



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details: TBA in October

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm
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Note From Father

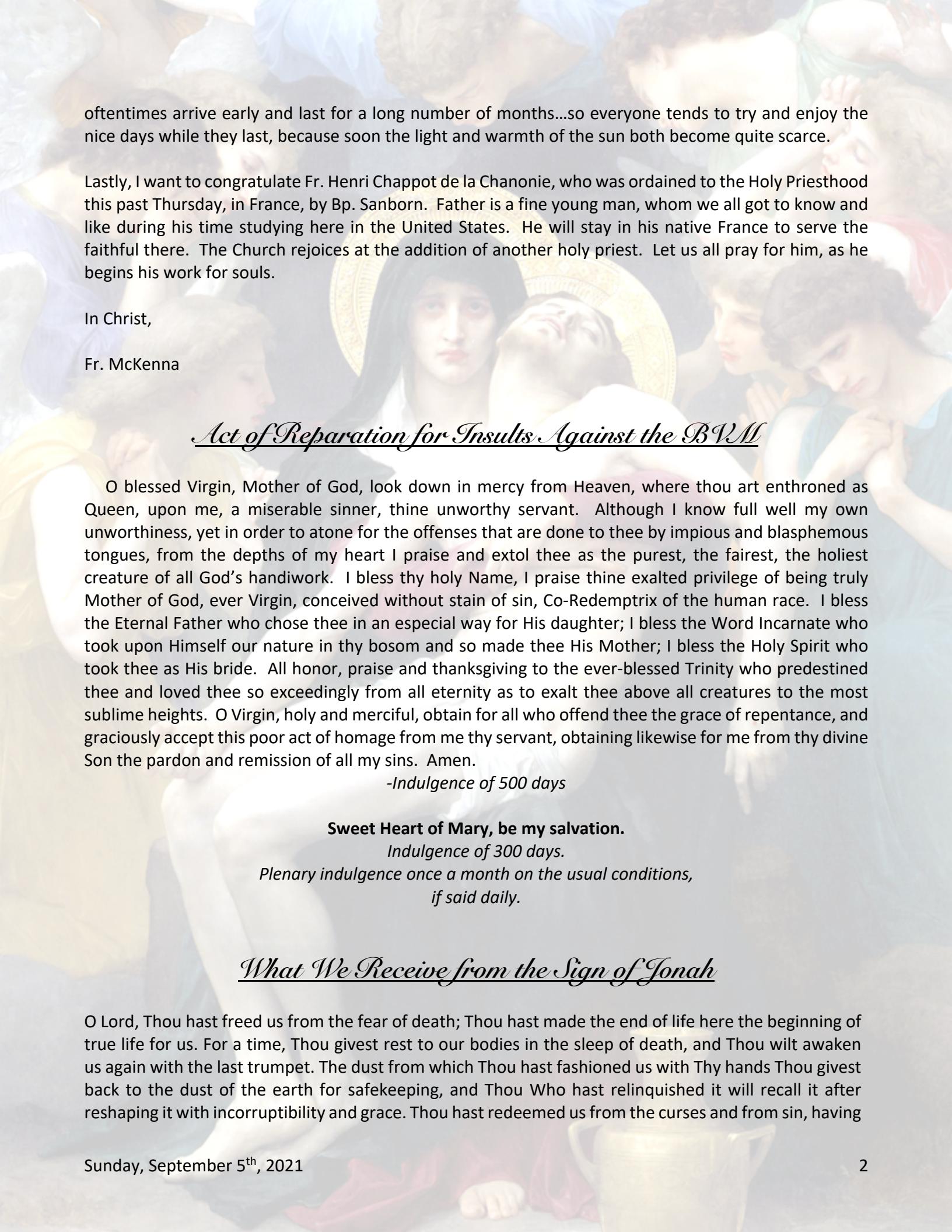
Dear Faithful,

I arrived back here at St. Gertrude's after a trip down through all of the Texas missions. While Hurricane Ida pounded Louisiana last weekend, the sun was out in Texas. It was a strong sun that brought some very hot and humid weather and several thunderstorms, which only served to increase the humidity. Thankfully, when I arrived back home in Ohio, I found the temperatures to be a bit more seasonable. It was dry, mild, and pleasant, providing some much-needed relief to this northern boy.

This Saturday, September 11th, marks the one-year anniversary of the death of Fr. Anthony Cekada. I can't believe that time has gone by so quickly and that so much has happened in a year's time.... especially over the past year. He is truly missed, more than can be expressed by mere words, by us here at St. Gertrude's. There will be a Solemn High Requiem Mass for him next Saturday, for any who want to tune in via the webcast. Afterwards, the clergy and some of the faithful will go and pray the Holy Rosary at his grave.

I will be in Fr. Cekada's hometown of Milwaukee for his anniversary, and will offer our own Requiem Mass there, too. It is comforting to know that many more prayers and masses will join ours for the repose of the soul of our dear friend and faithful servant of the Church. Please do remember him in your own prayers on his anniversary day.

