Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

To be announced for December 2026
Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:30pm
Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2
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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

Fr. Brueggemann was having leftover flight problems from Friday's FAA shutdown of the entire American airspace. He woke up Saturday morning to see his flight to Dallas canceled. It seemed that only Saturday Mass would be a casualty, as he was able to be rebooked on an evening flight… but that flight ended up being canceled right when he arrived at the airport, and so the whole weekend was a wash. Oh, the joys of modern travel!

We have had Forty Hours devotion this weekend in Milwaukee. I know it seems a bit of insult to injury mentioning this but be assured that I have been keeping you all in my prayers during this time. The ceremonies have all gone well thus far, all the hours of adoration have been covered, and the attendance has been good.

Monday is the feast St. Gertrude the Great. Please be sure to keep Bp. McGuire and Fr. Lehtoranta in your prayers, as it is their priestly anniversaries. Bp. McGuire has been a priest for 21 years and Fr. Lehtoranta for 15 years. They will celebrate their anniversaries and patronal feast day with a High Mass, followed by a pizza party with the school kids… and then vespers and benediction.

My mission trip up north to the Northern missions last week went off without a hitch. The weather was surprisingly quite nice and mild for November. Often by this time I am dodging snowflakes and freezing temperatures.

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

Pentecost XXV, second collect of St Albert the Great. Trinity Preface.

Offerings, Petitions, and Thanksgiving of St. Gertrude

O Most holy Father, behold I, Thy most unworthy servant, trusting only in Thine ineffable compassion, have received Thy beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and even now hold Him in my heart as my own possession, most intimately united with me.

Wherefore, receiving this Thy Son into my arms, even as did holy Simeon, I offer Him to Thee with all that love and that fulness of intention wherewith He offered Himself to Thee for Thine everlasting glory, while lying in the manger, and when He was hanging upon the cross. Look, O compassionate Father, on this offering, which I, Thine unworthy servant, make to Thee, my living and true God, to Thine everlasting praise and glory, for Thine infinite rejoicing and delight.

I offer to Thee the same, Thy Son, for myself, and for all those for whom I am accustomed or bound to pray, in thanksgiving for all the benefits Thou hast bestowed on us, and in reparation for all our negligence regarding the practice of virtues and the Performance of good works. I offer Him to Thee to obtain Thy grace and Thy mercy, that we may be preserved and delivered from all evil and sin, succored in every Necessity of body or

of soul, and brought forth through a happy death into everlasting Joys. Finally, I offer Him to Thee for the Remission of all my sins, and in satisfaction for that huge debt which I cannot pay Thee, seeing that it far exceeds even ten thousand talents; humbly casting myself at Thy feet, O most merciful Father, I acknowledge and plead my utter poverty, in union with the bitterness of the passion of Thy most sinless Son, in Whom Thou hast declared Thyself well pleased; and in and through Him I make Thee full reparation and satisfaction for my sins, offering Thee all His sorrows, griefs, and tears, and all that expiation which He made upon the cross for the sins of the whole world.

Remember, also, O Lord, Thy servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace: for all and each of whom I offer Thee that saving Victim Whom I have now received, the body and blood of Thy beloved Son; beseeching Thee, that through His infinite dignity and worth, and through the merits of all saints, Thou wouldst grant them pardon of all their sins, and merciful release from all their pains. Amen.

The Garden of the Souls

Permeate our souls with Thy Holy Body as with leaven; satisfy our longings with good gifts, and grant that the wonderful Sacrament of Thy Flesh and Blood may communicate to us its treasures: truth and virtue, unity and love, purity and piety, resignation and sanctity. Cause us to be incorporated in Thee through Thy Holy Body, so that union with Thee may bring us salvation and we may rejoice over this partaking of Thee. May the spirit that lives in Thee also enliven us and bring light to our thoughts and renew in our souls the holy life that we have lost. Create in us faith and love, give us a spiritual outlook, anoint and strengthen us so that we shall dedicate ourselves entirely to Thee. Give us solicitous charity, a tireless zeal, and an attentive readiness to serve Thy brethren. Give us true faith, firm hope, and perfect charity.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin in the Temple

The exceedingly pure temple of the Savior, the inestimable sheep, the holy Virgin, the sacred ark containing the treasure of the divine majesty, is led today into the house of the Lord; thither she brings the grace of the divine Spirit, while the Angels of God sing her praises, saying: Truly she is the heavenly tabernacle.

While I contemplate the grace of God's ineffable and sacred mysteries, revealed in its plenitude in this Virgin, I am full of joy, and I cannot comprehend the wonderful and inexpressible way in which this chosen and immaculate Virgin surpasses all creatures visible and invisible. Desiring then to applaud her with joyful voice, my thoughts and words fail me; yet I dare to proclaim her praises and exalt her, for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

The Creator, Author, and Lord of all things, out of His incomprehensible mercy and compassion, bent down towards us, and seeing the creature He had made with His own hands fallen away, He in His pity, deigned to restore it by a sublimer work than the creation; for He, so good and merciful, emptied Himself; and in the mystery whereby He freely took on Him our nature, He associated the immaculate Virgin Mary with Himself: and she is the heavenly tabernacle.

The Word of God, our Redeemer, willing to show Himself for our sake in the flesh, brought the Virgin into this world, and honored the coming of that spotless one with new and stupendous gifts; for He gave her as the fruit and reward of prayer, and promised and announced her to Joachim and Anne. Her parents believed the word, and with joyful love they vowed to offer her to the Lord: for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

The lovely Virgin being born according to the divine decree, her holy parents led her to the temple, to fulfill their promise, and give her to her Creator. Anne in her joy thus cried out to the priest: Receive this child, lead her into the most secluded parts of the temple surround her with all care; for she was given to me as the fruit of my prayers, and in the joy of my faith I promised to devote her to God her Creator: she is the heavenly tabernacle.

Prayer to St. Cecilia

Noble and august virgin, fair flower of the sturdy tree of patrician Rome, we salute you with exultant joy, for the shining and triumphant glory which God has given you in the ranks of His. Virgin martyrs. Valiant and

prudent maiden whose faith and love not only triumphed over the tortures of the executioner, but brought to the service of God and to the merit of martyrdom your husband and his brother, gain for us from God, by the power of your pleading to move the loving heart of Christ, zeal for the love of God and the salvation of souls.

Teach us to despise the world as you did for the sake of Christ. Encourage us to influence those about us with loving tact and weariless patience to the greater and greater knowledge, service, and love of God. Nerve us, by the grace which you win for us, to condemn the world, its riches, its pleasures, and honors, to seek after the imperishable riches of heaven, to love Christ so ardently that we may be willing to give up life itself for His love. Teach us to esteem the white flower of purity beyond all earthly possessions.

Though we shall in all likelihood never be called to share your sublime privilege of giving up your life for Christ, yet teach us the spirit of the martyrs, that in the daily sufferings which God shall please to send us we may be martyrs of fidelity and love. Help us, then, through long years, to achieve the heavenly glory which you won in your bright youth by bloody martyrdom. Thus, dear saint, may we see forever in heaven the splendor of your loveliness, through the mercy of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost in the Most Blessed Trinity, lives and reigns, the one true God, world without end. Amen.

