

# SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

OCTOBER 2020 – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

## LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

**THEY shall speak of the glory of Thy Kingdom: and shall tell of Thy power: To make Thy might known to the sons of men: and the glory of the magnificence of Thy Kingdom. Thy Kingdom is a kingdom of all ages: and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.**

– Psalm 144:11 – 13

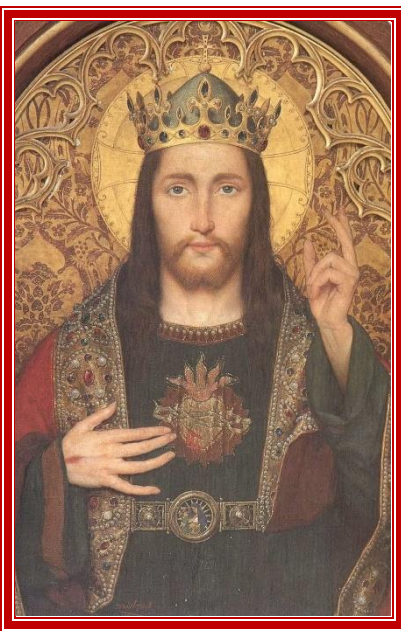
**G**REAT joy fills the hearts of those who attend our little Oratory Chapel in the blessed month of October; the month dedicated to Our Lady's Rosary (7<sup>th</sup> of October), our titular feast of S. Francis of Assisi (4<sup>th</sup> of October) and the glorious feast of Christ the King (2<sup>th</sup> of October).

This year we are exceptionally blessed to celebrate the feast of S. Francis on a Sunday; which allows us to offer the Holy Mass in his honour and to commemorate the *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*.

For many months many have focused on what is *wrong* or *what has been lost*, however, I wish to bring your attention to what we have gained: the grace of God. The opportunities for grace is vast and varied; accepting God's will during this time of trial has been amazing. Our little family has remained strong, healthy and faithful – the joy of visiting those who are not able to join us for Holy Mass and bringing them the

Eucharistic Lord and praying with them is also a tremendous grace, not only for them but for me as well. Nothing gives a Priest greater joy than the administration of the Holy Sacraments.

As a Priest and Bishop my life is not my own, I live it for my Lord and King Jesus Christ and for you, His flock. Your spiritual welfare must always be my greatest consideration; which is why I keep you all in my heart in prayer; and because I am a very weak and fallible man I beg for your prayers.



Our twenty-three years together seen so many Marriages, Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, and very holy Last Rites and funerals for our loved ones who have preceded us. Our God has been very generous to us and has given us so many graces and blessings, it is imperative to offer our gratitude by working hard to

live a life in the virtues of grace. S. Ambrose teaches us: *No duty is more urgent than returning thanks to God*. The most efficacious way to show true gratitude to God is to become a saint: not plaster and painted image but a living, breathing and praying image of Christ! The beautiful **collect** from the Votive Mass of thanksgiving prays: *O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to Thy most gracious majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy clemency, that as Thou grantest the petitions of them that ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the reward to come*.

Let us be ever ready to give thanks to God by living the life that He meant for us, that is, a life of tremendous holiness that inspires others to great holiness: our life in this world is brief, but our life in the next world is eternal – either in heaven or in hell. God will accept our fear of hell as a reason to love Him, but our true repentance and gratitude are far more pleasing to Him.

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 Sebastian:  
What are some strategies for dealing with friends and family who have fallen from the Faith? And how can we thrive as Catholics "in the World but not of the World" in today's Left-leaning society; and lastly, how to pray for the USA? May the Lord bless you!

R.S.

**A.** In our current worldwide society is rampant with demonic revolutionaries and many so-called "well-intentioned" sympathisers have set out to destroy civil society, the family and Christ the Lord. Many of us who cleave to the True Church are the ones who are having to *deal with* and *tolerate* evil persons and evil things. One does not *tolerate* a thing that is good, but rather quickly removes an evil thing as expediently as possible. The most important thing to remember is that truth must be our prime concern, and to have a certainty of truth we must have knowledge of it, as S. Thomas teaches: *As good has the nature of what is desirable, so truth is related to knowledge (Summa Theo. Quest 16., art 3, resp.)*. The only true way to *deal with* those who refuse the truth is to pray for them with great charity and effort rather than trying to "convince" or argue; the only one who wins an argument is the devil. We convert the world by converting ourselves. Become a great and holy saint and never cease to pray for yourself, your family, your friends, your Church, your community and the world.

Prayer, Penance and Sacrifice is the only sure means bringing about Christ's Kingdom and justice and peace!

**Q.** Dear Monsignor Sebastian:

One of my closest friends sends me your newsletters and I wanted to thank you for your Q&A section. I have a serious question that my husband and I have been discussing about voting in the upcoming election. We do not like the incumbent but also not sure about how "Catholic" the challenger is. Can we vote for him in good conscience?

