

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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

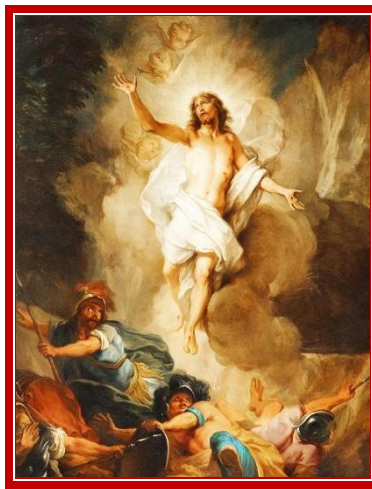
EASTERTIDE – APRIL 2026

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

And on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled back from the sepulchre. And going in, they found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were astonished in their mind at this, behold, two men stood by them, in shining apparel. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their countenance towards the ground, they said unto them: Why seek you the Living with the dead? He is not here, but is risen. – S. Luke 24:1 – 6

OUR Lord and King, Jesus Christ, by His glorious Resurrection has conquered death and sin forever, and restored us to eternal life, as the Apostle teaches us: *Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall all indeed rise again: but we shall not all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall rise again incorruptible: and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption; and this mortal*

must put on immortality. And when this mortal hath put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? Now the sting of death is sin: and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, Who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:51 – 57). We must remember the solemn teaching of the Apostle that links our own *bodily resurrection* with the Resurrection of Christ our King: *Know you not that all we, who are baptized in Christ Jesus, are baptised in His death? For we are buried together with Him by baptism into death; that as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection (Romans 6:3 – 5).*



The true joy and glory of Easter is that Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ conquered sin and death by raising Himself by His own power and volition,

as the Apostle whom He loved tells us: *And when I had seen Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying: Fear not. I am the First and the Last, and alive, and was dead, and behold I am living forever and ever, and have the keys of death and of hell (Apocalypse 1:17 – 18)!* And so, I ask with the Apostle, *O death, where is thy sting (I Corinthians 15:55)?* Death no longer has dominion over us; and yes, we will still die a physical death, which is the consequence of our sin (*cf.* Genesis 2:17), but that is a temporary death, and on the last day our body and soul shall be reunited and restored, and we shall then live forever in perfect joyful bliss with God in heaven!

May we always rejoice and remain in His grace; may we always confess His divinely revealed Truth, which come to us from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition as confirmed and defined by our Holy Catholic Church, *outside of which there is no salvation.*

We are grateful for your continued support and prayers for our little Chapel, we ask that you remember us in your Lenten sacrifices, especially since our support has dwindled considerably in the last two years due to the passing away of several of our most generous benefactors. You and your intentions are prayed for every single day, especially at Holy Mass offered on our Altar.

In Christ the King,
Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: My Lord:
Is there any place in the Bible that tells us about Our Lady's life after the Resurrection of Our Lord? I have always been curious about that.

GS, Santa Monica, CA

A: There are two very explicit mentions in Sacred Scripture about Our Blessed Lady after the Resurrection of Our Saviour, first is the dialogue from the Cross, where Our Lord commends His Most Holy Mother to the care of S. John, the Beloved Disciple, *And from that hour, the Disciple took her to his own* (S. John 19:27). The second comes to us from S. Luke's account in the Acts of the Apostles: *All these were persevering with one mind in prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with His brethren* (Acts 1:14). Our Lady and the Apostles went to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Lord the Holy Ghost at Pentecost.

Now, pious belief about Our Lady's life comes to us from two *approved* sources in the Church, first from *The Mystical City of God* written by the Venerable (a formal title granted to her by the Church) *Maria of Agreda* (d.1665), second, from the *Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary* by the Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerich (d.1824). These works, based on the visions of these two holy nuns, fall into conformity to Church doctrine, and therefore *may be believed* without danger to the faith.

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 Fr. Matthew Howard, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mrs. Norma Hernandez and Mr. Charles Edward McClusky. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Paul Howard†, Mr. John Owen† and Mr. Atilano Duarte†. *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 online via **Zelle** (be sure to select *donation* and not *payment*) or you can always send a cheque 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 2026

14 May 2026 (Thursday)
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
15 August 2026 (Saturday)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 November 2026 (Sunday)
Feast of All Saints
8 December 2026 (Tuesday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
25 December 2026 (Friday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

SUNDAYS OF APRIL: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

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

5 April 2026:

Easter Sunday:

No Commemorations, the *Preface of Easter.*

12 April 2026:

Low Sunday:

No Commemorations, the *Preface of Easter.*

19 April 2026:

Second Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of the *Blessed Virgin Mary* and *Against the Persecutors of the Church* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of Easter.*

26 April 2026:

Third Sunday after Easter:

Commemoration of *Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs*, and the *Octave of S. Joseph* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of Easter.*

To participate *correctly* 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

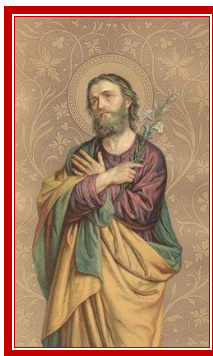
Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.stfrancisoratory.org

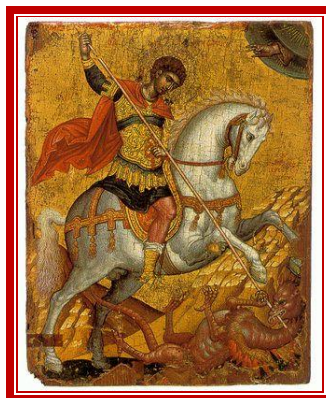
N.B. : Our Mailing Address is:

Post Office Box 8469

Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469



*Solemnity of S. Joseph,
Patron of the Universal Church
(22 April):
Pray for us!*



*S. George, Martyr
(23 April):
Pray for us!*



*S. Catherine of Siena, Virgin
(30 April):
Pray for us!*



✿ **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 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!

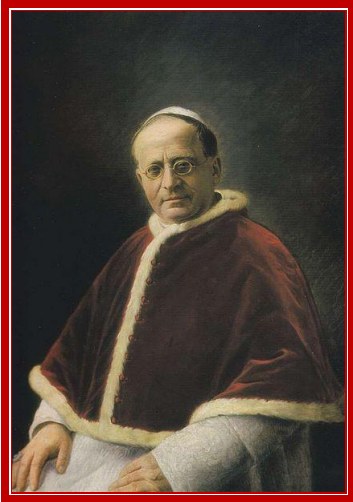


RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

www.traditio.com
www.traditioninaction.com
www.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.

PETER SPEAKS:



AFTER His Resurrection, when giving to His Apostles the mission of teaching and baptising all nations, He took the opportunity to call Himself King (S. Matthew 25:31 – 40), confirming the title publicly (S. John 18: 37), and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given Him in heaven and on earth (S. Matthew 28:18). These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of His power, the infinite extent of His Kingdom. What wonder,

then, that He Whom S. John calls the "Prince of the kings of the earth" (Apocalypse 1:5) appears in the Apostle's vision of the future as He Who "hath on His garment and on His thigh written 'King of kings and Lord of lords'" (*ibid.* 19:16) It is Christ Whom the Father "hath appointed heir of all things" (Hebrews 1:2); "for He must reign until at the end of the world He hath put all His enemies under the feet of God and the Father." (I Corinthians 15:25)

Pius XI, *Quas Primas*, 11
December 1925, no. 11



Have you or someone you know ever considered a vocation as a Priest or Religious? If so, *please* contact us to schedule a conversion and visit. The Holy Church, especially here in Southern California, needs generous men who can continue the Lord's work.