

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

NOVEMBER 2023 – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy departed servants and handmaids the remission of all their sin, that through our prayers they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

– Collect from the First Mass of All Souls' Day

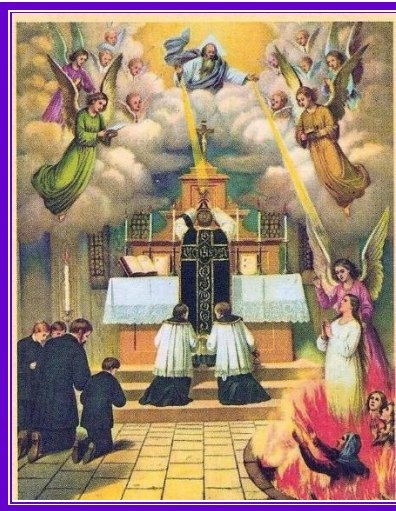
THIS beautiful prayer, addressed to Our Lord Jesus Christ, encourages me every year to take the opportunity to promote devotion to the **Holy Souls** and educate the faithful on the proper understanding of *Purgatory*. Purgatory is a place where the justice of God works with His mercy: when one dies and his soul is in the state of grace, *i.e.*: free from **mortal sin**, or has *venial sins*, and he still owes satisfaction due to his committed transgressions then he may do so in Purgatory. Think of it like this: you have stolen \$100 from someone, you go to Confessions and complete you penance, but you still *owe in justice* the restoration of the \$100, or its equivalent; as S. Thomas Aquinas teaches *res clamat dominum ...* a thing cries out for its owner.

This doctrine, either misunderstood or purposely

distorted, is often criticised as being “made up” so the Church can take advantage of the naïveté of the well-meaning faithful: and, as always, Sacred Scripture disabuses us of this falsehood (*cf.* II Maccabees 12:43 – 46 and I Corinthians 3:11 – 15), as does the constant teaching of the Church Fathers:

- ❖ S. Ambrose (commentary on the text, and Sermo xx in Ps. cxvii),
- ❖ S. Jerome, (Comm. in Amos, c. iv),
- ❖ S. Augustine (*Enarration on Psalm 37*),
- ❖ S. Pope Gregory the Great (Dial., IV, xxxix), and
- ❖ Origen (Hom. vi in Exod.).

And quite explicitly by S. Thomas Aquinas in his work “*Contra Gentes*,” IV, 91.



In His great Paternity God gives to us a means of *full* restoration to His justice while we receive His mercy, *i.e.*: the forgiveness of our sins. This doctrine is a perfect application of the perfect charity of God, because mercy without justice is an *indulgence* that wounds the

one who was deprived of what is properly owed to him. Even God's justice needed to be restored to His Divine Majesty that was much offended by man's sin, *original* and *actual*, and could only be restored by the act of God Himself by the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, Our Lord Jesus Christ (*cf.* Colossians 2:12 – 14).

Such a generous act of salvific restoration *must* be remembered and taught to the generations of faithful that shall follow us, as I am wont to remind the faithful, *if you do not teach and give example of devotion to the Holy Souls, who will be left to pray for your souls?* The greatest prayer we can offer for the Holy Souls is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and every year we keep the names of your **Catholic** family and friends who have preceded you in death on the altar next to the Tabernacle and are remembered at each and every Holy Mass offered there: *please* submit their names via email

(info@stfrancisoratory.org) as soon as possible, and you may offer any gift though our **PayPal** account.

Again, we are settling in quite nicely into our little rental home, praise God for His great generosity; please continue to help us with your prayers and material support.

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,

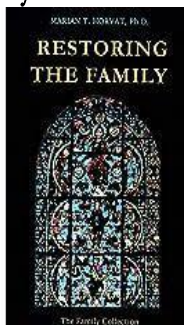
Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Monsignor:
My little family seems to now be growing exponentially: what resources are there to guide me and my wife in raising a truly holy and Catholic family? Thank you for your consistent and Catholic teaching...we pray for you every day at our family Rosary!
Anonymous

A: Many thanks for your kind sentiments, all praise and glory be to God! I strongly recommend the lovely and timely book *Restoring the Family* by the learned Marian T. Horvat, PhD.

Several years ago I gave out copies of this outstanding work to the parents of Catholic families, and I still recommend it when asked about raising Catholic children, for if we fail our children we also fail society and the Holy Church.