Thank you for your help.

*Anonymous.*

**A.** I completely understand the conundrum: I have never told any of the faithful *who* they should vote for, but *what* they cannot vote for. I too am uncomfortable with some of the rhetoric of the current "incumbent," as you say, however, the alternative is a man who promotes the murder of our unborn and partially born, holds sodomy as *normal* when he "officiated" a same-sex "marriage" in 2016 in his own home.

From 1939 until 1978 Spain was ruled by the Nationalist Fascist regime of Francisco Franco; he was an absolutely harsh ruler who crushed the communist anti-Catholic forces who murdered close to 7,000 priests and nuns, and countless Catholic civilians during the Spanish Civil War. Indeed he was ruthless and oppressive to the enemies of the Church and State, yet he did bring peace and stability to Spain.

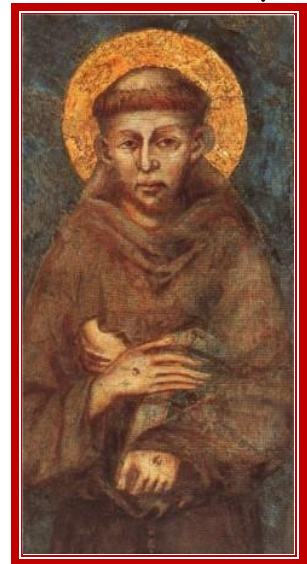
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We see a similarity in our current political situation, albeit without the number of murdered Catholics (so far), however, we can be confident that if the *challenger* is elected the Church and faithful will suffer greatly.

The choice comes down to this: the objectionable attitude of one or the evil policies of the other.

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

[info@stfrancisoratory.org](mailto:info@stfrancisoratory.org)



*S. Francis of Assisi (4<sup>th</sup> of October):  
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*

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*Mass due to sickness please be sure 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**  
**PO Box 8469**  
**Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469**

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 OCTOBER: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL**

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

**4 October 2020:**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**

Commemoration of S. Francis of Assisi at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

**11 October 2020:**  
**Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

Commemoration of the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

**18 October 2020**  
**Feast of S. Luke:**

Commemoration of Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

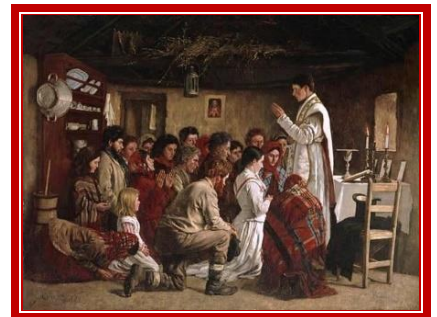
**25 October 2020**  
**Feast of Christ the King:**

Commemoration of the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 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

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

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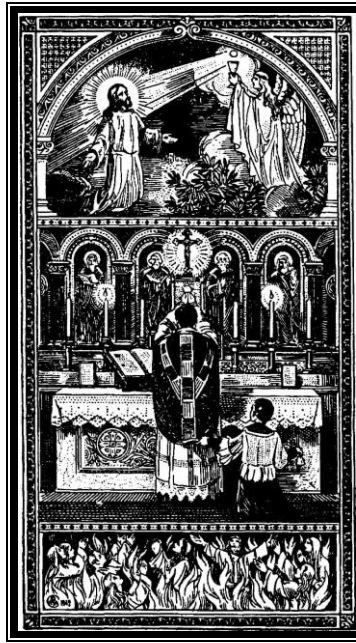
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**N.B. : Our Mailing Address is:**  
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 Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469



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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.

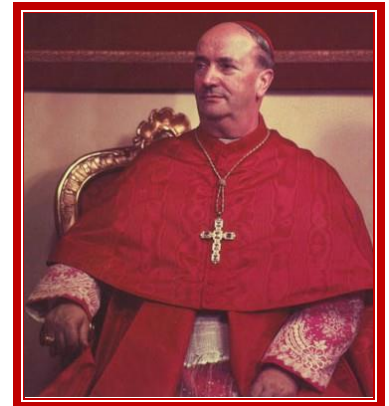
We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!

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## RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

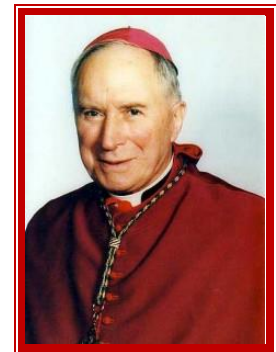
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[www.traditionalmass.org](http://www.traditionalmass.org)

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



*Today nearly everyone can read, but only a few can think.*

- Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani (d. 1979)



*This is why I persist, and if you wish to know the real reason for my persistence, it is this: at the hour of my death, when Our Lord asks me:*

*"What have you done with your Episcopate, what have you done with your Episcopal and Priestly grace?" I do not want to hear from His lips the terrible words "You have helped to destroy the Church along with the rest of them."*

- Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre (d. 1991)