



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:30pm

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2
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Announcements

Bp. McGuire will come for Confirmations on October 11th. If you haven't been Confirmed or if you have been Confirmed with the new rite of Confirmation (after 1969), please email Fr. McKenna so we can have an accurate count of those needing Confirmation. Fill out and return a Confirmation Request form along with your baptismal certificate **as soon as possible** that we may ensure all is in order.

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

Bp. McGuire has returned from his long journey through all the northern missions, where he was administering the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout them all. He reported that everything went very for the very long journey. It certainly was a great opportunity for graces for all involved.

The Bishop will make a very quick jaunt back up to Milwaukee for Thursday, as he will do the funeral for one of the original parishioners at St. Hugh. For more than forty years...since the very beginning of the St. Hugh of Lincoln mission, this woman had been part of it all. She was the sacristan for most of those years and a truly pious and devoted woman. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Her name was Delores Zimmerman.

At St. Gertrude's, the school year has begun and the children have returned. They seem enthusiastic, overall, and it is great to return to the more regular schedule that the school year brings. It is also wonderful to have our daily school Masses and sermons too.

This past week was incredibly hot in Cincinnati and all over. When I was in Dallas last weekend, it was over 100 degrees both days. When I returned home, there was very little in the way of relief, with the temperatures in the high 90's all week. While it wasn't pleasant for anyone, it really was a rough week for the roofing crew who spent the whole week replacing the shingled roofs of St. Gertrude's. They plugged along, but I was glad to be on the inside of the glass looking out. The roof wasn't quite finished when I had left, but they were getting close to the end, and it was looking quite nice.

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

Pentecost XV, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third at the choice of the priest. Trinity Preface.

Novena to St. Joseph for Labor Day

O glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, humble and honest workman of Nazareth, to all Christians, but especially to us, you have given the example of a life of perfection, a life unremitting in toil, a life lived in blessed union with Mary and Jesus. Help us, as Catholic workers, to find in our daily tasks a means of giving glory to God, of increasing in holiness, of being useful to our fellow men. These are the high ideals which underlie our lives.

O most beloved protector, obtain for us from the Lord humility and singleness of heart, love of our work and of those who work with us. May we be ready to accept God's will and to obey His voice amidst all those inescapable difficulties which beset us in life. May we bear our trials gladly, in awareness of our special mission among men, and in recognition of our own responsibility. Grant us the spirit of discipline and of prayer.

May we be dutiful and respectful before authority; may we love our fellows as brethren; may we care in charity and in patience for those who are entrusted to us. Be at our side when we prosper, so that we may enjoy the results of our work. Be with us also in those doleful hours when heaven seems to shut itself off from us, when the very instruments of our work seem to rebel in our hands.

Just as were your own, may our eyes be fixed on Mary, our Mother, your own sweet spouse, where she sits spinning in a quiet corner of your tiny shop, as a gentle smile lights up her face. Fix our gaze on Jesus as He works with you at the carpenter's bench.

May we thus lead a holy and peaceful life here below, in preparation for the everlasting happiness that awaits us in Heaven. Amen.

— *Pope Pius XII*

The Passion of Mary

O Lady Mary, thy bright crown
Is no mere crown of majesty;
For with the reflex of His own
Resplendent thorns Christ circled thee.

The red rose of this passion-tide
Doth take a deeper hue from thee,
In the five Wounds of Jesus dyed,
And in thy bleeding thoughts, Mary.

The soldier struck a triple stroke
That smote thy Jesus on the Tree;
He broke the Heart of hearts, and broke
The Saint's and Mother's hearts, in thee.

Thy Son went up the Angels' ways,
His passion ended; but, ah me!
Thou found'st the road of further days
A longer way of Calvary.

On the hard cross of hope deterred,
Thou hung'st in loving agony,
Until the mortal-dreaded word
Which chills our mirth, spake mirth to thee.

The Angel Death from this cold tomb
Of life did roll the stone away;
And He thou barest in thy womb
Caught thee at last into the day—
Before the living throne of whom



The lights of Heaven burning pray.
– Francis Thompson

Meditation of St. Alphonsus

Before the birth of Mary the world was lost in the darkness of sin. "Mary was born and the dawn arose," says a holy Father. Of Mary it had already been said: Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising? As the earth rejoices when the dawn appears, because it is the precursor of the sun, so also when Mary was born the whole world rejoiced, because she was the precursor of Jesus Christ, the Sun of Justice, who being made her Son, came to save us by His death; hence the Church sings, "Thy nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, announced joy to the whole world; for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, who has given us life eternal." So that when Mary was born, our remedy, our consolation, and our salvation came into the world; for through Mary we received our Saviour.

This child being, then, destined to become the Mother of the Eternal Word, God enriched her with so great grace, that in the first moment of her Immaculate Conception her sanctity exceeded that of all the saints and angels together, for she received grace of a higher order--one that corresponded to the dignity of Mother of God.

O holy child! O full of grace! I, miserable sinner that I am, salute and adore thee. Thou art the beloved one, the delight of God; pity me, who on account of my sins have been hateful and abominable in His sight Thou, O most pure Virgin, knewest from thy very childhood so well how to gain the heart of God, that He never did and never will refuse thee anything, and grants thee all that thou askest. My hopes are therefore in thee; recommend me to thy Son, and I shall be saved.

When Mary was destined to be the Mother of God, she was also destined to become the mediatrix between God and sinners. Hence the angelic St. Thomas says, "that Mary received sufficient grace to save all men," and therefore St. Bernard calls her "a full aqueduct, that of her plenitude we all may partake."

O my Queen, mediatrix of sinners, perform thy office; intercede for me. My sins shall not prevent me from trusting in thee, O great Mother of God; no, I trust in thee; and so great is my confidence, that were my salvation in my own hands, I could place it in thine. O Mary, receive me under thy protection; for that is all my desire.