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

NOVEMBER 2024 – MONTH OF THE POOR SOULS

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

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

Collect from the first Mass of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

THE necessity of praying for the souls of those who have died in God's grace is paramount because it has the Theological Virtue of Charity (cf. I Corinthians 13:13) as its object. Man's proper and well-ordered supernatural love of his fellow man (cf. S. Matthew 19:19) is the natural (and supernatural) reaction to the perfect love of God. This well-ordered "circle" is understood as the *Communion of the Saints*, that is, the spiritual connectivity that binds the souls of the faithful on earth (the Church Militant), in purgatory (the Church Suffering) and in heaven (the Church Triumphant). This connectivity relies on the virtue of charity to support, assist and encourage the members of the Church Militant in meeting their final end, salvation; as well as aiding the souls in purgatory towards

the perfection of their souls and the relief of their suffering of what they owe in justice.

The concept of justice is often misunderstood and even Our Lord had to correct His disciples on its proper understanding and application, *Seek ye therefore first the Kingdom of God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you* (S. Matthew 6:33): it is God's justice that we seek, which is *objective and infinite*. For example, if one steals \$20.00 dollars from someone, and repents and seeks forgiveness from the one robbed and is in fact forgiven, the restitution of what was stolen is still owed in justice.



When we seek sacramental absolution we must first *make a firm purpose of amendment, i.e.:* to never commit that same sin again, and then we are given an act of penance to restore what God is owed in justice by our sin. This may be prayers or an act of

sacrifice or charity that must be performed. If one fails to complete this act of penance in a timely manner, or at all, the validity of their Confession may be called into question. This is how justice is understood in the Catholic moral sense.

Since the Holy Souls in Purgatory are unable to assist themselves it is our obligation of charity to pray and sacrifice on their behalf, that being said, it is also our duty to teach others about this act of charity so that there will always be those who will heroically pray and sacrifice for these souls – if we fail in this latter consideration, who, pray tell, shall pray and sacrifice for our soul when the need arises? Now the greatest prayer and sacrifice for the souls in purgatory is, of course, the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; this perfect and most efficacious act offers perfect worship, honour and thanksgiving to God *on behalf* of the needy soul and will provide that soul relief by the application of the fruits of Holy Mass.

As always, 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:
Is it a sin to allow my children to listen to “bad” music?

Anonymous

A: First we have to define what you mean by “bad” music: if we strictly speak of the quality of a particular composition, that is simply predicated upon one’s subjective preference, *e.g.*: Classical vs. Popular vs. Country vs. Cultural Traditional music and the like. In this case there is no moral issue concerning a composition being “good or bad”. Now, in regard to the “content” or “theme” of said composition, that can indeed be considered “bad” and morally objectionable. This is why certain operas were objectionable because they romanticised infidelity, adultery, substance abuse, murder and the like. It is the same for contemporary music, which may seem quite lovely in its composition and style, but the theme of its lyrics are completely immoral and diabolical. This makes such music even more dangerous because it is pleasant to hum or sing along with, so we neglect or simply do not care how wicked the theme is.

Ultimately if we instill, from and early age, the love of good and wholesome music (and other entertainments) in our children, then we will help them grow in finding proper happiness (*cf.* Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16).

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 **Mr. George Porter, Mrs. Norma Hernandez, Mr. Charles Edward McClusky, 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 the **Rev. Fr. George McLaughlin†, Mr. Kirk Lewis†, Mrs. Diane Powers-Lewis†.** *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 via **PayPal** and **Zelle** (be sure to select *donation* and not payment) or you can always send it 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

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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 2024

8 December 2023 (Sunday)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

25 December 2024 (Wednesday)

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 September:

3 November 2024:

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:

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

10 November 2024:

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Commemoration of *S. Andrew of Avelino, Confessor* and *S. Tryphon & Companions, Martyrs*, at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

17 November 2024:

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Commemoration of *S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Bishop & Confessor*, and the *Suffrage of the*

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Saints at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

24 November 2024:

Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor of the Church* and *S. Chrysogonus, 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.



S. Charles Borromeo
4th of November:
Pray for us!



The Hiding Mass in Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am

(818) 786-2540

e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org

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www.stfrancisoratory.org

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Post Office Box 8469

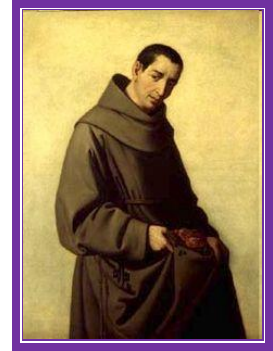
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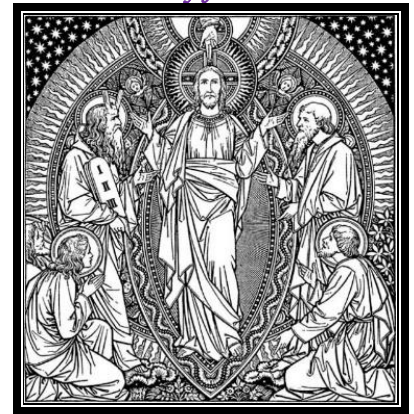
S. Andrew
30th of November:

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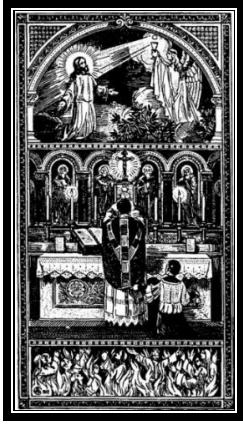
Pray for us!



S. Didacus
13th of November:
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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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RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

www.traditio.com
www.traditioninaction.com
www.traditionalmass.org
www.novusordowatch.com

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

PETER SPEAKS:



THE great movement of apostasy being organised in every country for the establishment of a *One-World Church* which shall have neither dogmas, nor hierarchy, neither discipline for the mind, nor

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curb for the passions, and which, under the pretext of freedom and human dignity, would bring back to the world (if such a Church could overcome) the reign of legalised cunning and force, and the oppression of the weak, and of all those who toil and suffer... Indeed, the true friends of the people are neither revolutionaries, nor innovators: they are traditionalists.

(S. Pope Pius X)