Before I head to Milwaukee, I head mid-week to the North Dakota missions. The cooler weather of the start of autumn has already arrived up there and present them with some of the most pleasant days of the whole year. However, the faithful there know that these days are short lived, as the cold and snow



oftentimes arrive early and last for a long number of months...so everyone tends to try and enjoy the nice days while they last, because soon the light and warmth of the sun both become quite scarce.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Fr. Henri Chappot de la Chanonie, who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood this past Thursday, in France, by Bp. Sanborn. Father is a fine young man, whom we all got to know and like during his time studying here in the United States. He will stay in his native France to serve the faithful there. The Church rejoices at the addition of another holy priest. Let us all pray for him, as he begins his work for souls.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

Act of Reparation for Insults Against the BVM

O blessed Virgin, Mother of God, look down in mercy from Heaven, where thou art enthroned as Queen, upon me, a miserable sinner, thine unworthy servant. Although I know full well my own unworthiness, yet in order to atone for the offenses that are done to thee by impious and blasphemous tongues, from the depths of my heart I praise and extol thee as the purest, the fairest, the holiest creature of all God's handiwork. I bless thy holy Name, I praise thine exalted privilege of being truly Mother of God, ever Virgin, conceived without stain of sin, Co-Redemptrix of the human race. I bless the Eternal Father who chose thee in an especial way for His daughter; I bless the Word Incarnate who took upon Himself our nature in thy bosom and so made thee His Mother; I bless the Holy Spirit who took thee as His bride. All honor, praise and thanksgiving to the ever-blessed Trinity who predestined thee and loved thee so exceedingly from all eternity as to exalt thee above all creatures to the most sublime heights. O Virgin, holy and merciful, obtain for all who offend thee the grace of repentance, and graciously accept this poor act of homage from me thy servant, obtaining likewise for me from thy divine Son the pardon and remission of all my sins. Amen.

-*Indulgence of 500 days*

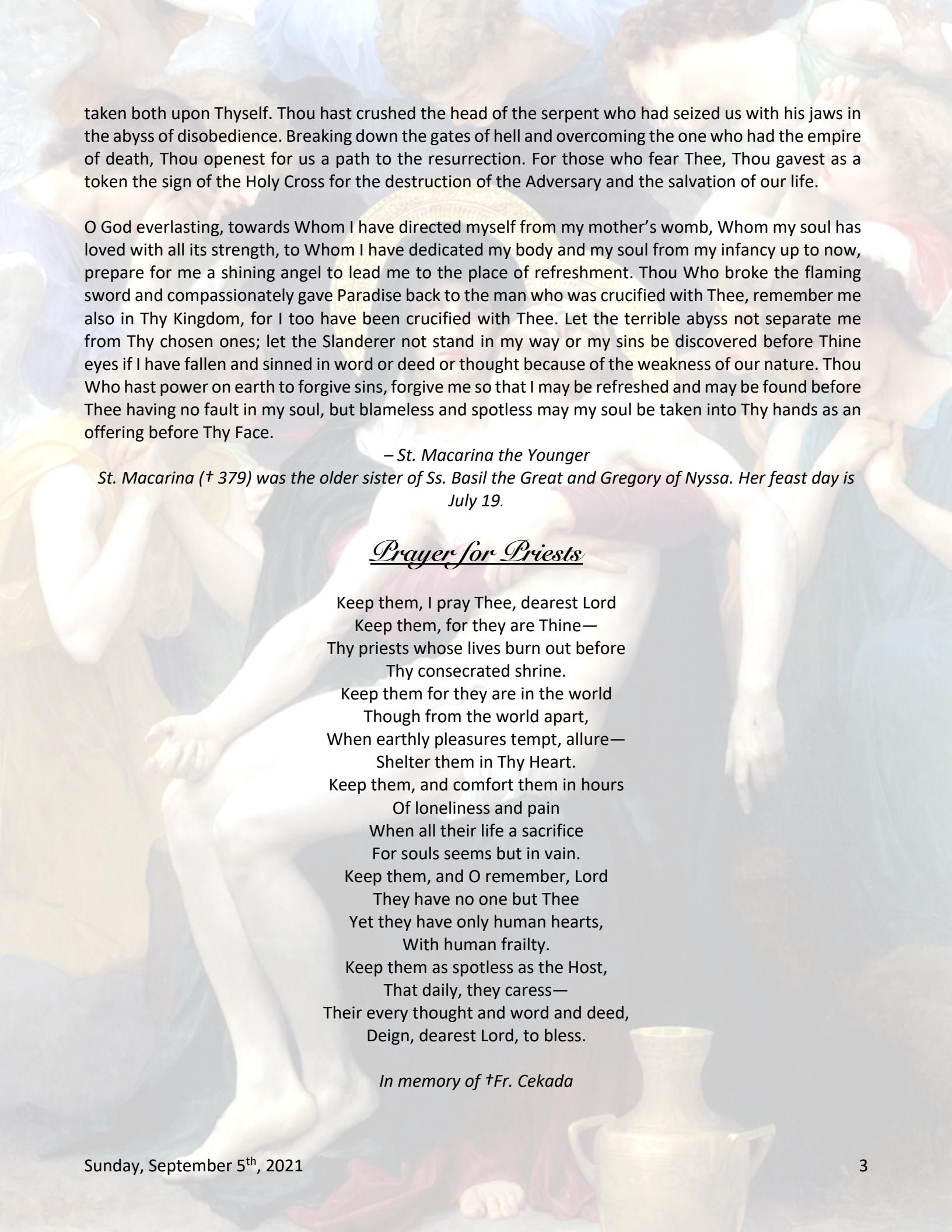
Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

