

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

OCTOBER 2021 – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

FOR she by her seed has crushed the head of the twisted serpent, and has alone destroyed all heresies, and by the blessed fruit of her womb has saved a world condemned by the fall of our first parents. From her, without human hand, was that stone cut, which, struck by wood, poured forth the abundantly flowing waters of graces. - *Consueverunt Romani*, S. Pope Pius V, 17 September 1569

PROBABLY the most powerful prayer of the faithful, and a great weapon against wickedness, is the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This wondrous prayer has saved countless souls with miraculous healings, conversions and other spiritual gifts.

The pious recitation of this holy prayer and the meditation upon the Holy Mysteries of Our Lord and Saviour and His Most Blessed Mother are powerful and most pleasing to God Almighty. In such we are blessed to have her as our intercessor before God, and the praying of the Holy Rosary builds and strengthens our relationship to her, and therefore our trust in her maternal solicitude. As the Holy Father Pope Leo XIII teaches us, *Mary is this glorious intermediary; she is the mighty Mother of the Almighty; but what is still sweeter, she is gentle, extreme in tenderness, of a limitless loving-kindness. As such God gave her to us. Having chosen her for the Mother of*

His only begotten Son, He taught her all a mother's feeling that breathes nothing but pardon and love. Such Christ desired she should be, for He consented to be subject to Mary and to obey her as a son to a mother. Such He proclaimed her from the Cross when He entrusted to her care and love the whole of the race of man in the person of His Disciple John. Such, finally, she proves herself by her courage in gathering in the heritage of the enormous labours of her Son, and in accepting the charge of her maternal duties towards us all (Octobri Mense, no. 4, 22 September 1891).



*Our Lady of the Rosary:
Pray for Us!*

What a glorious and lovely creature is Our Lady! She remained faithful to God, even as she bore witness to the pain and suffering of her Son upon the Cross; and was overwhelmed by sorrow, not for herself, but for God Almighty Who hung upon the Tree of Woe, and for the people of the world who betrayed their loving God with such ferocious violence and malice. Her inner voice pleading in perfect union with her Divine Son: *forgive them Father, for they know not what they have do* (S. Luke 23:34).

I cannot recommend the Holy Rosary enough, because

by it you gain the virtue of holy meditation and solemn reflection upon the Mysteries that wrought our redemption, in addition one unites himself with the prayers of the faithful throughout the world, thereby creating a *prayer chain* with great power and efficacy.

I am so happy to have these past several editions of this newsletter dedicated to Our Lady, because she is a great means of overcoming the wickedness of our society and the true path to purifying the Holy Church, which is currently overrun with the enemies of God. As I wrote to you last month, "There is no force, neither in heaven, on earth, or below the earth, that does not either honour Our Blessed Lady or fear her; her true power is in her great and perfect love of God, which we *must* imitate if we wish to go to heaven, as the Disciple of Love teaches us: *Love not the world, nor the things which are in the world. If any man love the world, the charity of the Father is not in him.* (1 S. John 2:15).

Allow me to continue to encourage you to keep our Blessed Lady in your hearts and prayers, and trust in her promise to protect us from the wicked.

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

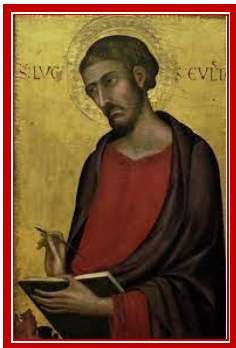
Q: Monsignor:
If a layman enters a monastic order as a 3rd order does he wear a habit or cassock?
In Christ the King,

CL, St. Bernard, LA

A: That truly depends on the Order or Society; for example, the layman attached to the Benedictines, called *Oblates*, may wear a type of habit or a full habit depending upon the House. They would wear such a habit when visiting the Monastery and are almost always buried in it. Another example would be the Franciscans, who usually allow their 3rd Order members to wear the full habit (of that particular Franciscan House) when they visit the Convent (the male members of the Franciscans live in a *convent* as they are *conventuals*). If a layman is accepted into an Order to live there permanently he is almost always clothed in the full habit of that Order.

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

info@stfrancisoratory.org



*S. Luke, Evangelist (18th of October):
Pray for us!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially 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.*



Real Men Kneel at Holy Mass!

HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

DONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent on-line or you can always be sent to our Post Office Box:

St. Francis of Assisi
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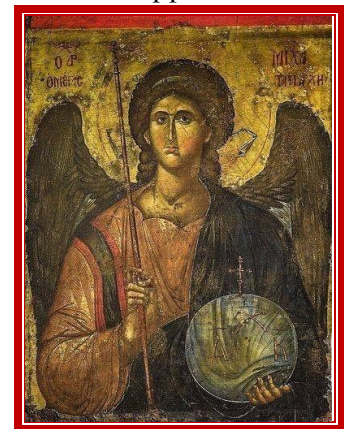


The normal stipend for a Mass Intention is \$20.00. Please be sure to include the

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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!



*S. Raphael (24th of October):
Pray for us!*

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2021

1 November 2021 (Monday)
All Saints Day
8 December 2021 (Wednesday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM
25 December 2021 (Saturday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord



*S. Francis of Assisi (4th of October):
Pray for us!*

**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 **October:**

3 October 2021:

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

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

10 October 2021:

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:

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

17 October 2021:

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Margaret Mary Alacoque* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

24 October 2021:

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of the *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*, and *Ss. Cyprian & Justina* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

31 October 2021:

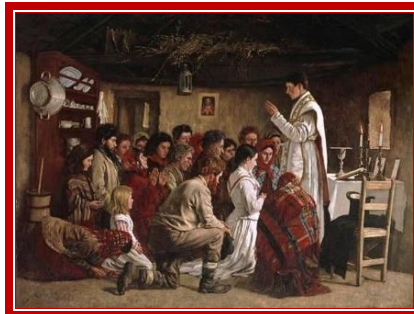
Christ the King:

Commemoration of the *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*, and *Ss. Cyprian & Justina* 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

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

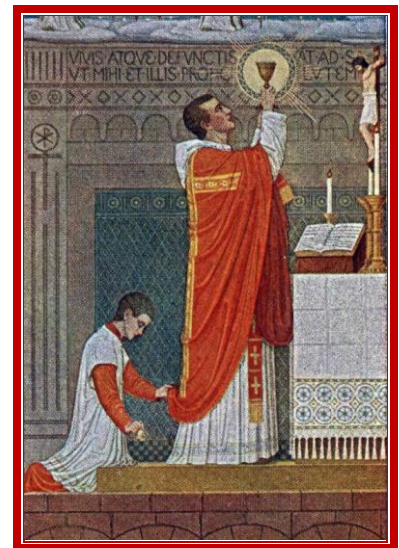
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MASS GUILD

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.remnantnewspaper.com

www.traditionalmass.org

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