

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

OCTOBER 2024 – MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

GOD, Whose Only-Begotten Son, by His Life, His Death and His Resurrection hath purchased for us the reward of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise; through the same Christ Our Lord.

Collect from the feast of the feast of the Most Holy Rosary

THE month of October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, and the need for our recourse to this beautiful prayer and devotion is paramount in today's dangerous and evil climate. S. Dominic used this prayer and devotion to combat the heresies of the *Albigensians*, who erroneously believed that everything material (created) including the humanity of the Lord Jesus, is evil, and everything spiritual is good. This is often called neo-Manichaeism, which was an early heresy of *dualism*. The Holy Rosary brought about the conversion of many of these heretics. The Rosary was of course also used to stave off the Turkish attackers at the Battle of Lepanto (1571) when Don Juan of Austria (d. 1578) with the vastly outnumbered

Catholic forces were victorious. Pope S. Pius V instituted the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in commemoration of that day (7 October). The Holy Rosary is a powerful spiritual tool that helps the soul grow in grace by meditating upon the mystical and salvific life of Our Lord, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother. I do not believe there has been a saint raised to the dignity of the Altar within the past fifteen-hundred years that did not recite Our Lady's Rosary every day.



When we pray the Holy Rosary we must do so with great piety, reverence and attention, we must refrain from what Our Lord tells us is the *vain repetitions of the pagans* (cf. S. Matthew 6:7); instead we must meditate upon the Mystery set before us. When we are preparing to meditate upon the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary we have to first remove ourselves from distractions such as other people, the television or radio, and of course, our mobile phones and devices. We should then set our minds with the intention of the

meditation – remember that meditation is a higher form of prayer and therefore we will profit more from it. S. Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274), the Angelic Doctor, teaches us that when we meditate upon God we are most like Him, because God is always in perfect union with Himself. Meditation is also the prayer in which we listen to God.

We begin by focusing on a particular Mystery of the Holy Rosary the use of an image can be highly effective; When I pray the Holy Rosary I still think of the images from my childhood hand missal, even to this day. When meditating upon the Sorrowful Mysteries I often call to mind images from the film *The Passion of the Christ*. With such meditation upon the *Life, Death and Resurrection* of Our Blessed Lord in union with the earthly life of Our Lady, we are guaranteed to live a life truly holy, well-ordered and spiritually meritorious!

I echo my prayer intention for you from last month's newsletter: may Our Blessed Lady continue to watch over you all, and may she cover you in her mantle of maternal love and peace.

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:
A friend went to a Lutheran funeral service for his grandmother but did not participate in the service at all. However, his traditional priest told him it would be okay to pray the Our Father there since it is a Catholic prayer. Does this sound correct?

Your spiritual son,

J.M., Northridge, CA

A: No, not at all, that is total modernism - and it is a canonical crime and act of heresy called *communicatio in sacris*: e.g.: *It is clear that the Apostolic See cannot on any terms take part in their assemblies [of non-Catholics], nor is it anyway lawful for Catholics either to support or to work for such enterprises; for if they do so they will be giving countenance to a false Christianity, quite alien to the one Church of Christ.* - Pius XI, *Mortalium Animos*, no. 8, 6 January 1928 and from Canon Law: *It is not licit for the faithful by any manner to assist actively or to have a part in the sacred rites of non-Catholics* (Canon 1258 §1)

I am very sorry that your poor friend was misled, but the sin is not his since he acted in good faith seeking counsel of a Priest, who really should know better. Let us pray for the conversion of this Priest so that he no longer guides people into sin and error.

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

1 November 2024 (Friday)

Feast of All Saints

8 December 2023 (Sunday)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

25 December 2024 (Wednesday)

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:

6 October 2024:

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Bruno, Confessor* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

13 October 2024:

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Edward, Confessor and King*, and the *Suffrage of the Saints* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

20 October 2024:

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. John Cantius, Confessor* and for the *Propagation of the Faith* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

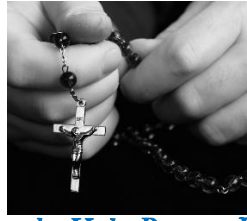
27 October 2024:

Christ the King:

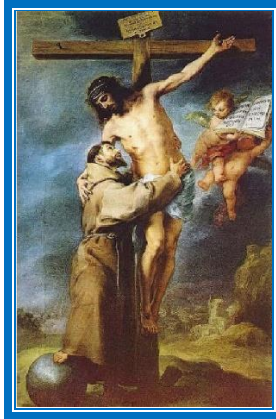
Commemoration of the *Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

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.



Pray the Holy Rosary Every Day!



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



The Hiding Mass in Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am

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e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org

Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.stfrancisoratory.org

N.B.: Our Mailing Address is:

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Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469

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*Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
7th of October:
Pray for us!*



*S. Raphael the Archangel
7th of October:
Pray for us!*

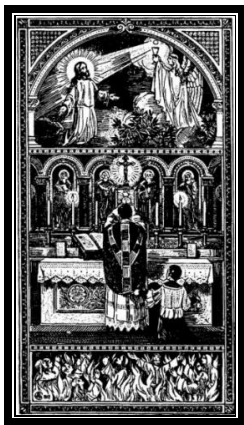


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 in His infallible decree *Quo Primum*, have given their permission in perpetuity to offer the Traditional Latin Mass (*Missal of S. Pope Pius V* and rubrics of *S. Pope Pius X*).



S. Luke, the Evangelist
 18th of October:
 Pray for us!



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.



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PETER SPEAKS:



THIS devotion [to the Holy Rosary], so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven, has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy spread abroad, or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies. (Pope Leo XIII, *Supremi Apostolatus Officio*, 1 September 1883, no.3)

