



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Mass Location:

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday, July 18th, 2021, Mass - 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I wish all of our fathers a very happy Father's Day! Hopefully some of the extreme weather which has been occurring all over the country will have eased off and you all can enjoy a nice day with your families.

The high temperatures even reached all the way up to North Dakota this past week as I was traveling through. Each day was in the nineties. What they really need is a good soaking rain, as North Dakota finds itself in a drought and the crops are suffering because of this.

Despite the dearth of rain, my journey through all the northern missions was a good one. Again, I started out at our Church in Milwaukee and then drove to all three of the missions, finishing back in Milwaukee again for this weekend. The drives were long, made even longer by the detours due to road construction. But the north woods of Wisconsin and Minnesota, with their dense forests, many lakes, and diverse wildlife are incredibly beautiful and the plains and fields of North Dakota have their own charm as well, seeing so far off into the distance at one time.

Speaking of wildlife, I saw many deer, including some young males with velvet antlers, along with bald eagles and coyotes throughout the journey. However, the most interesting animal I saw this trip was when I almost hit a Canadian Lynx while driving just outside of Duluth. I had never seen one before, so it was a real treat to stumble across one while driving...and luckily avoiding striking it.

I return home to St. Gertrude's Sunday after the two Masses here at St. Hugh. On Wednesday, we will have one of our most fun annual liturgical celebrations, as it is the Vigil of St. John the Baptist. Every year on this day, we have a Solemn High Mass in the evening. After this, the parish enjoys a summer cookout all together. Then, as the sun begins to finally set, a bonfire is lit and blessed with a special blessing for the day from the ritual. Everyone enjoys the fire, songs are sung, and the Rosary is prayed. It is a great way to welcome in the start of Summer.

In Christ,
Fr. McKenna

Weapons of Mass Preservation

The following article, written by Rev. Stephen Breen, in 1958, was published 17 years ago in a St. Gertrude bulletin by Bishop Dolan. Isn't it interesting how much more it applies in today's situation in the world and in the Church!

Heaven and hell are locked in mortal combat and the earth shakes from the shock of the encounter; but nobody feels it, nobody sees it, nobody hears it...nobody cares! Our love has become depersonalized and our thoughts have become stereotyped. Our industrial and mass-produced civilization is actually doing what its opponents have charged it would do: we are becoming dehumanized! We are not bad people, really, **nor are we really good!** We are mediocre. This is the tragedy! We have traded realities for illusions. There is no passion or fiery aspiration left in us. Our divine ideals have been taken away from us. Our disease is epidemic! Sixteen of the 19 civilizations that have decayed from the beginning of history until now, decayed from within. The conflict today is not for land or national rights, it is for the souls of men; a conflict between the absolute who is God-Man, and the absolute who is man-god: God Who became Man and man who has made himself god! *The religion of the man-god is a new religion without a Cross, a liturgy without a world to come, a religion to destroy all religions.* The forces of evil are united; the forces of good are divided. We cannot unite at the cost of **truth**, but what is needed is a unity of prayer. We may not be able to meet in the same pew, would to God that we could – but we can meet on our **knees!** To a faithless dead-locked world, Our Most Blessed Mother comes offering us a choice: **death in life or life after death!**

The suffering that awaits us is almost without limit. The Rosary and the Scapular are the tangible reminders of the promise of the Mother of God and the means through which she will save the world in the days ahead. Let us fortify ourselves wisely for the trials ahead by putting on her armament: the Scapular. Like the life preserver at sea, it is a type of spiritual "life insurance".

We desperately need the help of the Mother of God. Our Lady promised St. Dominic: **"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, I will save the world"**. Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – **wear the Scapular!** The enrollment and wearing of the scapular is a penance in itself. It is the beginning of our act of reparation for all the evil we have thought or done and for all the good we have neglected to do. Every conversion is a matter of efficacious grace and apostolic activity. The grace is God's part, and the apostolic activity is our part!

Prayer to St. Aloysius Gonzaga for Young Men

O most glorious Saint Aloysius, who hast been honored by the Church with the fair title of "angelic youth," because of the life of utmost purity thou didst lead here on earth, I come before thy presence this day with all the devotion of my mind and heart. O perfect exemplar, kind and powerful patron of young men, how great is my need of thee! The world and the devil are trying to ensnare me; I am conscious of the arbor of my passions; I know full well the weakness of inconstancy of my age. Who shall be able to keep me safe if not thou, O Saint of angelic purity, the glory and honor, the loving protector of youth? To thee, therefore, I have recourse with all my soul, to thee I commit myself with all my heart. I hearby resolve, promise and desire to be especially devout toward thee, to glorify thee by imitating thy extraordinary virtues and in particular thy angelic purity, to copy thy example, and to promote devotion to thee among companions. O dear Saint Aloysius, do thou guard and defend me always, in order that, under thy protection and following thy example, I may one day be able to join with thee in seeing and praising my God forever in heaven. Amen

(Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.)

Prayer to St. Aloysius for Purity

O Saint Aloysius, adorned with angelical manners, although I am thy unworthy servant, I recommend to thee in an especial manner the chastity of my soul and body; I conjure thee, by thy angelical purity, to commend me to Jesus Christ, the spotless Lamb, and to His most holy Mother, the Virgin of virgins. Preserve me from every grievous sin; never suffer me to sully my soul with any impurity; whenever thou seest me in temptation or danger of sin, ward off from me every impure thought and affection, and awakening in me the remembrance of eternity and of Jesus crucified, imprint deeply in my heart the sentiment of the fear of God. Inflammé me with divine love, in order that by imitating thee on earth, I may merit to enjoy God with thee in heaven. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

*(Indulgence of one hundred days
to be gained once a day.)*

Prayer to St. John the Baptist

O glorious Saint John the Baptist, greatest prophet among those born of woman, although thou wast sanctified in thy mother's womb and didst lead a most innocent life, nevertheless it was thy will to retire into the wilderness, there to devote thyself to the practice of austerity and penance; obtain for us of thy Lord the grace to be wholly detached, at least in our hearts, from earthly goods, and to practice Christian mortification with interior recollection and with the spirit of holy prayer.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, etc.

O most zealous Apostle, who, without working any miracle on others, but solely by the example of thy life of penance and the power of thy word, didst draw after thee the multitudes, in order to dispose them to receive the Messiah worthily and to listen to His heavenly doctrine; grant that it may be given unto us, by means of the example of a holy life and the exercise of every good work, to bring many souls to God, but above all those souls that are enveloped in the darkness of error and ignorance and are led astray by vice.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

O Martyr invincible, who, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls, didst with firmness and constancy withstand the impiety of Herod even at the cost of thine own life, and didst rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life; by thy prayers obtain for us a heart, brave and generous, in order that we may overcome all human respect and openly profess our faith in loyal obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our divine Master.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

V. Pray for us. Saint John the Baptist,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast made this day to be honorable in our eyes by the Nativity (or commemoration) of blessed John, grant unto Thy people the grace of spiritual joy, and direct the minds of all Thy faithful into the way of everlasting salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Indulgence of 3 years; indulgence of 5 years once a day, if the prayers are said with the intention of completing a triduum; plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, at the close of the triduum