

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

OCTOBER 2023 – MONTH OF SAINT FRANCIS

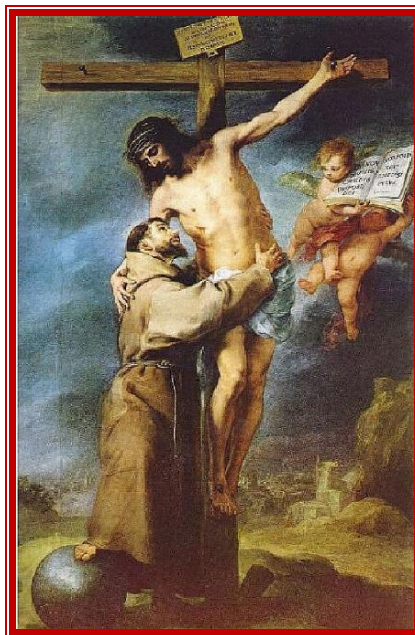
LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

BUT God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. – Galatians 6:14

OUR most blessed Patron, *S. Francis of Assisi*, the Seraphic Father, has been much aligned by the modernist heretics; he was not a pacifist hippy who wondered about with flowers in his hair, petting all the animals and using *gender-neutral pronouns*. He was manly saint who boldly condemned the lax errors of his time, most especially heresy, spiritual laxity, Mohamedism and sodomite clergy. His love of *creatures* was predicated upon his love of the *Creator*, Whom he found in all of creation.

The Church during the lifetime of our Patron Saint was, like today, was filled with men who had a lust for power and material gain, and even the highest of authorities in her were wont of such sin and immorality rather than true holiness and virtue. So many of her clergy lacked even a general care for souls and the comfort of the afflicted and those in need; building up their own little empires and kingdoms was more to their liking.

When Father Matthew Howard and I established our little Oratory under the patronage of the Seraphic Father S. Francis in 1997 it was to honour him for his work of proper and well-ordered restoration as well as the missionary work that was done in his name here in Southern California. Like so many of us today who remain faithful to the true and authentic teachings of the Holy Church, we take all too literal the call to *restore all things in Christ* (cf. Ephesians 1:10): we seek a worldly solution to a spiritual problem. First, let us remember that we, the faithful, *do not restore the Church* - the Church restores us! It is not the Church that needs repair, but rather, many of her members who have become corrupt and comfortable in their sin.



If we, like dearest Holy Francis, would worry less about *the world* and more about *heaven* we could accomplish so much more. When equity and social justice are applied without God's principles than we build that house upon sand (cf. S. Mathew 7:26 – 27), as the Psalmist teaches us, *Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it* (Psalm 126:1). How beautiful is the command of Our Lord and King to focus on what is true and important: *Seek ye therefore first the Kingdom of God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore solicitous for tomorrow; for the morrow will be solicitous for itself. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof* (S. Matthew 6:33 – 34).

Lastly, 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: My Lord:
As a life-long Catholic faithful to Holy Tradition I am shocked by what I see happening here in Ireland; as your kinsman I can attest that we were raised in the same faith, the same village and the same family; how can so many of our acquaintances be deceived by this false religion that has wreaked havoc on the Holy Faith and the moral fabric of a once Catholic Ireland? America has always been a secular state so I understand the eventual eroding of morality in such a place, but here?
Your cousin and servant in Our Lady,
JN
Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland

A: Mo Col Ceathrair: It is indeed perplexing that those countries, once so Catholic, have fallen into such ruinous states, think Ireland, Spain, Mexico and the like. Socialists and Communists aided by the devil worked hard to dismantle the Faith and the family in these places as these are keystones to a well-ordered society. S. Thomas Aquinas, commenting on *Politics* (Πολιτικά) by Aristotle, confirms that virtue (meaning *manly* strength) is necessary for the *Common Good* of society. Without a strong leader in the Holy Church and in civil society the world is destined for a disorder even greater than we currently see; hence the warnings of Our Lady at Fatima against the *errors of*

Russia. The only remedy is being faithful to the True Mass, Faith and Devotions, most especially Our Lady's Rosary. Might I call to mind how many times, as the older cousin, you led us and our comrades in the Holy Rosary before sport or on the way to school? Even as children we knew the value of devotion and confidence in Our Blessed Mother. Continue to model this to your children and grandchildren, keep them secure in the Holy Faith and know that another generation shall pass along all that is good and of God.

Do col ceathrair...

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

info@stfrancisoratory.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Miss Alyssa Smith, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, 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.*

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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 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

**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 September:

1 October 2023:

**Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost:**

Commemoration of the *S. Remigius, Bishop* and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

8 October 2023:

**Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost:**

Commemoration of *S. Bridget of Sweeden, Widow* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

15 October 2023:

**Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost:**

Commemoration of *S. Teresa of Avila, Virgin* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

22 October 2023:

**Twenty-First Sunday after
Pentecost:**

Commemoration of the *Suffrage of the Saints* and *Against the Pagans* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

29 October 2023:

Feast of CHRIST THE KING:

Commemoration of the *Twenty-Second 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 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:

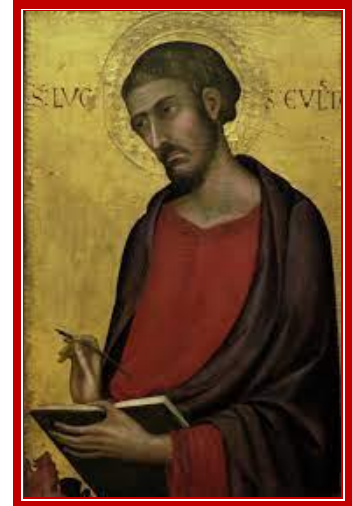
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*S. Luke, Evangelist:
Pray for us!
18 October*



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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!

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

www.traditio.com

www.traditioninaction.com

www.remnantnewspaper.com

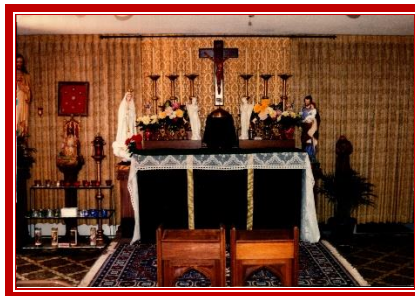
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N.B.: Recommendation of a website is for information, and does not constitute association with or full agreement of opinions or positions.

PETER SPEAKS:



WHEN the evils We have spoken of arise, as soon as the providentially appointed hour of help has struck, God raises up a man, not one of the common herd, but eminent and unique, to whom He assigns the salvation of all. Such is what came to pass at the end of the twelfth century and in the few subsequent years; St. Francis was the agent in this great work. (*Auspicato Concessum*, no. 7, 17 September 1882)



The First S. Francis Chapel 1997

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