

# SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

OCTOBER 2016

## LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

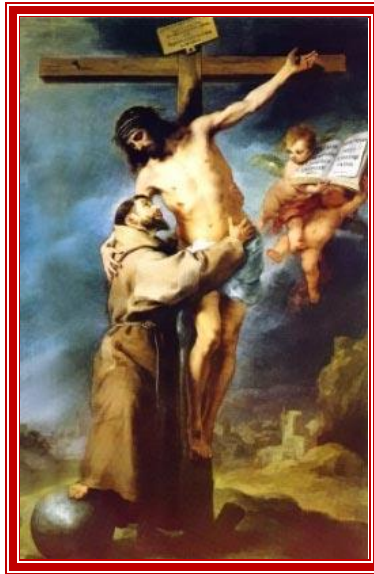
**F**RANCIS, the poor and lowly, enters, a rich man, into heaven: welcomed with heavenly hymns. — from the Alleluia verse of his Holy Mass

**T**HIS month we celebrate the great feast of our titular patron: S. Francis of Assisi (c.1182 – 1226). It is also the month that is filled with wondrous and beautiful liturgical feasts: **Holy Guardian Angels**, **S. Theresa of Avila**, **S. Theresa Lisieux**, **S. Margaret Mary Alacoque**, the feast of the **Most Holy Rosary**, to name but a few, and of course the great and solemn feast of the **Kingship of JESUS CHRIST**. This October also marks the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Miracle of the Sun** at Fatima.

This is also the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our lovely Oratory Chapel dedicated to **S. Francis of Assisi**. At that first public Mass in 1997 there were half a dozen souls in attendance, but that soon grew to what we have today. Nineteen years have gone by very fast, and yet so much more work still needs to be accomplished. We still must grow enough so that we can 1) purchase our own permanent location, and 2) support our clergy. What we pay in rent is almost double what our mortgage would be, and what

we truly lack is the amount of a down-payment and a sustained membership to pay off that loan.

I have given the numbers before, but I believe that if everyone sees the actual numbers in writing all might truly understand what we need: we really need to collect *a minimum of \$6,500* per month. That means each weekly collection would be \$1,625, which could be achieved by having 65 individuals or families give \$25.00 each week. You see it is not in the amounts that current faithful are giving, it is in the amount of faithful that regularly attend S. Francis.



I am not sure why *very few* invite and encourage, but it is a fact that if *everyone* continued to ALWAYS ask and invite new people we would meet this goal. In the last several years we have lost many older parishioners who have passed away, and we have not replenished the pews. We *must* do so now.

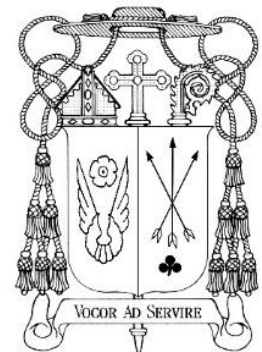
In order to keep this traditional Catholic Mission open and providing the Holy Mass and Sacraments, we must actively build and invite. There are well over a million Catholics in the San Fernando Valley and we only need to get less than .014% of them!

God does so much for us, and so does Our Blessed Lady: what can we do for them? Build up the Holy Catholic Church one little traditional mission at a time! Let us continue to ask the saints, especially S. Francis of Assisi, to aid us in this work: remember, it is God's work, we are just the workers in the Vineyard (cf. S. Matthew 20:1 – 16). Remember that we have been commanded by Christ Himself to spread His Gospel and build up His Kingdom (S. Matthew 28:19).

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:** In the traditional iconography of the Church, both East and West, S. George is always shown slaying a dragon: is this dogmatic; must we believe this?

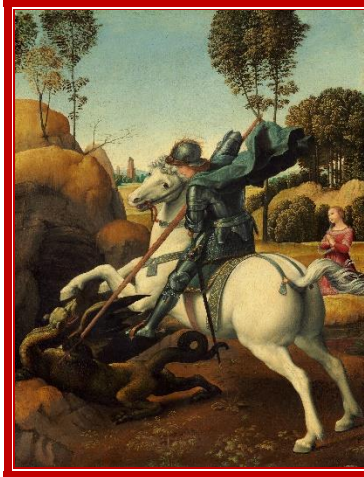
*In Jesus and Mary, CC, Adelanto, CA.*

**A:** That is a grand question, and we are very eager to give you an answer: what we know of S. George is very little. His feastday is celebrated on the Roman Calendar on the 23rd of April, and in the *Martyrologium Romanum* we read this: *Natális sancti Georgii Mártyris, cu jus illustre martyrium inter Mártyrum coronas Ecclésia Dei venerátur* (The birthday of St. George, whose illustrious martyrdom is honoured by the Church of God among the triumphs of the other martyrs). In addition to this we know he was martyred in **Lydda**, which is near modern Palestine around the year 303. He was born into a Roman family and served in the military. The rest of what we know comes from what has been written about him in his "acts," which are pious studies and beliefs about the saints. These acts may be believed but are not necessary to believe.

