



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

To be announced for September 2026

Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:30pm

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2

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Announcements

Bp. McGuire will come for Confirmations on October 11th. If you haven't been Confirmed or if you have been Confirmed with the new rite of Confirmation (after 1969), please email Fr. McKenna so we can have an accurate count of those needing Confirmation. Fill out and return a Confirmation Request form along with your baptismal certificate **as soon as possible**.

Note From Father

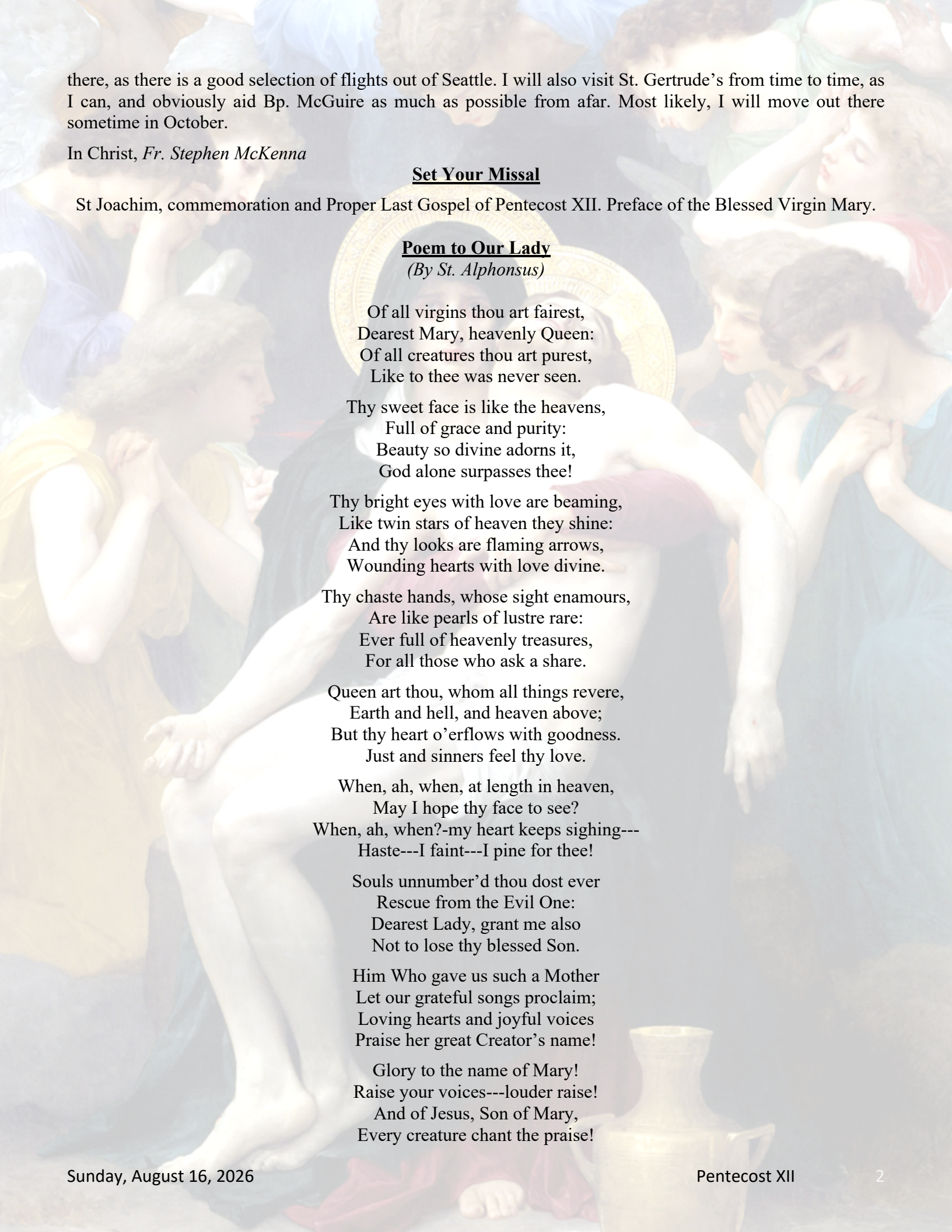
Dear Faithful,

I drove up to Milwaukee Friday and we had a wonderful feast of the Assumption here at St. Hugh's, with a nicely sung High Mass and the traditional blessing of herb, fruits, and flowers prior to the Mass. These sacramentals are blessed to honor the miraculous scent of beautiful flowers in Our Lady's tomb at the discovery of her Assumption into heaven. Coinciding with the time of harvest for crops, we recognize our dependency on heaven to provide for the workings of heaven to grow what sustains our earthly lives. Likewise, we are dependent on the fruits of the Redemption, which is grace, to help us save our souls.

