



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Mass Location:

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room
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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,

The cicadas have reached, what they are calling, their peak in Cincinnati...At least I sure hope that it is actually their peak. The buggers are everywhere and make a whole lot of news. I was trying to describe to people just how loud they are, but I think that it is something that does need to be experienced to understand. And you can't go anywhere without them trying to land on you. At least they don't bite or sting...I may not have left the house if they did.

I saw one of our parishioners walking around in the cloister the other day, intently looking around the ground. I asked him what he was searching for. He responded that he was looking for blue-eyed cicadas. Apparently, the cicadas, who have red eyes normally, occasionally have a rare mutation and created one with blue eyes. The mutation is so rare that if a person were to find one and capture it, he could apparently sell it for a lot of money. I laughed and told him that he can take as many cicadas home with him as he likes and check them all there for eye color.... however, I must admit that every cicada I saw afterwards, I was checking to see what color their eyes were....Oh, well.

I found myself fulfilling a strange roll-on Wednesday, this past week. Each day of the Octave of Corpus Christi, we had a high mass, *Coram Sanctissimo* with Benediction following. Fr. McGuire was set to sing the High Mass and I was looking forward to attending the Mass and praying my Divine Office. However, as Fr. McGuire exposed the Blessed Sacrament before Mass, there was no choir in attendance, and I had to lead the *O Salutaris*. This, itself, isn't a big deal...except that if there was no choir there for the opening exposition, it also meant they were not there for the Mass. So I quickly retrieved my *Liber Usualis* from my office and went to the back of the church to become the "Choir". One of the members of the normal schola soon joined and, all things considered, we managed to sing the Mass pretty well, for an impromptu setup.

On Friday, I set off again for Milwaukee to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart and cover the weekend before continuing on to the Northern Missions. All started off on the ride up normally, except for the carnage I waged against the cicadas with my vehicle. However, soon enough, the curse of the state of Indiana began to be realized with long bouts of traffic, caused by accidents, slow semis, road work, and ultimately a section of the entire highway being shut down and forcing a long detour. It took me an additional two hours driving to get here. Oh well! I made it safe and sound.

In Christ,
Fr. McKenna

Prayer in Thanksgiving After Communion, By St. Basil

We give Thee thanks, O Lord our God, for the Communion of Thy holy, pure, deathless and heavenly Mysteries, which Thou hast given for the good, the hallowing and the healing of our souls and our bodies. Do Thou, O Sovereign of the world, cause this Communion in the Holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ to nourish in us unashamed faith, sincere charity, ripe wisdom, health of soul and body, separation from all ills, observance of Thy Law, and justification before His awful Judgment Seat.

O Christ our God, the Mystery of Thy Providence has been accomplished according to our ability. We have been reminded of Thy Death and we have seen a figure of Thy Resurrection; we have been filled with Thine Infinite Life, and we have tasted Thine inexhaustible joy; and we pray Thee to make us worthy of these things in the life to come, through the grace of Thine Eternal Father and of Thy holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and forever, eternally: Amen.

(Saint Basil the Great)

Prayer to St. Basil the Great

By Dom Gueranger

O doctor of the Holy Ghost, O defender of the Word Consubstantial to the Father, grant that we, now prostrate at thy feet, may ever live to the glory of the Holy Trinity. These are the words of thine own admirable formulary: "To be baptised in the Trinity, to hold one's belief conformable to one's baptism, to glorify God according to our faith,--such was the essential basis set down by thee, for the being a Monk; but is it not that also of the being a Christian? Would that all might thoroughly understand this! Vouchsafe, dear Saint, to bless us all.

Prayer for the Restoration of Things Lost or Stolen

O Blessed St. Anthony! the grace of God has made thee a powerful advocate in all necessities, and the patron for the restoration of things lost or stolen; to thee I turn today with childlike love and heartfelt confidence. Oh, how many thousands hast thou miraculously aided in the recovery of lost goods! Thou wast the counsellor of the erring, the comforter of the afflicted, the healer of the sick, the raiser of the dead, the deliverer of the captive, the refuge of the afflicted; to thee do I hasten, O Blessed St. Anthony. Help me in my present affliction. I recommend what I have lost to thy care, in the secure hope that thou wilt restore it to me, if it be to the greater glory of God, and to the spiritual benefit of my soul, that I may praise and thank thee, in time and eternity, for thy glorious intercession in my behalf. Amen.

