



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Date/Time

Sunday, November 6, 2022 – Confession 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm

Location:

The Austin Venue - 18619 Hamilton Pool Rd, Austin, TX 78738

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Dear Faithful,

Bp. McGuire and I have flown out to Massachusetts, the land of my youth, to give Confirmations to the faithful at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence. We had a beautiful quasi-pontifical ceremony and then added 34 new Soldiers of Christ to our ranks. Quite the group! There was also a lovely reception held afterwards down in the basement of the church.

It had been over ten years since Bp. McGuire and I had last traveled to Sacred Heart Church... In fact, the last time both of us were here together and the last time Bp. McGuire was here, period, was for the occasion of my ordination, almost eleven years ago. A lot has changed since then, but it was such a pleasure to see many familiar faces and meet many new ones.

Much like a choir of angels, Bp. McGuire has found himself surrounded by a chorus of Boston accents...including my own, which always comes out a little more when I find myself with other Bostonians. He has taken it all in stride and even seems to be enjoying himself. One thing we both certainly enjoy about the area is the beautiful fall foliage, which New England is so well known for. It isn't quite in peak form yet, but there are still a lot of trees changing and the colors, especially all the vibrant reds and oranges, really pop out these sunny fall days.

One of the challenges when we go and visit a parish which isn't accustomed to having a bishop perform ceremonies very frequently, is getting all the servers to be able to perform different roles for a ceremony they are unfamiliar with. The boys here at Sacred Heart did an excellent job. With only one practice the night before, they were able to remember quite a bit about what to do and, more importantly, they paid attention during the ceremony for any prompting I may have had to provide.

This upcoming Thursday is the 13th of October and that means the last of our Fatima Rosary processions will take place at St. Gertrude's (and in Milwaukee). Every 13th of the month from May to October, we pray the fifteen decades of the Rosary in a public procession, for the intention of peace, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and her apparitions. October is always the most beautiful of the processions, because the earlier sunset means that our procession ends up being a candle lit procession, which is always beautiful to witness.

For those of you down in the Dallas area and who attend the St. Anthony Mission, I will be coming down the 15th and 16th for Mass for the weekend. Fr. Simpson has been faithfully taking care of the monthly Texas trips, but I will have the opportunity to add an additional weekend in the Dallas area next week. Hope to see you there!

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

Rosary Procession of the Japanese Martyrs

In 1613, the pagan governor of Nagasaki goaded a Japanese prince to undertake a new wave of persecution against Catholics. The prince thereupon summoned eight Catholic officers under his command to deny their faith or face death. Five apostatized, but three refused, one of whom was Leo Taketomi Kan'emon. He and the other two officers were condemned to die by fire in Arima together with their families. Leo's son Paul was among those sentenced to death, but Leo's wife Monica and their daughter were pardoned. Grieved to be separated from her husband and son, and to be denied the crown of martyrdom, Monica attempted to join them in prison but was forcibly turned away. On October 7, 1613, the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, the martyrs proceeded to the execution site with lit candles and rosary beads in their hands, and crosses tied to their arms. Those to be executed were so famous that over 15,000 onlookers were present. Before dying, Leo told the crowd, "We are dying for the glory of God and in testimony to the faith; all of you, my brothers, remain faithful!"

Our Lady of the Pillar

The Apostle James the Great, after Our Lord's Ascension, went to Spain. One day, as he stood on the bank of the Ebro, the Blessed Virgin appeared to him seated on the top of a pillar of jasper, surrounded by a choir of angels. And the Apostle having thrown himself on his face, she commanded him to build on that spot a chapel, assuring him that all this province of Saragossa, though now in the darkness of paganism, would at a future time be distinguished by devotion to her. St. James did as the Blessed Virgin had commanded, and this was the origin of a beautiful and famous church known as Our Lady of the Pillar- the first church in history dedicated to Our Lady. The apparition was also the first known apparition of the Blessed Virgin, and the only one that took place before her Assumption.

Prayer to the Mother of God

Glory be to thee, O holy mother of God, masterpiece of the universe, shining star, luster of virginity, scepter of faith, indestructible temple, in whom He dwelt Whom immensity cannot contain. Virgin mother of Him Who, blessed forever, comes to us in the name of the Lord, by thee is the Trinity glorified, the holy cross praised and adored throughout the world, the heavens are made joyful and the angels to tremble with joy, the devils put to flight, and man enabled to pass from slavery to the freedom of Heaven. Through thee idolatrous creatures have known incarnate truth, the faithful have received baptism, churches have been erected in all parts of the earth.

By thine assistance the Gentiles have been brought to repentance. And finally, through thee, the only Son of God, source of all light, has shone upon the eyes of the blind, who were sitting in the shadow of death. O virgin mother, who can speak thy praises? But let us make our laud of them according to such powers as are given us, at the same time adoring God thy Son, the chaste spouse of the Church, to Whom are due all honor and glory now and forever.



Queen of the Holy Rosary

Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I humbly kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, full-blown white roses, tinged with the red of the Passion, to remind thee of thy glories, fruits of the sufferings of thy Son and thee, each rose recalling to thee a holy mystery, each 10 bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my petition; from thy bounty thou wilt give me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of thee. Show thyself my Mother!

Our Lady of the Rosary

Lepanto marks the spot of victory,
O'er crescent cruel and strong, by forces weak,
Of hallowed cross; of which, "if sign you seek",
'Tis white-robed Pius Fifth the Rosary
Lifted like the rod of Moses, meek;
Whilst Ottomans on Christians wrath would wreak
And, as of old, engulfed them in them in the sea.

O Lady of the Rosary, today
Thy clients all beseech thee, hear their prayer,
And beg the Christ who raging storms did quell,
Bid warring nations cease their bloody fray;
His power and thine we honor, we declare,
O thou All-Fair, thou Joy of Israel.
-Francis A. Gaffney, O.P.

Set Your Missal

Pentecost XVIII, second collect of St. John Leonardi, third of Ss. Denis & Companions. Trinity Preface.