

Our Lady of Sorrows Mission

Mass Location:

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room
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Mass Schedule:

Sunday, February 7th, 2021 Mass – 6:00pm, Confessions – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

After saying the first Mass at St. Gertrude's and hearing the confessions for the 9:00 AM Mass, I found myself riding through the snow to the airport to head out again on the mission road. First, I will say an evening Mass down in Dallas. Then I will head up north to hit all of our northern missions and then ultimately arrive in Milwaukee for the following weekend. Quite the busy trip.

The tech censorship of free speech and true science is in full swing now. I shared a video on Facebook (yes, I am on social media. Feel free to follow me on Facebook, Twitter, and MeWe) of an excellent talk given by an ER doctor who was cautioning people of the dangers of the new coronavirus vaccine. Facebook's infamous "fact checkers" have declared my post spreads false information...their claim? That there is no evidence of the vaccine causing health risks...This isn't true for any medicine, let alone this dangerous genetic experiment disguised as a vaccine. If you take an aspirin, there are potential side effects.

Luckily, my article about the risks has not been censored yet by the powers that be. If you have not read it yet, you can find the link below and also a link to the article on the front page of the St. Gertrude the Great website. Please read and share!

In Christ, Fr. McKenna

*** Article on the New Coronavirus Vaccine ***

I have written an article on the subject of the new coronavirus vaccine. I wrote this with research assistance by a parishioner who has a doctorate in molecular biology and biochemistry. Please read and share. You can access the article by clicking the link below.

<http://bit.ly/2Xo5Yiq>

Novena Prayers for Our Lady of Hope

I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth; in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come to me all that desire me and be filled with my fruits. (Ecclus. 24:24-26)

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Grace, Hope of the world.
Hear us, your children, who cry to thee.

Let us pray

O God, who by the marvelous protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has strengthened us firmly in hope, grant, we beseech Thee, that by persevering in prayer at her admonition, we may obtain the favors we devoutly implore. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Hope

O Mary, my Mother, I kneel before thee with heavy heart. The burden of my sins oppresses me. The knowledge of my weakness discourages me. I am beset by fears and temptations of every sort. Yet I am so attached to the things of this world that, instead of longing for Heaven, I am filled with dread at the thought of death.

O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me in my distress. Thou art all-powerful with thy Divine Son. He can refuse no request of thy Immaculate Heart. Show thyself a true Mother to me by being my advocate before His throne. O Refuge of Sinners and Hope of the Hopeless, to whom shall I turn if not to thee?

Obtain for me, then, O Mother of Hope, the grace of true sorrow for my sins, the gift of perfect resignation to God's Holy Will, and the courage to take up my cross and follow Jesus. Beg of His Sacred Heart the special favor that I ask for today.

(Make your request.)

But above all, I pray, O dearest Mother, that through thy most powerful intercession, my heart may be filled with Holy hope, so that in life's darkest hour, I may never fail to trust in God, my Savior, but by walking in the way of His commandments, I may merit to be united with Him, and with thee in the eternal joys of Heaven. Amen.

Mary, Our Hope, have pity on us.

Hope of the Hopeless, pray for us.

Prayer of Petition to St. Agnes

O sweet Saint Agnes, I earnestly implore thy compassion and commend myself to thy prayers. O noble virgin, thou didst despise all earthly things and prefer the love of Christ to the glory of the world. Death was welcome to thee, and the holy angels were waiting for thy soul to convey it into the joys of Paradise, where, adorned with the martyr's palm, thou didst arrive at the nuptials of the heavenly Spouse. I too seek Him; deign to intercede for me that He may grant me health of mind and body, restrain the temptations of the devil, extinguish the desires of the flesh, give me time for true repentance and amendment of life, grant me the remission of all my sins, together with grace to make a good end and a happy death. Amen.

(Thomas A Kempis)



Prayer to St. Raymond of Peñafort

Faithful dispenser of the Mystery of reconciliation! it was from the Heart of an Incarnate God, that thou didst draw the sweet charity, which made thee the friend of the sinner. Thou didst love thy fellowmen, and didst labour to supply all their wants, whether of soul or body. Enlightened by the rays of the Sun of Justice, thou hast taught us how to discern between good and evil, by giving us those rules whereby our wounds are judged and healed. Rome was the admirer of thy knowledge of her laws, and it is one of her glories that she received from thy hand the sacred Code whereby she governs the Churches of the world.

Excite in our hearts, O Raymund! that sincere compunction, which is the condition required of us when we seek our pardon in the Sacrament of Penance. Make us understand both the grievousness of mortal sin, which separates us from our God for all eternity, and the dangers of venial sin, which disposes the tepid soul to fall into mortal sin. Pray, that there may abound in the Church men filled with charity and learning, who may exercise that sublime ministry of healing souls. Preserve them from the two extremes, of rigorism which drives to despair, and of laxity which flatters into sloth. Revive amongst them the study of the holy Canons, which can alone keep disorder and anarchy from the fold of Christ. Oh! thou that hadst such tender love for captives, console all that are pining now in exile or in prison; pray for their deliverance; and pray that we all may be set loose from the ties of sin, which but too often make them, who boast of their outward liberty, be slaves in their souls.

Thou wast the confidant of the Heart of Mary, the Queen of Mercy, and she made thee share with her in the work of the Redemption of Captives. Thou hast great power with this Heart, which, after the Heart of Jesus, is our hope. Pray for us to this incomparable Mother of God, that we may have the grace to love the Divine Child she holds in her arms. May she be induced, by thy prayers, to be our Star on the Sea of this world, more stormy far than that which Thou didst pass, when sailing on thy miraculous bark.

Remember, too, thy dear Spain, where thou didst pass thy saintly life. Her Church is in mourning, because she has lost the Religious Orders which made her so grand and so strong; pray that they may be speedily restored to her, and assist her as of old. Protect the Dominican Order, of whose Habit and Rule thou wast so bright an ornament. Thou didst govern it with great prudence, whilst on earth; now that thou art in heaven, be a father to it by thy love. May it repair its losses. May it once more nourish in the universal Church, and produce, as in former days, those fruits of holiness and learning, which made it one of the chief glories of the Church of God.