



## Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

### Mass Date & Location:

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm  
Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room  
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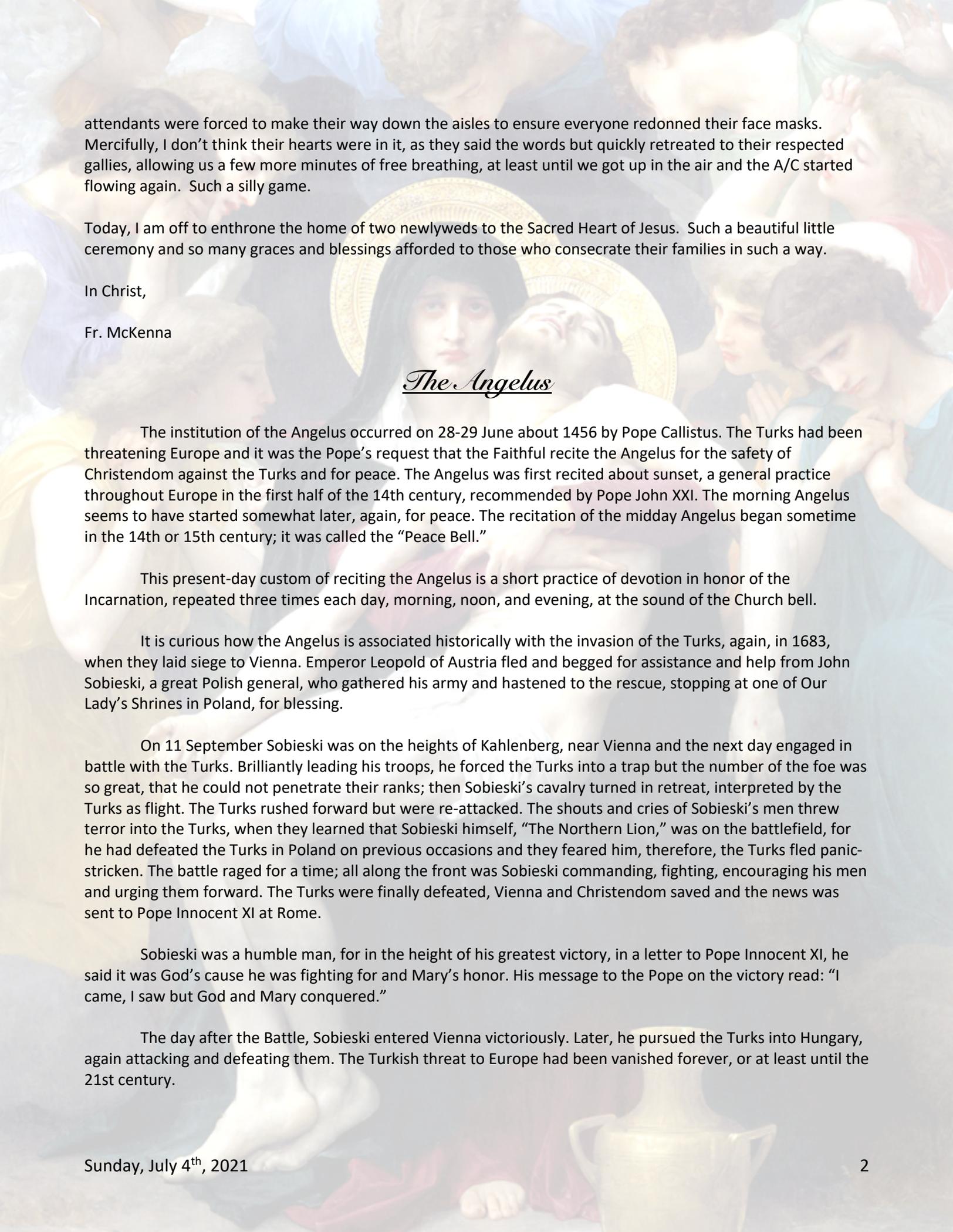
### *Note From Father*

Dear Faithful,

It was great to be able to make a trip down to all our missions in Texas last week. In Dallas, we had quite a good attendance, including some new people. It was great to meet a couple of them and I hope to meet the others the next time I visit.