We had a lot of severe thunderstorms this past week in Cincinnati. This led to power outages in some places, trees knocked down in others, and widespread flooding in many areas, especially after we had received something like 4 ½ inches of rain on Wednesday alone. However, thanks to answered prayers, we were still able to have the Fatima Rosary procession, as planned Thursday evening. Bp. Dolan always asked the Infant Jesus for his weather needs, and it was uncanny how often such prayers were answered. So, Bp. McGuire and I determined to turn to the same Holy Child (and I asked Bp. Dolan to pray too, for good measure). It seemed quite threatening as the time of the procession neared, but when I checked the radar right before the decision needed to be, the imminent storm had split into two pieces with a narrow gap between them...and we fit right into the gap!! The procession was on, and only a light sprinkle was had at the start before stopping all together. Moreover, many others had the same confidence, as 91 people were in attendance for the procession!

It looked like the weather was going to be bad for my drive up here on Friday, but again, I was fortunate. However, what did not part for me was the traffic. The journey took more than an hour longer than usual because of it. It is only the first leg, however, as I continue today through all the northern missions this week and am with you again next weekend.

In a final bit of news, Fr. Hector Romero has been helping Fr. Ercoli in Seattle for several years now. However, his work visa is expiring, and he has applied for permanent residency. There is only one problem...under the new Trump rules, Fr. Romero must return home to Argentina to wait for approval for his green card. The expected wait time is between one and three years! This really leaves Fr. Ercoli in a hard place, as he runs two chapels and our seminary. After several discussions between Bp. McGuire, Fr. Ercoli, and myself, we have decided that I will temporarily move to Seattle to help Fr. Ercoli. Fr. Ercoli has helped us so much over the years it is only fair that we are able to help him during this time, and I simply made the most sense, of the clergy at St. Gertrude's, to make the move. I will still be able to run St. Anthony's and our other missions from



there, as there is a good selection of flights out of Seattle. I will also visit St. Gertrude's from time to time, as I can, and obviously aid Bp. McGuire as much as possible from afar. Most likely, I will move out there sometime in October.

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

St Joachim, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XII. Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Poem to Our Lady

(By St. Alphonsus)

Of all virgins thou art fairest,
Dearest Mary, heavenly Queen:
Of all creatures thou art purest,
Like to thee was never seen.

Thy sweet face is like the heavens,
Full of grace and purity:
Beauty so divine adorns it,
God alone surpasses thee!

Thy bright eyes with love are beaming,
Like twin stars of heaven they shine:
And thy looks are flaming arrows,
Wounding hearts with love divine.

Thy chaste hands, whose sight enamours,
Are like pearls of lustre rare:
Ever full of heavenly treasures,
For all those who ask a share.

Queen art thou, whom all things revere,
Earth and hell, and heaven above;
But thy heart o'erflows with goodness.
Just and sinners feel thy love.

When, ah, when, at length in heaven,
May I hope thy face to see?
When, ah, when?-my heart keeps sighing---
Haste---I faint---I pine for thee!

Souls unnumber'd thou dost ever
Rescue from the Evil One:
Dearest Lady, grant me also
Not to lose thy blessed Son.

Him Who gave us such a Mother
Let our grateful songs proclaim;
Loving hearts and joyful voices
Praise her great Creator's name!

Glory to the name of Mary!
Raise your voices---louder raise!
And of Jesus, Son of Mary,
Every creature chant the praise!



Act of Atonement to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Mary, Mother of my Saviour, chosen before all ages to crush the head of the infernal serpent, how can there have been men capable of insulting thy name, thy images, and thy glorious privileges, and even of abolishing all devotion to thee! How can there ever have been hearts so unnatural as to despise and hate thee, who so fully deservest the utmost respect, and the most tender affection of angels and of men! Prostrate at thy feet my august Queen, I grieve for such insults, which have afflicted thy heart; and to this heart therefore I offer my atonement. Accept, O Mary, this act of reparation; I wish to feel for thee all the respect, love, and gratitude, which are so justly due to thee; I offer thee my homage, my praise, and my grief, regretting that I cannot by these sentiments make reparation for the contempt, hatred, and blasphemies of thy enemies. Amen

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart

Heart of Mary, Mother of God, and our Mother, heart deserving of all love, and most pleasing to the blessed Trinity, worthy of the affection and veneration of Angels and of men, heart most resembling the Heart of Jesus, of Which thou art the most perfect image, heart full of goodness and compassion for our wretchedness, we beseech thee to soften our icy hearts, and help us to turn completely to our Divine Saviour. Inspire us with a love of thy virtues, and inflame us with the holy fire with which thou burnest; embrace and guard the holy Church, and be ever her sweet asylum, and her impregnable fortress against the attacks of her enemies; be thou our guide to Jesus, and the channel by which we may receive all the graces necessary for our salvation; be our help in our necessities, our comfort in affliction, our support in temptation, our refuge in persecution, our aid in every danger, but especially in the struggles of our last moments, when Hell will be let loose against us, to snatch our souls. In that fearful moment on which our Eternity depends, then, O most blessed Virgin, let us experience the goodness of thy maternal heart, and the greatness of thy power with the Heart of Jesus, by opening to us a secure refuge in that Source of all mercy, that so we may bless Him with thee in Heaven for ever and ever. Amen.

(60 Days Indulgence)