



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Mass Locations:

Monday, June 28th:

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

Hyatt Place Austin/Cedar Park

1315 East New Hope Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78641

Sunday, July 18th:

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

We had the perfect weather for our parish cookout and bonfire on the Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. People came from out of town to visit, including Fr. Oscar Saavedra, who came down with his mother from Detroit, Michigan. Fr. McGuire was like the Pied Piper, leading a group of pint sized parishioners to the land of Marshmallows. He and all his crew gleefully sat around with their sticks, roasting their treats. The sugar rush and sticky fingers did not, however, prevent them from devoutly praying the Rosary with the rest of us.

I start this weekend here, at St. Gertrude's. However, on Sunday, I travel down to Dallas to begin the Texas run of missions with an evening Mass in Dallas. Monday sees me move on to Austin and then Tuesday on to El Paso. While I know that Summer in Texas is always hot, I am definitely hoping that this week has a little bit of mercy on me...I am an Irishman...we weren't created for triple digit heat.

Fr. McGuire is headed up to Milwaukee today for the weekend. He has a couple of sick calls to do this weekend, along with the Masses and devotions before heading down to say a mission Mass for the faithful on the south side of Chicago.

In Christ, Father McKenna



St. Irenaeus

St. Irenaeus, one of the first systematic theologians of the Church, was born in Asia Minor. At some point he made his way to Lyons, a major Roman outpost in Gaul, where he was ordained a presbyter. In 177, while he was on a mission in Rome, a wave of savage persecution swept over the Church in Lyons. Upon his return Irenaeus found that his own bishop, Pothinus, was among the martyrs. He was chosen to take his place.

In the rapid proliferation of Gnostic sects, Bishop Irenaeus came to believe the Church faced a threat even greater than persecution. One of the typical features of Gnosticism was a sharply dualistic understanding of matter and spirit. It was impossible for Gnostics to imagine any direct interaction between these two realms, either in the Christian doctrines of creation or in the incarnation.

Irenaeus wrote his principal work to counter these ideas. He underscored the links between the Old and New Testament, insisting on the identity between the God of creation and the God of salvation. There was nothing inherently corrupt in creation; it was only through the distortion of sin that human beings lost their "likeness to God." This was restored in the obedience of Christ, who corrected the story of the first Adam. Only the God who created human beings could also save us; and only that which was truly assumed (humanity in the incarnation) could also be redeemed.

Irenaeus died as a martyr sometime around the year 200.

"For the glory of God is the living man, and the life of man is the vision of God." - St. Irenaeus

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is supposed to have been painted on a piece of wood in the 13th century, but may date back to St. Luke. In the 15th century it was brought to Rome by a pious merchant and is now venerated in the Church of St. Alphonsus, in charge of the Redemptorist Fathers. The feast was established in 1871 by Pius IX. Of all heavenly patrons, Mary is your most powerful helper before the throne of God. Her dignity of Mother of God, her ardent charity, and the fact that Jesus gave her to you as Mother, enable her to obtain for you through her intercession more than all the angels and saints can obtain.

When you are in need, remember you have a kind Mother to help you—the Mother of Perpetual Help.

"We must in all our actions regard Mary as an accomplished model of every virtue and perfection, which the Holy Spirit has formed in a pure creature for us to imitate according to our little measure." – St. Louis de Montfort

Our Land and Our Lady

America must be reborn. Mary must be the Mother of its regeneration. She is the hope of the future, the Mother of its peace.

In this our age, when the hearts of men are far from God and His living tabernacles are defiled by so much sin, Mary has come to reveal Herself in the dazzling splendor of Her purity and in all the fragrance and sweetness of Her love.

We read in the Gospel that, when the wine ran short in Cana of Galilee, Mary went to Her Divine Son and asked Him to work His first miracle. She will do the same today in behalf of our country. The cup of human happiness is empty; the wine that gladdens the hearts of men is run out, and we have dug for ourselves empty cisterns that hold no water. We have left our Father's home to seek happiness where it cannot be found—among the fleshpots of earthly pleasures; we have turned a deaf ear to the promptings of grace and the supplications of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And now, when the cup has been drained to the muddy lees, Mary comes with a mother's care and mother's blessing.

If She does not conquer now, nothing will. She is our life, our sweetness, and our hope. Our Divine Savior has kept the best wine until now. There is no doubt that God wishes to deploy and display Mary, the Masterpiece of His Hands, in this our day. Being the way by which Jesus came to us for the first time, She will also be the way He will come a second time, though not in the same manner. Being the sure means and the straight and the immaculate to go to Jesus and find Him perfectly, it is by Her that the holy souls who are to shine forth especially in sanctity have to find Our Lord. He who shall find Mary shall find Life. For, the Lord is with Her; and if He wants His grace in our souls, the light of His Faith in our minds and the warmth of His love in our hearts, we must fly to Her Who is the last refuge of a despairing world. Mary must shine forth more than ever before in mercy and might and majesty in this our day and in this our land, for She is the splendor of God's holiness and the echo of His life.

Novena to Sts. Peter and Paul

O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, I choose you this day and forever to be my special patrons and advocates; thee, Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, because thou art the Rock, upon which Almighty God hath built His Church; thee, Saint Paul, because thou wast fore-chosen by God as the Vessel of election and the Preacher of truth in the whole world. Obtain for me, I pray you, lively faith, firm hope, and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be able to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for endless ages, to enjoy His presence and love Him forever.
Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

V. Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.

R. They shall be mindful of Thy name, O Lord.

Let us pray:

O God, Whose right hand raised up blessed Peter, when he walked upon the water and began to sink, and thrice delivered his fellow-Apostle Paul from the depths of the sea, when he suffered shipwreck: graciously hear us and grant, by the merits of them both, that we also may attain unto everlasting glory: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen

(An Indulgence of 500 days.)



Offering of the Precious Blood

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in Atonement for my sins, and in supplication for the holy souls in purgatory and for the needs of Holy Church.

(500 days indulgence. An indulgence of 3 years if recited during the month of July)