A Prayer of Petition to St. Anthony

Adorable Heart of Jesus, glowing with love for us and inflamed with zeal for our salvation: O Heart! ever sensible of our misery and the wretchedness to which our sins have reduced us, infinitely rich in mercy to heal the wounds of our souls, behold us humbly prostrate before Thee to express the sorrow that fills our hearts for the coldness and indifference with which we have so long requited the numberless benefits that Thou hast conferred upon us. With a deep sense of the outrages that have been heaped upon Thee by our sins and the sins of others, we come to make a solemn reparation of honor to thy most sacred majesty. It was our sins that overwhelmed Thy Heart with bitterness; it was the weight of our iniquities that pressed down Thy face to the earth in the Garden of Olives, and caused Thee to expire in anguish and agony on the cross. But now, repenting and sorrowful, we cast ourselves at Thy feet, and implore forgiveness.

Adorable Heart of Jesus, source of true contrition and ever merciful to the penitent sinner, impart to our hearts the spirit of penance, and give to our eyes a fountain of tears, that we may sincerely bewail our sins now and for the rest of our days. Oh, would that we could blot them out, even with our blood! Pardon them, O Lord, in Thy mercy, and pardon and convert to Thee all that have committed irreverences and sacrileges against Thee in the sacrament, of Thy love, and thus give another proof that Thy mercy is above all Thy works. Divine Jesus, with Thee there are mercy and plentiful redemption; deliver us from our sins, accept the sincere desire we now entertain, and our holy resolution, relying on the assistance of Thy grace, henceforth to be faithful to Thee. And in order to repair the sins of ingratitude by which we have grieved Thy most tender and loving Heart, we are resolved in the future ever to love and honor Thee in the most adorable Sacrament of the Altar, where Thou art ever present to hear and grant our petitions, and to be the food and life of our souls. Be Thou, O compassionate Jesus! our Mediator with Thy heavenly Father, Whom we have so grievously offended, strengthen our weakness, confirm these our resolutions of amendment, and as Thy Sacred Heart is our refuge and our hope when we have sinned, so may it be the strength and support of our repentance, that nothing in life or death may ever again separate us from Thee. Amen
(An Indulgence of 60, once a day)

A Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine Altar (outside a church or oratory say: in Thy presence). We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united to Thee, behold, each one of us this day freely dedicates himself to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many, indeed, have never known Thee; many, too, despising Thy precepts have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal sons who have abandoned Thee; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they perish of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those whom heresy holds in error or discord keeps aloof; call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one fold and one Shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who even now sit in the shadow of idolatry or Islam, and refuse not Thou to bring them into the light of Thy kingdom. Look, finally, with eyes of pity upon the children of that race, which was for so long a time Thy chosen people: and let Thy Blood, which was once invoked upon them in vengeance, now descend upon them also in a cleansing flood of redemption and eternal life. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; unto all nations give an ordered tranquillity; bring it to pass that from pole to pole the earth may resound with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Indulgence: 5 years, each time)



Prayer to St. Juliana Falconieri

O faithful Spouse of Jesus Christ and most humble Servant of the Sorrowful Virgin, glorious S. Juliana, when nearing the term of a life all spent in the practice of the most heroic virtues, you felt but the one grief of being prevented by sickness from receiving in viaticum your Beloved; but this grief proved to be so pleasing to your heavenly Spouse Jesus that He deigned Himself to reward it by an extraordinary prodigy, when, behold, at your supplications, the Divine Sacrament having been placed on your virginal breast, it instantly penetrated the same, leaving the image of the Crucified visibly impressed thereon, whilst your soul, with a sweet smile, expired in His sacred embrace. O great Saint, and my special Patroness, obtain for us from God, we pray, the grace to live a holy life like to yours, that we may die a like holy death; and in particular that, prepared for this last voyage, provided with the Holy Sacrament, and strengthened with God's grace, I may deserve a holy demise and escape eternal death.

(An Indulgence 300 Days, once a day)