



Our Lady of Sorrows Mission

Mass Location:

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room
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Mass Schedule:

Sunday, February 7th, 2021 Mass – 6:00pm, Confessions – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

On Thursday, Bp. Dolan set off to cover Milwaukee for the weekend and to hopefully get a few days up there where he can relax a bit, do some reading, and eat at his favorite Milwaukee restaurant, which happens to be in walking distance from the church. It's a Serbian Restaurant located down by St. Josaphat's Basilica. The food is fantastic, the staff is friendly, they have traditional live Serbian music on Saturday evenings, and their prices are quite reasonable. Hopefully, he is able to enjoy all this, as his flights up were plagued with cancelations, re-routings, and delays from the snowstorms up there, which turned an hour flight into an entire day traveling.

I hope that I don't have similar types of travel woes, as I leave to head down for the loop through the three Texas missions. In addition to bringing the sacraments, we will do the blessing of the throats, which is traditionally done around the feast of St. Blaise, which we celebrated on the 3rd of February. The trip south comes at just the right time too, as there are cold fronts moving through this weekend, which is set to drop the temperatures up north very low and it will be even cold here in Cincinnati.

On Tuesday, both the Bishop and I fly back to Ohio. He is hopeful that he will be able to get back to the church in time to be with our newest friends...the local Tea Party group. Crisis certainly makes strange allies. The Tea Party is a group of politically active conservatives. A few of our parishioners had joined their group and they needed a new location to have their monthly meetings. We were asked if they might use our social hall and we said yes, as it seemed to be a good public relations point. However, it has turned out to be even more positive. They have since become allies in fighting the RINO governor and his policies stripping

liberties, they have invited Bp. Dolan to speak to the group, and some of them have even begun to make St. Gertrude their church.

Are you preparing for yourself for a good and holy Lent? I always think of Septuagesima season as a time where we should begin looking and thinking about what sacrifices we can make during Lent that are both a true offering from us to God and also beneficial for the strengthening of our souls.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

*** Article on the New Coronavirus Vaccine ***

I have written an article on the subject of the new coronavirus vaccine. I wrote this with research assistance by a parishioner who has a doctorate in molecular biology and biochemistry. Please read and share. You can access the article by clicking the link below.

<http://bit.ly/2Xo5Yiq>

A Prayer to St. John of Matha

Glorious St. John of Matha, thou who wast inflamed with a great love of God and a tender compassion for thy neighbor, and wast divinely chosen to found the famous Order of the Holy Trinity, and didst spend thy days in glorifying that assurable mystery and in redeeming Christians from the most miserable slavery; obtain for us, we beseech thee, the grace to pass our lives also in glorifying the most blessed Trinity, and in doing good to our neighbor, by works of Christian charity, so that it may be our happy portion to enjoy in Heaven the blessed vision of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen
(Indulgence 100 days)

Indulgenced Prayer of Our Lady of Lourdes

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, who to reanimate the faith of the world and draw men to thy divine Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, didst deign to appear at Lourdes; thou who, in order to render more manifest thy maternal tenderness, and to inspire our hearts with greater confidence, didst choose a simple little child as the confidant of thy mercy; thou who didst say: "I am the Immaculate Conception" to make us understand the priceless value of that innocence which is the pledge of the friendship of God; thou who by eighteen successive apparitions didst not cease by thy actions and words to urge men to prayer and penance, which alone can appease Heaven and ward off the blows of divine justice; thou who, by a moving appeal to the world,

hast reunited before the miraculous grotto an innumerable multitude of thy children; behold us, Our Lady of Lourdes, prostrate at thy feet, and confident of obtaining blessings and graces from God by thy most powerful intercession. Those who love thee, O Mother of Jesus Christ, Mother of men, desire above everything to serve God faithfully in this world, so as to have the happiness of loving Him eternally in Heaven. Listen to the prayers which we this day address to thee; defend us against the enemies of our salvation, and against our own infirmities; together with the pardon of our sins, obtain for us perseverance in the determination never to fall away again. We implore thee also to take under thy protection our friends and benefactors, and of these in a very special manner those who have abandoned the practice of their Christian duties. May they be converted and become thy faithful servants. Amen.

