

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

NOVEMBER 2021 – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

AND 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

THE Holy doctrine of praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory is an a confirmation of God's *mercy* and *justice*: those who die in God's grace *immediately* receive His plentiful mercy by being allowed return what they owe in justice for their forgiven sins. The comparison of a repentant criminal being pardoned by the court as long as he returns what he originally stole to its proper owner, as the Angelic Doctor, S. Thomas Aquinas, teaches: *res clamat ad dominum* (a thing cries out for its owner).

The Twenty-Fifth Session of the Council of Trent concerning *Purgatory* (3 & 4 December 1563) solemnly teaches: *Since the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, in conformity with the*

sacred writings and the ancient tradition of the Fathers in Sacred Councils, and very recently in this Ecumenical Synod, has taught that there is a Purgatory, and that the souls detained there are assisted by the suffrages of the faithful, and especially by the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar, the holy Synod commands the Bishops that they insist that the sound doctrine of Purgatory, which has been transmitted by the holy Fathers and holy Councils, be believed by the faithful of Christ, be maintained, taught, and everywhere preached.



The pious practice for offering sacrifice and prayers for our beloved dead, *who have died in the grace of the Sacraments*, is not only praiseworthy, but necessary for the expiation of what souls owe in justice, and those who are freed by our prayers are our eternal friends, for there is no such thing as an ungrateful holy soul! I beg everyone to teach their families, most especially their children, to pray for the dead. Holy Grace before Meals and After Meals is the easiest way to build the holy habit; at the end of each simply add, while making the

Sign of the Cross: *May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.* Simple, easy and teaches this sublime doctrine in the most natural of ways. If we do not teach by example the pious practice of praying for the Holy Souls, who will pray for our souls when we die? Will there be anyone to light candles, pray novenas or have Holy Mass offered for the expiation of our own souls?

Use your family prayer as a means of sanctifying grace *and* a means of teaching; I learned the Holy Faith kneeling with my grandparents for the family Rosary – my grandfather *led* and my grandmother and I followed: this is family prayer well ordered. We can see S. Joseph leading the Holy Family in prayer, because Our Blessed Lord was *subject to* His foster-father (*cf.* S. Luke 2:51); for true authority begins with true obedience.

Lastly, as always, I recommend the reading of the wonderful book by the Jesuit Father *Francis Xavier Schouppe* entitled *Purgatory* for the month of November. It is one of the most splendid resources on the subject of the Holy Souls.



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: My Lord Sebastian: I get confused when I read certain things about Our Lord; was He born with *full knowledge* of all things or did the human part of Him learn as He grew? St. Luke said that “He advanced in wisdom, and age and grace with God and man”.

Humbly,

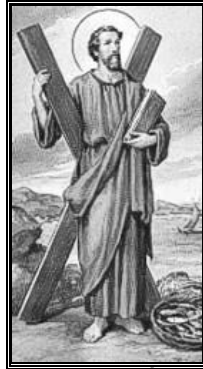
Anonymous

A: That is a powerful question that has provoked much speculation over the centuries from non-theologians. When S. Luke wrote his Gospel he did so with highly educated Greek, and it was written with great majesty and theological poetry. The sentence you inquire of reads like this: Καὶ Ἰησοῦς προέκοπτε σοφία καὶ ἡλικία καὶ χάριτι παρὰ Θεῷ καὶ ἀνθρώποις; which is less idiomatic than the Latin: *Et Iesus proficiebat sapientia, et aetate, et gratia apud Deum et homines.* Proper reading in Greek and Latin, which employ *mood* (the use of verbal inflections) much more than English, gives us a better understanding of what the Holy Evangelist is teaching, *e.g.*: As Jesus grew older He constantly *manifested to others* a greater wisdom and grace (here meaning favour and not theological grace). Think of the *Transfiguration* of the Lord; His appearance did not change, rather, His chosen Disciples were able to perceive Him closer to His *perfect* reality.

Thank you for the very good question, which I hope will inspire others to ask such questions for our future editions!

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

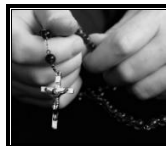
info@stfrancisoratory.org



*S. Andrew, Apostle (30th of November):
Pray for us!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. George Porter, Mr. Kirk Lewis, Mrs. Diane Powers, Mr. McCanna Anthony Sinise, Mr. Paul Howard, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Charles Ivers†. *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.*



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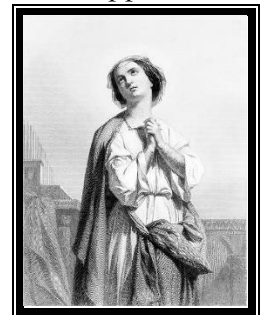
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The normal stipend for a Mass Intention is \$20.00. Please be sure to include the person's name (w/Mr., Mrs. or Miss) and if they are living or deceased. Also, be sure to indicate if you wish a **Mass Card** to be sent to that person or their family.

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!



*S. Cecilia (22nd of November):
Pray for us!*



**HOLY DAYS OF
OBLIGATION FOR 2021**

8 December 2021 (Wednesday)
*Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of the BVM*
25 December 2021 (Saturday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

**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 November:

7 November 2021:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *Octave of All Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

14 November 2021:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Fosaphat* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

21 November 2021:

Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of the *Presentation of the BVM* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, and *Last Gospel*.

28 November 2021:

First Sunday in Advent:

Commemoration of *Our Lady in Advent*, and *Against the Persecutors of the Holy Church* 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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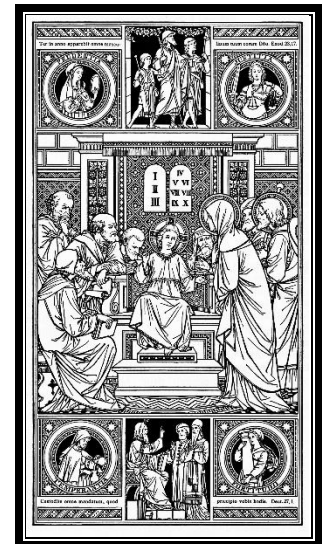
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MASS GUILD

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.

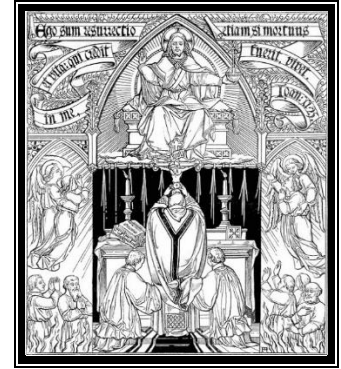
We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!

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.

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INDULGENCED PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the bottomless pit; deliver them out of the lion's mouth, lest hell should swallow them up, lest they fall into the outer darkness, but let Thy standard-bearer, Saint Michael, bring them back into Thy holy light, which Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and his seed. Amen.

DOMINE IESU CHRISTE, Rex gloriæ, libera animas omnium fideleium defunctorum de pœnis inferni et de profundo lacu; libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum; sed significet Sanctus Michaël repræsentet eas in lucem sanctam, quam olim Abrahæ promisit et semini eius. Amen.