thou showest Thyself to me.

Let me seek Thee in my desire, let me desire Thee in my seeking. Let me find Thee by loving Thee, let me love Thee when I find Thee.

*St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)*

*This was submitted at the suggestion of our dear Mr. Gary Starr*