



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:30pm

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I returned from my time away without incident and feeling quite well rested from my time off. The temperature upon arrival was quite a shock to the system, however, as it has been the hottest week of the year this week in Ohio. Despite that, it has been good to be home, reunited with the other clergy, and sleep in my own bed again...at least just for a few days, as I have now departed for three Texas Missions.

After I return mid-week this upcoming week, I will immediately switch gears from the missions to preparing for the arrival of the young adults for this year's Young Adult Get-together (YAG). This annual event provides a long weekend of making friends and the potential of finding spouses for young adults who most likely have marriage vocations. It isn't an event for finding a spouse...but one which allows the making of Catholic friends from all various geographical parts to present opportunity for courtship and also gives spiritual talks which include elements of preparing for and pursuing such a vocation. Please pray that all goes well for the weekend.

Fr. Simpson is traveling for the whole week in all our northern missions. This is usually an enjoyable time of the year in the northern mission lands. The weather is warm, the sun shines until late in the evening, and it tends to often be fairly dry. Hopefully he finds it to be so.

Lastly, please keep Fr. Desposito of the RCI in your prayers. He had open heart surgery a few days ago. They had found an issue in his heart and, apparently, he has had a genetic heart issue which he also had surgery for when he was young. I texted him afterwards and it seems he came through fine, but doubtless has a long recovery still ahead.

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

High Mass: Ss Peter & Paul, commemoration & Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VI.

Preface of the Apostles.

Low Mass: Pentecost VI, second collect of St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, third of the octave of Ss Peter & Paul.

Trinity Preface



St. Thomas More's Psalm of Detachment

(By St. Thomas More, written in the margins of his prayer book while imprisoned in the Tower of London)

Give me Thy grace, good Lord:
To set the world at naught;
To set my mind fast upon Thee,
And not to hang upon the blast of men's mouths;

To be content to be solitary,
Not to long for worldly company;
Little and little utterly to cast off the world,
And rid my mind of all the business thereof;

Not to long to hear of any worldly things,
But that the hearing of worldly fantasies may be to me displeasing;
Gladly to be thinking of God,
Piteously to call for His help;

To lean unto the comfort of God,
Busily to labor to love Him;
To know mine own vility and wretchedness,
To humble and meek myself under the mighty hand of God;

To bewail my sins past,
For the purging of them patiently to suffer adversity;
Gladly to bear my purgatory here,
To be joyful of tribulations;

To walk the narrow way that leadeth to life,
To bear the cross with Christ;
To have the last thing in remembrance,
To have ever afore mine eye my death, that is ever at hand;

To make death no stranger to me,
To foresee and consider the everlasting fire of hell;
To pray for pardon before the judge come,
To have continually in mind the Passion that Christ suffered for me;

For His benefits incessantly to give Him thanks,
To buy the time again that I before have lost;
To abstain from vain confabulations,
To eschew light foolish mirth and gladness;

Recreations not necessary, to cut off,
Of worldly substance, friends, liberty, life and all,
to set the loss at right naught for the winning of Christ;

To think my most enemies my best friends,
For the brethren of Joseph could never have done him so much good
with their love and favor as they did him with their malice and hatred.

These minds are more to be desired of every man than all the treasure of all the princes and
kings, Christian and heathen, were it gathered and laid together all upon one heap.

Spiritual Communion

O My Sweet Savior Jesus Christ, Thou art my Sovereign Good, the Fountain of all Good, my God and my All. I most firmly believe, that for us sinners, and for our salvation, Thou wast pleased to come down from heaven, to take upon Thee, by the mystery of Thine incarnation, our human nature, and to become one of us, that so Thou mightiest be our High Priest and our Victim: I most firmly believe, that Thou offeredst Thyself upon the cross a sacrifice for us all, after having suffered many cruel torments for us; and that, by Thy glorious resurrection and admirable ascension, Thou hast opened the gates of heaven for us. I most firmly believe, that in these sacred mysteries Thou art truly and really present, and that Thy Sacred Body and Blood are here offered up in sacrifice, and verily and indeed received by the faithful in remembrance of Thy death. Oh, what graces, what sanctity do they receive from this fountain of all sanctity! Oh, how I long to be so happy as to approach this day to Thy heavenly banquet, and to feed on the Food of Life, the Bread of Angels.

I am the most wretched of all sinners, who, from my first coming to the use of reason, till this hour, have in innumerable ways offended Thee, my God. My soul is overspread with an universal leprosy, covered on all sides with ulcers, and unclean and filthy beyond measure, and therefore infinitely unworthy to approach to the Lord of all purity and sanctity. I humbly beg pardon of Thee for all my sins, and implore Thy mercy. O merciful Savior, have compassion on me, and suffer me at least to sigh after Thee; and though I am unworthy of thine embraces, permit me, like the penitent Magdalen, to present myself at least before Thy feet, and wash them in spirit with my tears! Oh, may Thy Sacred Blood, which thou hast shed for all sinners, cleanse my poor soul this day from all its filth! Oh, come to me, dear Lord, in spirit, and take possession of all the powers of my soul! Recollect my memory in Thee, enlighten mine understanding, and inflame my will with Thy love. Oh, let me be Thine, and Thou mine, from hence forth and forever: and grant that nothing, in life or death, may ever separate me from Thee! In this one prayer, hear me, O Lord, and, in all things else, do with me what Thou wilt. Amen

To St. Peter

Most venerable chief of the Apostles, first Vicar of Christ on earth, to whose keeping the Savior of mankind gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, remember, we beg of you, our father in the faith, those thrilling words of Jesus “feed My lambs, feed My sheep,” by which He entrusted us all to your care and guidance and made you the shepherd of our souls. Dearly beloved and most honored father, surely, in the great joy of heaven, your heart is full of burning love and compassion for us all, who still wander in this place of exile in such need of your loving intercession.

Great penitent, who, being converted, confirmed your brethren, obtain for us also the mighty grace of conversion, that we may at last put off the old man and put on the new, being made after the model of Christ. Chief of the Apostles, beg for us the fullness of the apostolic spirit, that we may do our part in spreading the truth of the gospel and in toiling and suffering for the salvation of souls.

Foundation stone, on whom Christ declared that He would build His Church so that the gates of hell might not prevail against it, intercede for all the needs of holy Church, protect her against her enemies, shepherd the lost sheep and bring them back to the fold, and call to the truth of Christ the sad thousand million souls who are still in the darkness of paganism, and the hundreds of millions who wander in erroneous forms of Christian belief. We ask your constant intercession, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose love delights your faithful heart in heaven, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost, He lives and reigns, one God, for all ages. Amen