



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

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

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Dear Faithful,

We have added four new Soldiers of Christ to our ranks up at our church, St. Hugh of Lincoln, in Milwaukee. Bp. McGuire traveled up there to do confirmations, his first such visit at the church he was previously pastor of.

Here, at St. Gertrude, we are enjoying the third and final day of our annual Young Adult Get Together (YAG). It is the sixth consecutive year that we have hosted this important gathering, where young traditional Catholics come together to make friends with people from throughout the country. It also fosters the possibility of good Catholic courtship. We have already had several marriages come from our previous YAGs.

Every year since we started the YAG, it has grown in number. Year one began with quite a strong number of about fifty. This year, we have about 108 attendees, with one attendee coming from as far away as Hawaii. It is amazing to see the size of the gathering, but I can't help but wonder how many would have been here had it not been for the international travel restrictions.

This weekend is the first weekend in a long while that I have spent here at St. Gertrude's. I volunteered to preach Sunday, not only because I am the "chaplain" of the YAG, but also, I felt it would be good for the parishioners here who have seen little of me lately, due to the need of covering all our missions and St. Hugh, while our new priests finish the last of their classes which were remaining after their ordination. Their study subjects and material are nothing which prevents them from operating as priests but are still important parts of theology which are necessary for them to have a strong in-depth knowledge of.

Monday, however, I return to the road and head back north for the missions in North Dakota. I don't mean to make it sound like I lament heading to the missions. I truly love the mission work and the people in the missions. It has been what I have done for about a decade now. I also look forward to introducing the young priests to the missions and having them help me with this work. While it is a bit sacrifice to travel so much so often, the mission work, being able to bring the sacraments, the Faith, help and advice, etc. to people is also a great privilege.

After being in North Dakota, I come to Milwaukee for next weekend and then continue to Park Falls Sunday evening for Mass up there. YAG, North Dakota, St. Hugh, Northern Wisconsin, and back home...all in a week's work!

In Christ, Fr. McKenna

Prayer for Priests

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.
Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood shed in Thy painful Scourging, shield with Thine own especial protection and that of Thine Immaculate Mother, all the ministers of the sanctuary, so that having renounced the goods of earth in order to belong entirely to Thee, they may every day offer and receive Thy Body and Blood with such pious dispositions as to enable Thee to find in their hearts "a paradise of delight." Our Lady of the Precious Blood, etc.

Lord Jesus, by Thy Precious Blood shed on the way to Calvary, take pity on priests who are victims of injustice, and who, like their adorable Model, receive in return for their devotedness, but crosses, trials and persecutions. Our Lady of the Precious Blood, etc.

Have zeal for souls...Despise no one, but desire the greatest good for every man, for all are covered, as with a mantle, by the precious blood of Jesus. Do all I can for the salvation of all souls, according to my circumstances, since they have cost Jesus so dearly.

—Columba Marmion

For the Likes of Me

*I looked upon my Jesus scourged
The torn flesh, the welts, the blood, the gore
And marveled at the thought that He
Endured all that for the likes of me.*

*I saw the pieces of flesh on the ground
And all the blood splattered all around
And tears welled up within my heart
At the thought that I had played a part.*

*But then I looked into those loving eyes
And right away I realized
He chose that way to suffer, for me
That I might understand and see
How much He loves and cherishes me
To have paid such a price for the likes of me.
Thanks You Sweet Jesus for loving me so!
—John Seyfried, 4-11-11*

Seven Offerings of the Most Precious Blood

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy Beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for:

1. The propagation and exaltation of Holy Mother Church.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost...

Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus, Who with His Blood hath saved us.

2. ...for the peace and concord of Catholic kings and princes, for the humiliation of the enemies of our holy faith and for the happiness of all Christian people.
3. ...for the repentance of unbelievers, the extirpation of all heresies and the conversion of sinners.
4. ...for all my relations, friends and enemies; for the poor, the sick, and those in tribulation, and for all those for whom Thou willest I should pray, or knowest that I ought to pray.
5. ...for those who shall this day pass to another life, that Thou mayest preserve them from the pains of hell, and admit them the more readily to the possession of Thy glory.
6. ...for all those who are lovers of this treasure of His Blood, for all those who join with me in adoring and honoring It and for all those who try to spread devotion to It.
7. ...for all my wants, spiritual and temporal, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and particularly for those who, in their lifetime, were most devoted to this Price of our Redemption and to the sorrows and pains of our dear Mother, Most Holy Mary.

*Glory be to the Blood of Jesus.
Now and forever. Amen*

Communion Prayer of St. Bonaventure

O Sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, pierce, I beseech thee, the inmost marrow of my soul with the tender and life-giving wound of thy love, with true, and calm, and holy apostolical charity, so that my whole soul may ever languish and faint for love of thee, and for desire of thee alone. May it long for Thee and pine for Thee in the threshold of Thy house; may it desire to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Grant that my soul may hunger for Thee, Thou Bread of Angels, Thou refreshment of holy souls, our daily super-substantial Bread, having all manner of sweetness and delights. May my heart ever hunger for Thee and feed on Thee, on whom angels long to look; and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of the taste of Thee. May it ever thirst for Thee, Thou well of life, Thou fountain of wisdom and knowledge, Thou source of everlasting light, Thou torrent of pleasures, Thou fatness and abundance of the house of God; may it ever yearn towards Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, tend towards Thee, attain to Thee, meditate ever on Thee, speak of Thee, and work all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ready care and glad affection, with perseverance even unto the end; and do Thou be alone and evermore my hope, my whole trust, my riches, my delight, my gladness and my joy, my rest and my calm repose, my peace and my sweet content, my fragrance and my sweetness, my food and my refreshment, my refuge and my help, my wisdom, my portion, my own possession and my treasure, in whom my mind and my heart are fixed and rooted firmly and immovably for evermore. Amen.

I humbly implore Thine ineffable mercy, O my Lord Jesus Christ, that this Sacrament of thy Body and Blood, which I unworthy have received, may be to me the cleansing of all my sins, the strengthening of what is weak within me, and my sure defense against all the perils of the world. May it bestow on me Thy forgiveness and establish me in grace; may it be to me the medicine of life, the abiding memory of Thy Passion, my stay in weakness, the Viaticum and sure support of my pilgrimage. May it lead me as I go, bring me back when I wander, receive me when I return, uphold me when I stumble, raise me again when I fall, strengthen me to persevere, even unto the end, and bring me to Thy glory. O most high God, may the blissful presence of Thy Body and Blood so change the taste of my heart, that it may find no sweetness in aught besides thee alone, may love no other beauty, seek no unpermitted love, desire no consolation, admit no other delight, care for no honour but Thine, stand in fear of no enemy or suffering for Thy sake, who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Virgin of Mount Carmel

O most blessed and immaculate Virgin, ornament and splendor of Carmel, thou who regardest with an eye of special kindness those who wear thy blessed habit, look down also benignly upon me and cover me with the mantle of thy special protection. Strengthen my weakness with thy power; enlighten the darkness of my mind with thy wisdom; increase in me faith, hope and charity. Adorn my soul with such graces and virtues as will ever be pleasing to thy divine Son and to thee. Assist me in life, and console me in death, with thy most amiable presence, and present me to the most august Trinity as thy devoted servant and child; that I may eternally bless and praise thee in paradise. Amen.

Three Hail Marys, and Glory be to the Father.

(Indulgence 200 Days, Pope Leo XIII.)