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, continued prayers are requested for the sick,

especially Mrs. Norma Hernandez, Miss Erica Chapman, Mr. Charles Edward McClusky, Mrs. Diane Powers, Mr. Paul Howard, Mr. John Owen, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Vern Fenimore† and Mr. Richard Dewerff†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let the Monsignor know so he can arrange for a sick call.*

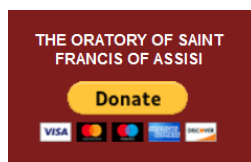


Real Men Kneel at Holy Mass!

HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

DONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent on-line (be sure to select *donation and not payment*) or you can always be sent to our Post Office Box:

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

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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 2023

1 November 2023 (Wednesday)
Feast of All Saints
8 December 2023 (Friday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
25 December 2023 (Monday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord



ALL SAINTS' NOVENA FOR NOVEMBER:

PLEASE be sure to submit the names of your deceased **CATHOLIC** family and friends you wish to have remembered with your gift to be remembered during the month of November.



**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:

5 November 2023:

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost:

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

12 November 2023:

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Commemoration of *S. Pope Martin I* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

19 November 2023:

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Commemoration of *S. Elizabeth of Hungary* and *S. Pope Pontianus* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

26 November 2023:

Twenty-Six and Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Sylvester, Abbot* and the *S. Peter of Alexandria, Bishop & Martyr* 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 Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am

(818) 786-2540

e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org

Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.stfrancisoratory.org

N.B. : Our Mailing Address is:

Post Office Box 8469

Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469



S. Andrew, Apostle:

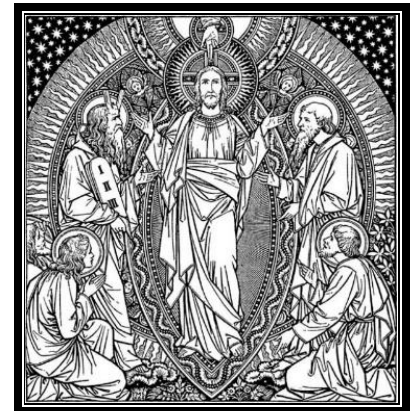
Pray for us!

30 November

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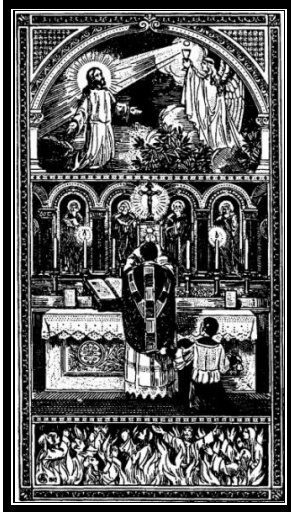
*Our little Oratory on the feast of
Christ the King*



✠ 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*).



*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.*



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.

PETER SPEAKS:

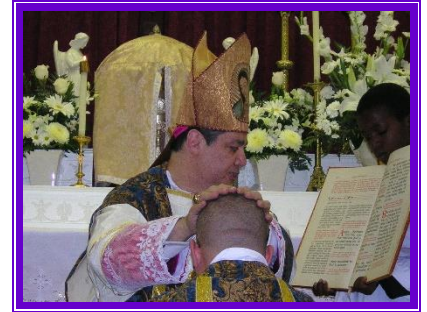


No member of this venerated Body must be forgotten in this common prayer; and let there be a special remembrance of those who are weighed down with the sorrows and afflictions of this earthly exile, *as also for the suffering souls in Purgatory*. Neither must those be neglected who are being instructed in Christian doctrine, so that they may be able to receive baptism without delay.

(Mystici Corporis Christi, no. 101, 29 June 1943)



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VOCATIONS

Do you know a young man who is willing to sacrifice all for the glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Priesthood? The Priestly Society of Christ the King (*Societas Sacerdotalis Christi Regis*) is looking for young men who wish to receive a fully traditional and proper formation for the **Catholic Priesthood**, if you are or know of someone who is willing to offer his life for the service and preservation of the Holy Catholic Church, and meet the requirements below, please forward them this information:

- ❖ At least 18 years of age
- ❖ High School graduate (some College studies are very helpful)
- ❖ At least of average intelligence
- ❖ Never Married
- ❖ Free from financial or familial obligations
- ❖ Able to pass a background check by Law Enforcement
- ❖ Free from any entanglements of the Modernist Vatican II sect

All serious candidates will be considered for acceptance to the *Christus Rex House of Priestly Formation*.