In Austin, we also added to our group of attendees. It's a smaller group, so the growth was smaller (one new young man), but it is always great to continue to grow, even if it is only one or two at a time. In these times of near universal apostasy, it is often just little by little that missions can grow, as the number of those deceived or whom have no interest in the True Faith is large. However, in these most trying of times, the Good God is the most generous and gives an overabundance of grace for conversion to anyone who is open to it. So many people we clergy have met and worked with that have come from, what would naturally seem like impossible circumstances, to find the Truth...some of the clergy included themselves. Our Lord never rests in His quest to gain souls for heaven, so we pray for conversions with great confidence and don't forget to sometimes add little sacrifices to your prayers.

Speaking of little sacrifices, I found myself forced to offer up one during my return travels from El Paso to home. When I boarded my flight from Dallas to Dayton, I entered the plane, only to find it as hot as a sauna. On a warm day in the Texas Summer, the air conditioning unit was not working. Between wearing a suit and the stupid useless masks forced upon us by Big Brother, sweat was pouring off me as we sat at the gate waiting for the bags to be loaded and all the paperwork finished. It was about half an hour.... needless to say, there were not too many happy campers onboard and just about all the passengers, rightly, discarded their slave masks until the engines had been started. Apparently, the risk of contracting an "extremely deadly and contagious plague" (here insert heavy sarcasm) was not as important as freeing their sweaty faces... I was right there with them, as I hardly need an excuse to remove my mask. Eventually, the doors did close, the engines started, and the flight



attendants were forced to make their way down the aisles to ensure everyone redonned their face masks. Mercifully, I don't think their hearts were in it, as they said the words but quickly retreated to their respected galleys, allowing us a few more minutes of free breathing, at least until we got up in the air and the A/C started flowing again. Such a silly game.

Today, I am off to enthrone the home of two newlyweds to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Such a beautiful little ceremony and so many graces and blessings afforded to those who consecrate their families in such a way.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

### *The Angelus*

The institution of the Angelus occurred on 28-29 June about 1456 by Pope Callistus. The Turks had been threatening Europe and it was the Pope's request that the Faithful recite the Angelus for the safety of Christendom against the Turks and for peace. The Angelus was first recited about sunset, a general practice throughout Europe in the first half of the 14th century, recommended by Pope John XXI. The morning Angelus seems to have started somewhat later, again, for peace. The recitation of the midday Angelus began sometime in the 14th or 15th century; it was called the "Peace Bell."

This present-day custom of reciting the Angelus is a short practice of devotion in honor of the Incarnation, repeated three times each day, morning, noon, and evening, at the sound of the Church bell.

It is curious how the Angelus is associated historically with the invasion of the Turks, again, in 1683, when they laid siege to Vienna. Emperor Leopold of Austria fled and begged for assistance and help from John Sobieski, a great Polish general, who gathered his army and hastened to the rescue, stopping at one of Our Lady's Shrines in Poland, for blessing.

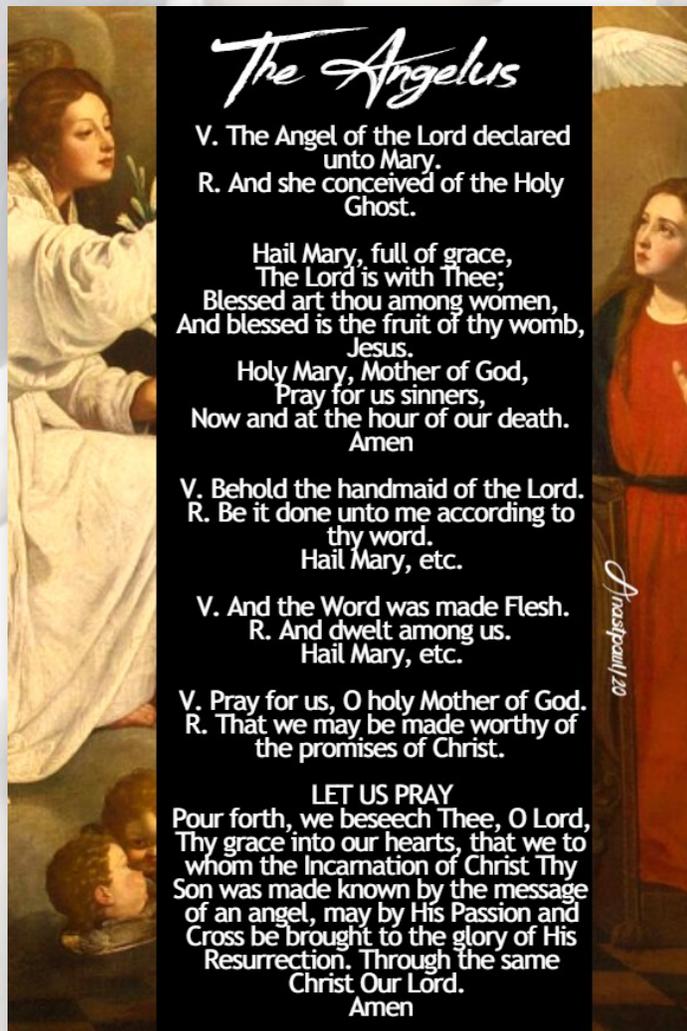
On 11 September Sobieski was on the heights of Kahlenberg, near Vienna and the next day engaged in battle with the Turks. Brilliantly leading his troops, he forced the Turks into a trap but the number of the foe was so great, that he could not penetrate their ranks; then Sobieski's cavalry turned in retreat, interpreted by the Turks as flight. The Turks rushed forward but were re-attacked. The shouts and cries of Sobieski's men threw terror into the Turks, when they learned that Sobieski himself, "The Northern Lion," was on the battlefield, for he had defeated the Turks in Poland on previous occasions and they feared him, therefore, the Turks fled panic-stricken. The battle raged for a time; all along the front was Sobieski commanding, fighting, encouraging his men and urging them forward. The Turks were finally defeated, Vienna and Christendom saved and the news was sent to Pope Innocent XI at Rome.