(Indulgence 300 day, Pope Leo XIII)

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes for a Sick Person

O Mary, conceived without sin, our Lady of Lourdes, who dost draw from all parts thy children to the Grotto of the apparitions; thou never ceasest to encourage, by innumerable benefits, the filial confidence of those who have responded to thy invitation. Suffering in body and soul, I come in the company of thousands and thousands of poor sick people to throw myself at thy feet and implore thee to heal me. O Mother of goodness, and all-powerful with our Lord, grant that I may be delivered from my infirmities, and that I may be able to consecrate my renewed strength to the service of God and of my brethren. How sweet it would be for me to proclaim that I owe to thy intercession the restoration of my health, which, while bearing witness to thy goodness to me, might be also a motive of conversion for many a soul.

But I desire, above everything, to abandon myself into thy maternal hands. If it be the will of Jesus Christ, my divine Savior, to which thy will is ever united, that the chalice of my sufferings should not at present depart from me, I desire the grace to say, with resignation and love, that I, too, will the same. Cause me, then, to be penetrated to the depths of my heart with a full and perfect acceptance of that consoling and heaven-sent doctrine: that the God of goodness loves us infinitely, always and under all circumstances, but especially without doubt when he associates us with the sufferings of Jesus Christ and fastens us to his Cross.

O Immaculate Virgin, our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of a God Who was a man of sorrows, thy divine Son wished thee to be at his side on Calvary, whilst He suffered and died for us. He loves thee as only God could love a mother, and yet He willed that thy soul should be pierced with a sword of grief, so that thy love for Him should be revealed, and expand by sharing in his inexpressible sufferings. Obtain for me this grace, our Lady of Lourdes, consoler of the afflicted, health of the sick, that I may love God more and more, in proportion as He prolongs and aggravates my trials. This would be a miracle greater than my sudden and complete restoration. To restore my health a single word would suffice, spoken by thee in the name and with the power of Him Who is thy Son, while He is also thy God; but that the grace of resignation in suffering should make me accept with joy my sickness and its many painful consequences, this I feel to be in an eminent degree the work of the Most High. I see that it is in some sort easier for

God to heal my sufferings than to make me love them.

But, if thou desirest it, my weakness will have for support a supernatural force which will render it victorious, and so manifest the extent of thy power. Would that the pains of my malady, sanctified by submission to the divine will, could be united to the agony of my Divine Savior; would that my tears, mixed with his tears and his blood, could effect the expiation of my past sins, and draw down the graces of resurrection on poor souls dying or dead in sin. May the abundance of thy gifts, O my God, be granted, I beseech Thee, in the name of thy Mother, especially to those who are united to me by ties of blood or friendship. Grant that my sufferings, until it shall please thee to put an end to them, may open for them a fountain of mercies. O Mother of Sorrows and Mother of merciful bounty, who stood erect at the foot of the Cross, pray for us, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

(Indulgence 300 days Pope Pius X)

Prayer for Married People

My Saviour Jesus, Who hast united us in so indissoluble a tie by means of a great sacrament, maintain us in a spirit of union and concord, loving one another as Thou dost love the Church; give us the spirit of patience and gentleness, peacefully to bear with each other's faults; arm us with the spirit of prudence and holiness, so that we may always remain within the limits of our duties, and in no way offend Thee by any act opposed to the profound respect due to Thy sacrament. Send us a spirit of prudent concern and forethought, that we may with justice and charity provide for the needs of our family. Preserve us from the spirit of the world and the love of its vanities, so that we may only seek to please Thee, our God, our Love, the true bond of our hearts. Inspire us with a true spirit of faith, so that our home may be a school of piety, and a sanctuary where all virtue may be found. Far from us, O God! far from us the misfortune of being the cause of our children's ruin through our over-indulgence or our disedifying life. Far be from our home whatever could be a scandal or an occasion of sin. O Mary! to thy maternal heart we recommend our children: be to them a Mother, and form their hearts to virtue. Tender Mother, may they be pious, charitable, and always Christian; may their lives, filled with good works, be crowned by a holy death. O Mary, may we all be reunited in heaven, there to contemplate thy glory, to celebrate thy goodness to us, and thy love, and to bless thee eternally with thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.