Indulgence of 300 days.

*Plenary indulgence once a month on the usual conditions,
if said daily.*

What We Receive from the Sign of Jonah

O Lord, Thou hast freed us from the fear of death; Thou hast made the end of life here the beginning of true life for us. For a time, Thou givest rest to our bodies in the sleep of death, and Thou wilt awaken us again with the last trumpet. The dust from which Thou hast fashioned us with Thy hands Thou givest back to the dust of the earth for safekeeping, and Thou Who hast relinquished it will recall it after reshaping it with incorruptibility and grace. Thou hast redeemed us from the curses and from sin, having



taken both upon Thyself. Thou hast crushed the head of the serpent who had seized us with his jaws in the abyss of disobedience. Breaking down the gates of hell and overcoming the one who had the empire of death, Thou openest for us a path to the resurrection. For those who fear Thee, Thou gavest as a token the sign of the Holy Cross for the destruction of the Adversary and the salvation of our life.

O God everlasting, towards Whom I have directed myself from my mother's womb, Whom my soul has loved with all its strength, to Whom I have dedicated my body and my soul from my infancy up to now, prepare for me a shining angel to lead me to the place of refreshment. Thou Who broke the flaming sword and compassionately gave Paradise back to the man who was crucified with Thee, remember me also in Thy Kingdom, for I too have been crucified with Thee. Let the terrible abyss not separate me from Thy chosen ones; let the Slanderer not stand in my way or my sins be discovered before Thine eyes if I have fallen and sinned in word or deed or thought because of the weakness of our nature. Thou Who hast power on earth to forgive sins, forgive me so that I may be refreshed and may be found before Thee having no fault in my soul, but blameless and spotless may my soul be taken into Thy hands as an offering before Thy Face.

—St. Macarina the Younger

St. Macarina († 379) was the older sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa. Her feast day is July 19.

Prayer for Priests

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord
Keep them, for they are Thine—
Thy priests whose lives burn out before
Thy consecrated shrine.
Keep them for they are in the world
Though from the world apart,
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure—
Shelter them in Thy Heart.
Keep them, and comfort them in hours
Of loneliness and pain
When all their life a sacrifice
For souls seems but in vain.
Keep them, and O remember, Lord
They have no one but Thee
Yet they have only human hearts,
With human frailty.
Keep them as spotless as the Host,
That daily, they caress—
Their every thought and word and deed,
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

In memory of †Fr. Cekada



Prayer to Nicholas of Tolentino

Good and faithful servant, thou hast entered into the joy of thy Lord. He has broken thy bonds; and from heaven, where thou art now reigning, thou repeated to us those words which determined the sanctity of thy life on earth: Love not the world, nor the things which are in the world. For the world passeth away, and the concupiscence thereof. How much a man thus forgetful of earth, can do for his fellowmen, is evinced by the gift thou didst receive of solacing all the miseries around thee, and succoring the souls in Purgatory. The successor of St. Peter was not deceived, when, in ranking thee among the Saints, he counted on thy power in heaven to bring back society from its long-continued state of disturbance to the paths of peace. May that word of the beloved disciple, which thou hast just echoed to us, sink into our souls as a seed of salvation, and there yield the fruits that it produced in thee:-- detachment from all temporal things and a longing for eternal realities; that humble simplicity of the soul's eye which makes life a peaceful journey towards God; and lastly, that purity, which made thee the friend of Angels and the favorite of Mary.

A Thought about Crosses

The cross accepted in a spirit of sacrifice, is never fruitless. Blessed is he who is ready for everything, who never says: It is too much! Blessed is he who builds not upon self, but upon the All-powerful, who wishes for no more consolation than God gives, and who feeds only upon the Divine Will!

The cross is, for faithful souls, so assured a sign of mercy, and one so rich in the promise of an abundant harvest, that faith should make us rejoice in it despite the resistance of nature. We find peace when in resignation, and by it we offer to Him the sacrifice of our sweet pleasures. God urges the soul to the utmost to put off all that is not Himself. What else remains but courageously to be crucified upon it? When He, our good Father, has tried us sufficiently, then He consoles. But His manner of doing so is not like that of creatures, whose sympathy only serves to nourish self-love. The consolation of God is true and lasting