Sobieski was a humble man, for in the height of his greatest victory, in a letter to Pope Innocent XI, he said it was God's cause he was fighting for and Mary's honor. His message to the Pope on the victory read: "I came, I saw but God and Mary conquered."

The day after the Battle, Sobieski entered Vienna victoriously. Later, he pursued the Turks into Hungary, again attacking and defeating them. The Turkish threat to Europe had been vanished forever, or at least until the 21st century.

Pope Innocent XI, after the battle of Vienna, requested the whole Christian world to recite the Angelus for peace. In our own time, we see the peaceful Moslem invasion of Europe, which once again, Poland is resisting.

The 500th anniversary of the Institution of the Angelus by Pope Callistus III, was a reminder to recite the centuries old prayer for peace and for the protection of the Christian world. Let us renew this pious practice if we have become lax in our devotion and let us pray the Angelus, for the protection of the Church in our own times, from the many menaces, on all fronts, internally and exteriorly facing the Faith and the world and the whole existence of the Catholic Church.



*The Angelus*

V. The Angel of the Lord declared  
unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy  
Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to  
thy word.  
Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY  
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
Thy grace into our hearts, that we to  
whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy  
Son was made known by the message  
of an angel, may by His Passion and  
Cross be brought to the glory of His  
Resurrection. Through the same  
Christ Our Lord.  
Amen

*An American Prayer to Our Lady from the Apostle of California,  
Fr. Junipero Serra*

O Purest Queen of heaven and earth, most perfect work of the Holy Trinity, since from all eternity the Father chose thee for His daughter, the Son selected thee to be His Mother and the Holy Ghost selected thee as His spouse, there could not be the slightest imperfection, not even the smallest shadow of original sin on thy soul.

As the first fruit of the redemption, thy soul was free, beautiful and free from the first moment of thy conception. Receive, O Mother, in virtue of this singular mystery, my short but prayerful offering, or, to put it another way, the humble utterance of thy lowly servant. I would like to offer thee all the gold of the Americas and all the riches of the entire world. But what greater treasure could there be than a soul redeemed by the Precious Blood of thy most Holy Son? Listen to this prayer, uttered by one of little virtue, for together with it I append the most fervent affections which the most gifted among thy servants have offered thee. In return, all I want is that for today, all the days of my life and at the moment of my death, I might have the grace of choosing thee as mother, advocate and patroness. I ask thee to take me under the mantle of thy protection and, after gazing at me with thy merciful eyes, to free me from human miseries, so that my soul may be happy with thee in heaven. Amen.

*[3 Hail Marys in honor of the Trinity for the privileges accorded by the Father to His Daughter, the Son to His Mother and the Holy Ghost to His spouse.]*

God hails thee, Mary, Mother of God and Spouse of the Holy Ghost, temple and chalice of the Holy Trinity, Mary conceived without original sin. Amen

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

