

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART – JUNE 2026

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

O GOD, Who in the Heart of Thy Son, wounded by our sins, dost mercifully vouchsafe to bestow upon the infinite wealth of Thy love; grant, we beseech Thee, that revering It with meet devotion, we may fulfil our duty of worthy reparation.

– Collect from the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

WHEN Our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, had His Heart opened upon the Cross it poured forth *blood and water* (S. John 19:34), which the Holy Church teaches us represents the pouring out of grace and mercy from His side. As our Holy father Pope Pius XII teaches us, *By love, He allowed Himself to be espoused to His Church (cf. Sum. Theol., Suppl., q. 42, a. 1. ad 3m). Hence, from the wounded Heart of the Redeemer was born the Church, the dispenser of the Blood of the Redemption — whence flows that plentiful stream of Sacramental grace from which the children of the Church drink of eternal life, as we read in the sacred liturgy: “From the pierced Heart, the Church, the Bride of Christ, is born.... And He pours forth grace from His Heart (Hymn at Vespers, Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)” (Haurietas Aquas, no. 76, 15 May 1956).*

The goodness and generosity of the Lord knows no

bounds, as the Apostle teaches us, *And may my God supply all your want, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:19). We must respond to this grace and generosity with the deepest gratitude, which means turning away from all sin and towards all goodness: true conversion is the only way to properly receive the mercy and grace of God, we cannot clamour for mercy without true repentance, as the Psalmist prays, *A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise... Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings: then shall they lay calves upon Thy altar* (Psalm 50:19, 21).



The supreme beauty of Our Lord's Sacred Heart, the symbol of His perfect love for us, must become a great focus of our devotion and prayers to the Lord Jesus Christ, as S. Francis de Sales (d.1622) teaches us in his Lenten sermon of 20 February 1622, *Surely It is a source of*

profound consolation to know that we are loved so deeply by Our Lord, Who constantly carries us in His Heart, and S. John Eudes (d.1680) reminds us The Heart of Jesus is a furnace of love for us, and His wounds are doors wide open to let us enter in!

We must respond to that boundless love, as I have said, with gratitude and sincere conversion, and let us always remember Our Lord's assurance that He will receive our contrition with joy, simplicity and love: *Take up My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: and you shall find rest to your souls* (S. Matthew 11:29).

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: Monsignor:

I have some family members who have finally converted to traditional Catholicism, however, they have started attending Mass at a **Fraternity of St. Peter** church. I am not comfortable with their use of the so-called '62 Mass and their *full* acceptance of Vatican II – what can I do to let them know they should not attend Mass there?

Thank you for your assistance and faithfulness.

Anonymous

A: I fully share your concern; all true Catholics must avoid pseudo-traditionalists, and this is even more important in regards to the Fraternity of S. Peter and the like. There are several important reasons for this:

They use the *deformed* "Mass" that is not the fully traditional Mass. "Options" and changes, including a change to the Canon of the Mass (the addition of S. Joseph's name amongst the *martyrs*), the *Dialogue Mass* where the faithful shout the server's responses, the "optional" use of the vernacular at the Epistle and Gospel, the abolition of traditional feasts and the suppression of many saints and the use of the "Restored" Holy Week (this is of course a total lie and even certain Fraternity of S. Peter clergy no longer use it)... and what do all these *deforms* have in common? Annibale Bugnini (d. 1982) the architect of the *Novus Ordo* "Mass" created each and every one of these

changes to the Sacred Rites of the Catholic Church.

How can anyone *reject* Vatican II and its liturgical destruction yet accept the man who put all those gradual changes in motion? *It makes no logical sense at all!*

Now, lastly, here is an even more important reason – and this one is even more frightening – except for the original priests who left Archbishop Lefebvre and who were ordained by him, the current "clergy" of the Fraternity and other such groups are *layman*. That's right, they are not *ordained* Catholic Priests!

But Monsignor, they were ordained in the traditional Rite – how can they not be valid priests? The correct Rite may have been used but it was performed by *non-bishops*. Men "ordained" bishops in the *deformed* Rite are neither true nor valid Bishops. In 1947 Pope Pius XII (d. 1958) solemnly *confirmed* the traditional Rite of ordaining Deacons, Priests and Bishops (often called Consecration of Bishops) for the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church in his encyclical *Sacramentum Ordinis*. Within twenty years Vatican II and Paul VI-Montini disregarded that document and changed the rites. The Rite of Ordaining a Bishop was changed so significantly that it is a doubtful rite.

Many fine scholars have dealt with this, but here is a very succinct opinion by His Lordship Bishop Mark Pivarunas, *cmri*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd8cnZcMsHw>. Lastly, I concur with His Lordship's opinion that the majority of these men are sincere and mean well, they too have been deceived.

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 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

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 JUNE: THE CATHOLIC HAND MISSAL

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

7 June 2026:

Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi:

Commemoration of the *Octave of Corpus Christi* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Nativity*.

14 June 2026:

Sunday within the Octave of the Sacred Heart:

Commemoration of *S. Basil the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church* and the *Octave of the Sacred Heart* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Sacred Heart*.

21 June 2026:

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Trinity*.

28 June 2026:

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

Commemoration of *S. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr* and the *Octave*

of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion, with the *Preface of the Trinity*.

T^o 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

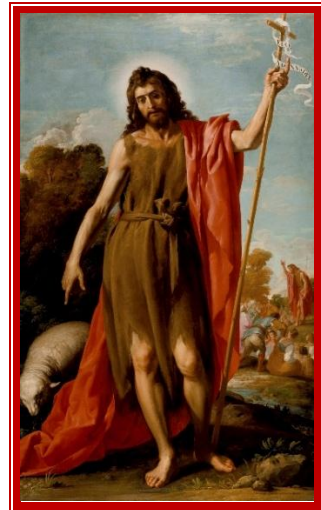
N.B.: Our Mailing Address is:

Post Office Box 8469

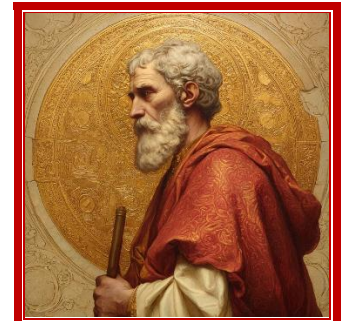
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*Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul
(29 June):
Pray for us!*



*Nativity of S. John the Baptist
(24 June):
Pray for us!*



*Feast of S. Barnabas, Apostle
(11 June):
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.

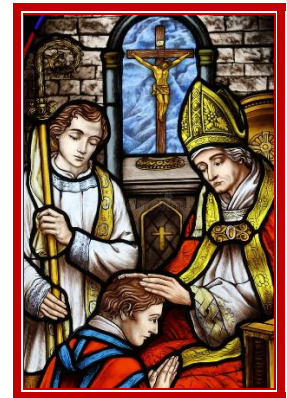
PETER SPEAKS:



BUT assuredly among those things which properly pertain to the worship of the Most Sacred Heart, a special place must be given to that Consecration, whereby we devote ourselves and all things that are ours to the Divine Heart of Jesus, acknowledging that we have received all things from the everlasting love of God. When Our Savior had taught Margaret Mary, the

most innocent disciple of His Heart, how much He desired that this duty of devotion should be rendered to Him by men, moved in this not so much by His own right as by His immense charity for us.

Pope Pius XI -
Miserentissimus Redemptor,
 no. 4, 8 May 1928



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.