Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

To be announced for December 2026
Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:30pm
Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2
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Announcement

The Friday after Thanksgiving is traditionally dispensed from the Friday Abstinence.

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

After having returned from Milwaukee to Seattle, we were happy to have a special guest come and visit us here at the Seminary: Bp. Nkamuke made a trip out to spend some time with Fr. Ercoli, the Seminarians, and myself. He is taking a bit of a break from running his own seminary back in Nigeria as well as overseeing his busy and ever-growing apostolate. It sure is nice to visit with His Excellency and I hope that he is finding his time in the United States restful and rejuvenating.

While one Bishop has come to visit the United States, another has left. Bp. McGuire set out on Friday to head down to Mexico and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Tijuana and Mexicali. He will return in time for Thanksgiving.

Speaking of the Thanksgiving Holiday, do you know the history of the first American Thanksgiving? No, it wasn't in Plymouth, MA with the pilgrims. Instead, it occurred in Florida 56 years before those English Puritan settlers arrived. On September 8, 1565, Fr. Pedro Menéndez de Avilés celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving along with 800 Spanish settlers and some of the Indians from the area. After thanking Almighty God for their safe journey, it was followed by a feast.

We have much in our own lives to thank the Good God for. What is at the top of this list is certainly having the True Faith and the hope of one day saving our souls. Deo Gratias!

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

Last Sunday after Pentecost, second collect of St Gertrude the Great, third of St Cecilia. Trinity Preface.

Thanksgiving after Communion or For a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

O Most holy Father, behold I, Thy most unworthy servant, trusting O Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I worship Thee, I love Thee, I thank Thee, and prostrate myself before Thee. O my God, accomplish in me that for which Thou didst come, remove from my heart all that displeases Thee, and place therein that which will render me agreeable in Thy sight.

Purify my body, sanctify my soul. Bestow on me the infinite merits of Thy life and of Thy Death, unite me to Thee, abide in me that I may live by Thee, in Thee and forever for Thee. O my God, let me die rather than permit that I should not act for Thy greater glory. Or fail in anything whatsoever Thou dost ask of me.

Or that I should do harm to any single soul. O my God, by the merits of Thy Divine Son, bless the Church, and save our beloved country. Have pity on poor sinners who need Thy help, and more especially on all those

who will die today.

My Jesus, grant that all people who, till the end of time, will enter a sanctuary where Thou art present, may carry away the seed of their conversion and be saved.

My God, permit me to do a little good around me. Grant that I may make Thee known, for we cannot know Thee without loving Thee.

Holy Spirit, inspire me always how to speak, act and behave for the best, for the greater glory of God and for the greatest good to souls.

Grant that each day I may serve Thee even better, O my divine Savior, and that I may ever love Thee more and more. Amen.

Prayer to St. Cecilia

(Can be said as a novena)

Child of the Virgin, Maker of Thy Mother,
Virgin-engendered, of the Virgin Son,
Virgin is she of whom we sing another
Victory won.

Double the palm of triumph which she beareth,
Strove she to vanquish woman's fear of death:
Quelled now the hand of death and hell
Her feet beneath.

Death won no conquest, nor the thousand terrors,
Kindred of death--fierce torments bravely borne:
Gave she her blood: that blood the radiance mirrors
Of life's new morn.

When she pleads for us, at her sweet petition,
That we may sing with conscience pure of sin,
From debt of guilt O grant us Thy remission
And peace within.

Glory to Thee, O Father, Son, and Spirit,
Glory co-equal on the throne on high,
Equal in power, in unity of merit,
Eternally. Amen.

Antiphon. O how lovely and glorious
is the generation of the chaste! Alleluia.

Prayer:

O worthy spouse of that Lamb of God which feeds among the lilies, St. Cecilia, you always preserved intact the flower of your purity, edifying all by the constant practice of this lovely virtue: obtain for me, I pray, the grace to follow your example, that, overcoming all inordinate earthly affections and living according to the spirit, I may abound in charity and all good works. Make me to be enamored of the angelical virtue of purity, that by word and deed I may inspire others with a love of it, and may become worthy to join the happy choir of your companions, who, together with you, enjoy the bright vision of God, and follow the Lamb "whithersoever He goeth." Amen

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

V. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
R. Amen.

V. Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.
R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

V. Let us pray: O God, who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
R. Amen.

V. O Mary, conceived without sin,
R. Pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times.)

Lord Jesus Christ who hast vouchsafed to glorify by numberless miracles the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate from the first moment of her Conception, grant that all who devoutly implore her protection on earth may eternally enjoy Thy presence in heaven who, with the Father and Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, for ever and ever. Amen. O Lord Jesus Christ who for the accomplishment of Thy greatest works hast chosen the weak things of the world that no flesh may glory in Thy sight and who for a better and more widely diffused belief in the Immaculate Conception of Thy Mother hast wished that the Miraculous Medal be manifested to Saint Catherine Laboure grant, we beseech Thee that filled with like humility we may glorify this mystery by word and work. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided, inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother! To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Novena Prayer

O Immaculate Virgin Mary Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother penetrated with the most lively confidence in thy all powerful and never failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we thy loving and trustful children implore thee to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray. [Here mention your intentions] Thou knowest, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of thy Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where thou art the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.