The story most associated with S. George is that of the dragon he slew, which was brought to Europe from the Middle East during the Crusades. The story tells us that he slew an evil dragon,

which really means he fought against the devil in many ways.

When we read some stories of the more ancient saints, especially if they are not as historically known, we must remember that lessons and examples of their lives are to encourage us to remain faithful to God and His Holy Church.



*If you have a question, please feel free to send them via mail or e-mail ([info@stfrancisoratory.org](mailto:info@stfrancisoratory.org)).*



**Saints Simon & Jude  
(29<sup>th</sup> of October):  
Pray for us!**



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

## Saint Francis Exchange

**YOUR** continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. Joseph Bremmer, Mr. Frank Calderon, Mr. Alfredo (Freddy) Cortes, Mr. Alfred Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William Schiermeyer, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Emil Farrar†, Mr. Craig Marquette†, and Mrs. Elvira Solis Hernandez†. *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.*



**FIRST FRIDAY  
AND FIRST  
SATURDAY**

**O**UR First Friday devotions will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> of OCTOBER (*feast of the Most Holy Rosary*), and our First Saturday devotions will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of OCTOBER. First Friday Mass is at 7:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; First Saturday will be at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Devotions to the Immaculate Heart.

## FEAST OF THE CHRIST THE KING



**S**unday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October is the feast of the **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING**: immediately following Holy Mass there will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart - be sure to attend and receive a *plenary indulgence!*

## S. FRANCIS DAY PICNIC

**O**N Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October we will have our annual **S. FRANCIS DAY PICNIC**, be sure to invite as many friends and family as possible!

## 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!



**Sunday Mass Time:**  
10:00 am – Parochial Mass  
with Homily

**Daily Mass Times:**  
Tuesday through Saturday  
8:00 am

First Friday 7:00 pm  
*Confessions one half of an hour before Holy Mass*  
16826 Saticoy Street  
*Entrance and Parking around back*  
Van Nuys, CA 91406-2776  
(818) 786-2540  
e-mail:

info@stfrancisoratory.org  
Be sure to visit our web site at:

[www.stfrancisoratory.org](http://www.stfrancisoratory.org)

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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*).



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2016

01 October 2016	Our Lady's Saturday	8:00 AM	Holy Souls	Mr. Alan Cohen
02 October 2016	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
03 October 2016	S. Theresa of the Child Jesus	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
04 October 2016	S. Francis of Assisi	8:00 AM	In Honour of S. Francis	Parishioners of S. Francis
05 October 2016	S. Placidus	8:00 AM	Mr. Eugene Camarillo	Mrs. Ellen Sudario
06 October 2016	S. Bruno	8:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Hoffman, O.Cart.	Msgr. Sebastian
07 October 2016	MOST HOLY ROSARY	8:00 AM	In Honour of Our Lady	Msgr. Sebastian
08 October 2016	S. Bridget of Sweden	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving	Msgr. Sebastian
09 October 2016	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
10 October 2016	S. Francis Borgia	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
11 October 2016	MATERNITY OF THE BVM	8:00 AM	Mr. Richard Rojas	Mr. Edward Rojas, sscr
12 October 2016	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Mrs. Torbia Dinawanao Bequilla†	Mrs. Ellen Sudario
13 October 2016	S. King Edward	8:00 AM	Mr. Edward Rojas, sscr	Msgr. Sebastian
14 October 2016	S. Callistus I	8:00 AM	Mr. Shiraz Khan†	The Alfred Smith Family
15 October 2016	S. Theresa of Avila	8:00 AM		
16 October 2016	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
17 October 2016	S. Margaret Mary Alacoque	Private Mass		
18 October 2016	S. LUKE	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
19 October 2016	S. Peter of Alcantara	8:00 AM		
20 October 2016	S. John Cantius	8:00 AM		
21 October 2016	S. Hilarion	8:00 AM		
22 October 2016	Our Lady's Saturday	8:00 AM	Msgr. Sebastian	The Alfred Smith Family
23 October 2016	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
24 October 2016	S. Raphael	Private Mass	Fr. Raphael Guzo, fba†	SSCR
25 October 2016	Ss. Chysanthus & Daria	8:00 AM		
26 October 2016	S. Evaristus	8:00 AM		
27 October 2016	Vigil of Ss. Simon & Jude	8:00 AM		
28 October 2016	SS. SIMON & JUDE	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
29 October 2016	<i>Vigil of Christ the King</i>	8:00 AM		
30 October 2016	CHRIST THE KING	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
31 October 2016	Vigil of All Saints	Private Mass		