



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Mass Location:

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday, July 18th, 2021, Mass - 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I have returned back to Milwaukee after having driven to all of the Northern missions. It has been quite a while since I had made the full driving loop (it used to be a regular thing for me). It sure is a lot of driving and a bit tiring. However, at the same time, there is something enjoyable about sometimes making a long road trip. I managed to take a bit of a different route back from Grand Forks to Milwaukee, which I had never taken before in all my times driving up there. It involved taking state highways through northern Minnesota and it was really quite enjoyable. The north woods are an interesting and beautiful area of the country. There were plenty of deer, bald eagles, and pretty lakes to see. I even saved the life of a snapping turtle who decided that it was a good idea to slowly cross the road. I took a stick to his rear end, which he didn't like, but it got him moving and off the road to safety... I am sure you parents can relate to the story. Better to have a moment with the switch to put them back on the right path than to risk losing them along the road.

Fr. McGuire was having his own adventures down in Texas. While El Paso and Austin seemed to go pretty well for him (I am sure I will get a full report back in Cincinnati), poor Father arrived in Dallas only to find out that the incompetent rental car agencies are continuing to have problems with a shortage of cars. They told him that he would have to wait 3-4 hours for a car to be ready!! I don't exactly know how to solve said problem, since they the problem created themselves when they sold huge portions of their inventory. However, it seems that such people could probably benefit from a little snapping turtle treatment themselves. I can't believe they are able to do business in such an inept manner. Luckily, one of the faithful was able to rescue him and spare Father the long wait.

He and I both will return to St. Gertrude's tomorrow night. Monday is Memorial Day and as good Americans, all four of us are looking forward to a nice little cookout. As Catholic's, do remember also to pray for the souls of all the soldiers who have died in combat. War is a punishment for sin. However, the individuals who pay

the hefty price for society's wrongdoing must not be forgotten. What great charity we can do for these men by helping them quickly into eternal paradise.

This Thursday is the Feast of Corpus Christi, in which we solemnly celebrate the Divine Mystery of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Every year, we sing the whole Divine Office before Our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. You can be assured that all of you are in my prayers that special day.

In Christ,
Fr. McKenna

The Sign of the Cross

The making of the sign of the cross, which professes faith both in the redemption of Christ and in the Trinity, was practiced from the earliest centuries. Saint Augustine (431) mentioned and described it many times in his sermons and letters. In those days Christians made the sign of the cross (Redemption) with three fingers (Trinity) on their foreheads. The words ("In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost") were added later. Almost two hundred years before Augustine, in the third century, Tertullian had already reported this touching and beautiful early Christian practice: "In all our undertakings—when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down to read; before each new task—we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads."

-Tertullian (160-220)

The Sacred Heart in the Blessed Sacrament

That the Son of God came down to live in the midst of men is a story as old as the hills, yet ever new. He loves men, all of them; no one is excluded from that love. Over and over again we have told you how He lived, worked, prayed, suffered, and died for all, but not satisfied with this, His Heart prompted Him to do more: to institute the Blessed Sacrament, the everlasting miracle of love. His Heart so burned with love that It desired to live with men always and everywhere. Yet it was love, pure and simple, that evoked these words from the lips of Jesus the night before He died: "With desire have I desired to eat this Pasch with you"; and again, "having loved His own who were in the world He loved them to the end." On that eventful night when the Eternal High Priest was love personified we had the celebration of the first Mass, the glory of a first Holy Communion, and the very first bishop ordaining his first priests, and the conferring of the solemn commission, "Do this in memory of Me." Of what was all this an evidence? Of the burning love of Christ to be always with us in the Eucharist unto the crack of doom. Yes, love sounds the keynote, and is the theme song of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharistic love of Christ is again made manifest in His ardent desire to be united with the Christian soul. This is actually accomplished sacramentally by Holy Communion whereby the individual becomes one with Christ, and thereby on earth is begun that union with man which is destined to last through the endless ages of eternity. Truly, then, love is the chief motive for Christ's Eucharistic presence.

Prayer to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

O My Lord and King, hidden in this Sacrament! Since Thou dost invite me to converse with Thee, I will open my heart with confidence, and speak. O my Jesus, ardent lover of souls-! I know too well the injustice and ingratitude of men towards Thee: Thou lovest them, and they do not love Thee: Thou dost confer benefits on them, and they return Thee insults: Thou wouldst have them hear Thy voice, and they will not listen: Thou dost offer them graces, and they refuse them. Ah, my Jesus, I too have been once among the number of these

ungrateful souls. O my God, it is only too true. But I desire to amend, and I wish to compensate for the insults I have done Thee, by doing all I can to please Thee for the remainder of my life. Tell me, O Lord, what Thou dost require of me. I will do it without the least reserve. Make known to me Thy will by the way of holy obedience, and I hope to accomplish it.

My God, I firmly promise never to leave undone any act which I know to be agreeable to Thee, although the performance of it should cost me the loss of all things, of relations, friends, character, health, and even life itself. Let me lose all, if only I may do Thy will. Happy loss, when all is sacrificed to content Thy Heart, O God of my soul! I love Thee, O sovereign Good, above all goods worthy of my love, and in loving Thee I unite my feeble heart with the hearts of all the Seraphim. I unite it with the heart of Mary, and with the Heart of Jesus. I love Thee with my whole soul; I wish to love Thee alone, now and for ever. Amen

An Act of Spiritual Communion

By St. Alphonsus de Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that thou art in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love thee above all things, and in my soul I desire thee. Since I cannot receive thee now sacramentally, come at least spiritually to my heart. I embrace thee as already there and unite myself wholly to thee; do not permit that I may ever be separated from thee. Jesus, all my good and all my love, Wound, inflame this heart of mine, that it may all and always burn for Thee.
(An Indulgence of 60, once a day)



Snappy the Turtle