



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details: TBA in November

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

Autumn has finally arrived in Cincinnati. The leaves have begun to change, and we have finally had the cool crisp weather roll in, which makes for just beautiful days, where there is a great joy found in every open window. And with the autumn weather, huge flocks of starlings swarm throughout the skies, causing a bit of a Hitchcockian look to the church grounds from time to time. However, these starlings don't peck at the eyes of those who view them, but instead put on aerial shows, as thousands of birds move through the air together and create the illusion of a rapidly moving cloud.

On Friday, I drove myself up to Milwaukee for the weekend, after which, I head up to North Dakota for the beginning part of the week. I was in for a surprise when I arrived at the local car rental service to pick up my car. The agent informed me that, generally, they won't be doing one-way rentals any longer, due to car supply problems. However, because I was able to book the car, they would honor it...but with only one vehicle option...apparently that option is an old and battered white pickup truck. I now look like I belong to ISIS and should be driving through the desert with a turban wearing man standing behind a mounted machinegun on the back, haha! Hopefully it gets me to the end...I still have probably about 1,300 miles to go.

In Cincinnati, everyone else is participating in the annual Forty Hours celebration, where public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from Friday into Sunday, with its beautiful Solemn Masses. It is a great opportunity for an immense amount of graces for the parish and for everyone's intentions. There is so much empty noise in the world and so much around us that not only distracts us, but actually serves to disturb our peace of heart and discourage us...attempting to cause us to lose hope. But there in our church, in the quiet of the hours of the night, is the King of Peace. He, Who's Providence guides all and Who hears each one of our humble little prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

Mission of the Holy Ghost for Mission Sunday

God, however, chose by that same Holy Spirit to create for Himself an external love and glory. He would make a human heart and mind so that through them He could receive a creation's praise. In this aspect the Holy Spirit is called the gift of God: "the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, Who is given to us." Every act of love therefore which we make is but God's Spirit coming to us and returning through us to Himself. He is thus the source of all those gifts which draw us nearer to God. The rite by which we are raised to the position of heirs of the kingdom of heaven is the washing with water, the Sacrament which symbolizes and causes the action of the Holy Spirit in our souls. "Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water, and of the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." If we have fallen away from baptismal innocence, and wish to be restored again to God's favor, it must be by the power of the Holy Spirit acting through priestly ministry. "Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven; them; and whose sins you shall retain they are retained." Indeed, whether our graces come through the Sacraments or outside the Sacraments, whether they be the graces of faith, wisdom, knowledge, healing, tongues, prophecy, "in all these things one and the same Spirit worketh, dividing to everyone according as He will."

We do not know the laws by which He acts. The Spirit breatheth where He will. Only this law we know--that He is ever with us with sufficient light and strength for all our needs He is called the finger of God's right hand. Therefore, it is that He is always leading us gently and sweetly even though we be unconscious of His influence. We may seem at times to be making our own spiritual careers and saving our souls by methods which we judge best and safest. But as we grow older we begin to realize that it is another who guides us. We had thought we were choosing Him when in reality He was choosing us. It is not necessary to have lived very long in order to look back on the past and recognize the control of the Holy Spirit. Strangely enough we see this when it is all over, and either cannot or will not, see it when it is taking place. We are like the disciples who walked with our Lord to Emmaus. They did not realize on the way to whom they were talking. But when, at supper. He made Himself known, then they remembered how their hearts had burned within them.

The action of the Holy Spirit within us, strengthening us in all our spiritual efforts, gives Him the title of Comforter. In this office He uses a special Sacrament, the laying on of hands. By the strength received in Confirmation, we are fortified against dangers to our faith, and through our faith against dangers to our moral life. In the constant, daily, hourly struggle it is the Holy Spirit Who is our mainstay.

Prayer to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

How much I love Thee, O my Jesus. I wish to love Thee with my whole heart; yet I do not love Thee enough. My lack of devotion and my sloth make me anxious. I have one desire, that of being near Thee in the Blessed Sacrament. Thou art the sweet bridegroom of my soul. My Jesus, my love, my all, gladly would I endure hunger, thirst, heat, and cold to remain always with Thee in the Blessed Sacrament. Would that in Thy Eucharistic presence I might unceasingly weep over my sins. Take entire possession of me. To Thee I consecrate all the powers of soul and body, my whole being. Would that I could infuse into all hearts a burning love for Thee. What great glory would be given to Thee here on earth, if every heart were an altar on which every human will were laid in perfect conformity with Thy will to be consumed by the first of Thy love.

— Ven. John Neumann

John Neumann († 1860) was born in Bohemia. He moved to America, joined the Redemptorists, and was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852.



Prayer to St. Raphael

Glorious Archangel, St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by thy gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler of the unfortunate and refuge of sinners, I entreat thee to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life, as thou didst once assist the young Tobias in his journeying. And since thou art the "physician of God," I humbly pray thee to heal my soul of its many infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor is for my greater good. I ask, especially, for angelic purity, that I may be made fit to be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Indulgence of 100 days.----Leo XIII., June 21, 1890)

Roman Adame Rosales

The pastor of a parish in Nochistlan, Mexico, Father Roman Adame Rosales promoted All Night Adoration, founding for the women of the parish an association committed to this form of prayer. He was remembered for his deep humility and his great compassion for the sick. As the Masonic Mexican, Marxist government intensified its ruthless persecution of the Catholic Church, Fr. Adame continued his priestly ministry in secret. He was at a ranch to administer the sacraments on April 18, 1927, when he commented, "What happiness to be a martyr, to give my life for my people." Among those present was an informer who subsequently revealed the priest's whereabouts to a government official. On the following morning, Fr. Adame was arrested. When he was made to walk barefoot from one town to another, one soldier, moved to compassion for the aged priest, gave him his horse to ride. On April 21, 1927, Fr. Adame was executed in a church cemetery. One member of the firing squad who refused to participate in the execution was shot to death with the priest.