

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

The Newsletter and Bulletin of the Oratory of Saint Francis of Assisi
MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD – JULY 2026

LETTER FROM
THE MONSIGNOR
ALMIGHTY and
everlasting God, Who did
appoint Thine only-
begotten Son the Redeemer
of the world, and hast willed
to be appeased by His
Blood; grant unto us, we
beseech Thee, so to venerate
(with solemn worship) the
price of our redemption, and
by its power be so defended
against the evils of this life,
that we may enjoy the fruit
thereof forevermore in
heaven.

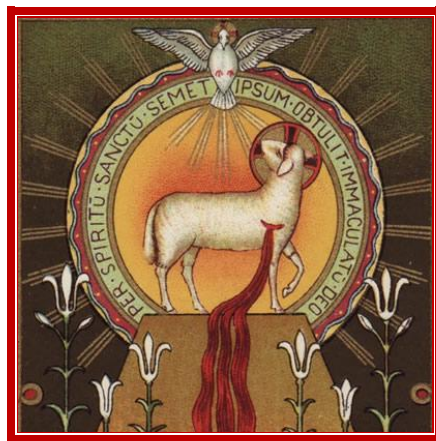
– Collect from the Feast of the Precious Blood

THE Apostle teaches us that through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, making peace through the Blood of His Cross, both as to the things that are on earth, and the things that are in heaven (Colossians 1:20). He further reminds us that is by Our Lord Jesus, In Whom we have redemption through His Blood, the remission of sins, according to the riches of his grace (Ephesians 1:7).

The book of the Apocalypse is an even more explicit call for the adoration of the Blood of Christ: *and the four and twenty ancients fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints: and they sung a new canticle, saying: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to take the book, and to open the seals*

thereof; because Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, in Thy Blood, out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation (Apocalypse 5:8–9).

The Blood of Our Lord and Redeemer is for us a healing balm with the greatest efficacy, as S. John Chrysostom (d.407) teaches us, *This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. This Blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean. This is the price of the world; by It Christ purchased the Church* (Homily 46 on the Gospel of S. John 6).



We must always be cognisant of how much we owe to Our Lord for His Sacrifice on the Cross, as Blessed Peter, our first Holy Father reminds us, *Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold or silver, from your vain conversation of the tradition of your fathers: but with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled* (1 S. Peter 1:18–19). We should become unspotted and undefiled ourselves and offer our own selves in recompense of such, as

the Apostle rightly says, *And I live, now not I; but Christ liveth in me. And that I live now in the flesh: I live in the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and delivered Himself for me* (Galatians 2:20).

If only all mankind would correspond to the grace of God, wrought at such a horrible price: *Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own Blood, suffered without the gate* (Hebrews 13:12). We must develop and maintain a true spirit of gratitude for all that God has given us: life and all good things, especially the unending mercy and love of God, Who created us and became as us so that we might be redeemed in His Precious Blood.

I would also like to share some very positive news about our apostolate in general; this fall we are welcoming a seminarian, and several other young men are also considering formation with us. Please keep them in your prayers; tomorrow's Church depends on your prayers, encouragement and support!

We are ever grateful for your continued support and prayers for our little Chapel, we ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers. 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: Your Lordship:
Recently you taught us about the Lord's death on the Cross, and I still find it confusing to think that Our Lord, Who is God, *died*...how can this be? Many thanks for a further explanation.

Anonymous

A: It may seem confusing, and in the early Church some became heretics because they were unable to grasp that the Incarnation is a great and sublime mystery. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, is both human and Divine, that is, Perfect God and perfect man. He is ONE Person with TWO distinct natures. His *human nature* died on the Cross and was buried in the tomb – and His Divine nature never departed from His human nature, as it cannot be separated from it. On Easter His Divine nature restored His human nature to life, and He raised *Himself* from the dead. I hope this “in a nutshell” explanation has given you a better and more full understanding.

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

info@stfrancisofassisi.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. George Porter, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mrs. Norma Hernandez and Mr. Charles E. 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

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 JULY: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

In order to assist the faithful following Holy Mass with their hand missals here are the Sunday Masses for July 2026:

5 July 2026:

Six Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Anthony Zaccaria, Confessor* and the *Octave of Ss. Peter & Paul* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Holy Trinity*.

12 July 2026:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. John Gualbert, Abbot* and *Ss. Nabor & Felix, Martyrs* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Holy Trinity*.

19 July 2026:

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Vincent de Paul, Confessor* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Holy Trinity*.

26 July 2026:

S. Anne, Mother of the BVM:

Commemoration of *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Holy Trinity*. Proper *Last Gospel* of the Sunday.

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 Hidden 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

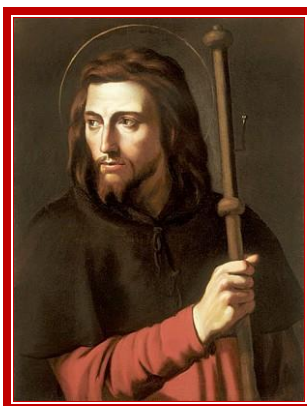
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*Feast of S. Bonaventure
(14 July):
Pray for us!*



*Our Lady of Mount Carmel
(16 July):
Pray for us!*



*Feast of S. James the Greater,
Apostle
(25 July):
Pray for us!*



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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.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:

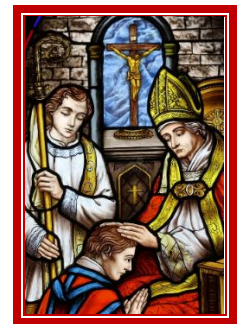


AND, since it was necessary that His divine mission should be perpetuated to the end of time, He took to Himself Disciples, trained by Himself, and made them partakers of His own authority. And, when He had invoked upon them from Heaven the *Spirit of Truth*, He bade them go through the whole world and faithfully preach to all nations, what He had taught and what He had commanded, so that by the

profession of His doctrine, and the observance of His laws, the human race might attain to holiness on earth and never-ending happiness in Heaven. In this wise, and on this principle, the Church was begotten. If we consider the chief end of His Church and the proximate efficient causes of salvation, it is undoubtedly *spiritual*; but in regard to those who constitute it, and to the things which lead to these spiritual gifts, it is *external* and necessarily visible. The Apostles received a mission to teach by visible and audible signs, and they discharged their mission only by words and acts which certainly appealed to the senses. So that their voices falling upon the ears of those who heard them begot faith in souls – *Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the words of Christ* (Romand 10:17). And faith itself – that is assent given to the first and supreme truth – though residing essentially in the intellect, must be manifested by outward profession – *For with the heart we believe unto justice, but with the mouth confession is made unto salvation* (Romans 10:10). In the same way in man,

nothing is more internal than heavenly grace which begets sanctity, but the ordinary and chief means of obtaining grace are external: that is to say, the Sacraments which are administered by men specially chosen for that purpose, by means of certain ordinances. Jesus Christ commanded His Apostles and their successors to the end of time to teach and rule the nations. He ordered the nations to accept their teaching and obey their authority.

Pope Leo XIII, *Satis Cognitum*, no.3, 29 June 1896



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.