



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Date/Time

Sunday, October 2, 2022 – Confession 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm

Location:

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

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Dear Faithful,

I have returned to St. Hugh after my trip up to North Dakota this past, where we had our first parish picnic in Grand Forks. It was well attended, and everyone seemed to have a great time. The weather was perfect for our little gathering up there, being neither too hot nor too cool.

Such was not the case for our picnic here at St. Hugh last Sunday. The rain poured down all day, forcing us all inside. However, a little rain couldn't keep people's spirits down and everyone seemed to have a very good time. The food was great, and the company was even better.

It was interesting being up in the north country, as you could really tell that fall was coming soon. The trees of lesser fortitude were already changing colors and the weather has taken on that late summer feel. The days are mild and pleasant, while the nighttime temperatures fall and create cool crisp mornings.

I also noticed the animals acting more like it was fall up north, as well. There were a lot of deer running around and the males had noticeable antler growth. They also seemed to be more active near the roads.

I also had a close encounter with a bald eagle while driving up north. Again, seeing bald eagles up there isn't unique to autumn, but definitely seems a lot more likely. This particular beauty flew beside my car before perching itself in a low branch over the road.

I will be interested to see what treasures nature has in store for me Sunday, as I travel up to our mission in Park Falls, WI after the two morning Masses in Milwaukee. From there, it is the long haul back home to Cincinnati on Monday, where autumn is still a little way off.

This upcoming week has the Ember Days on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Wednesday and Saturday are days of Fast and Partial Abstinence. Friday is a day of Fast and Full Abstinence. Fast is defined as one full meal and two small meals which do not add up to the size of the full meal. No food may be taken between meals. Meat may

only be taken by those fasting at the main meal unless it is a day of full abstinence (Friday). Catholics aged 21-59 inclusively are bound to fast. Partial and full abstinence binds all Catholics aged seven and older. Partial abstinence allows meat to be taken only once in the day at the primary meal of the day. Meat may not be eaten at all on days of full abstinence.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

Central Role of Our Lady

Our salvation begins when an archangel speaks the name of Mary. To be Christian is to carry on that Annunciation unceasingly. Saint Louis de Montfort wrote that “the salvation of each individual is bound up with the Hail Mary.” This prayer that names the holy name of the Mother of God “brought to a dry and barren world the Fruit of Life. It will cause the Word of God to take root in the soul and bring forth Jesus.” The holy name of Mary bears such power because of the unique bond between Mother and Son. “When God sent His Son born of a woman, He instituted a once and for all order of salvation in which the union of Mother and Child stands at the center” (Fr. Romanus, OP). To accept the divine privilege of speaking the name of Mary is to participate in that saving union.

Prayer to Our Lady of La Salette

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou didst exercise to screen me from the justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done so much. O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee too by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in heaven. Amen

Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

1. Her grief upon hearing the words of Holy Simeon at the Presentation in the Temple: “And thine own soul a sword shall pierce.”
2. Her anxiety for the life of her Divine Child during the Flight into Egypt.
3. Her grief of soul when losing Him for three long days.
4. Her anguish upon seeing Jesus bearing the heavy cross.
5. Her agony of soul as she stood at the Foot of the Cross beholding Him die.
6. Her sorrow upon receiving the lifeless Body of Jesus into her arms.

Prayer to St. Nicholas of Tolentino

O brightly shining star of sanctity! splendour and boast of the Augustinian Order; our powerful protector, St. Nicholas, hear from heaven the prayers of your devoted clients. Teach us to imitate the example you gave here below of heroic virtue, to curb our passions and restrain our unruly appetites, that we may ever live in the light of divine grace, and escape the foul contagion of habitual sin. Procure for us a love of Jesus like that which filled your own sinless heart, and a tender devotion to Mary his Mother, that we may be more like you in childlike love of her. Fortify us in efforts to reach heaven, that we may be ever faithful to Jesus and Mary; and strengthen us by your prayers, to merit a share in the bright and endless joys you now enjoy, and that for eternity. Amen.



Prayer to Our Lady of Mercy

Holiest Mary, mother of goodness, mother of mercy! when I reflect on my sins and on the moment of my death, I tremble and am filled with confusion. My sweetest mother, in the blood of Jesus and in thy intercession are my hopes. Comfort of the afflicted! abandon me not at my death-agony; fail not to console me in that great affliction. If, even now, I am so tormented by remorse for sin committed, by the uncertainty of forgiveness, by the danger of a relapse, and the rigor of divine justice, how will it be with me then? Mother, before death overtake me, obtain for me a great sorrow for my sins, a true amendment, and a constant fidelity to God, in all that yet remains to me of life. And when, indeed, my hour is come, then do thou, Mary, be my hope, be thou mine aid in the anguish in which my soul will be overwhelmed; when the enemy sets before my face, my sins, oh! comfort me then, that I may not despair. Obtain for me at that moment to invoke thee often, that, with thine own sweet name and that of thy most holy Son upon my lips, I may breathe forth my spirit. This grace thou hast granted to many of thy servants: I, too, desire it, and hope to obtain it.

Set Your Missal:

Low Mass: Pentecost XV, second collect of St. Joseph of Cupertino. Trinity Preface.

High Mass: Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XV, Third Collect of St. Joseph of Cupertino. Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary.