



## Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

### Mass Location:

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room  
4209 Eck Lane Austin Texas 78734 Austin, TX

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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### Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I hope that you are all having a wonderful Easter Week. I am currently traveling about the country, bringing Eastertide Masses to the various missions, both North and South, and write this note from inside the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport while waiting for my flight connection to El Paso, TX.

However, before arriving in Texas, I began up in North Dakota. Spring has sprung there, nice and early. One of the faithful in Grand Forks sent me a little video clip of the mission's Easter Party that they had, with the children running off to find Easter eggs throughout the yard. However, the most notable aspect of the video, as pointed out by the one who filmed it....nobody had to wear a parka to enjoy the outside. This is truly notable for Easter in North Dakota. Minot, likewise was enjoying warm spring weather. However, there was a notable necessity of rain in the western part of the state. There hasn't been any rain to speak of and there was very little snow this winter, so everything is completely dried out. What does this mean?...Fires, some of which have even burnt homes in towns. It also means that the farmers are not able to plant seeds yet, because they would fear losing thousands of dollars in seed if there isn't sufficient rain. I told the parishioners there to pray to St. Scholastica...let's all join them in praying for this intention as well.

The Texas journey is happening in reverse order, which sometimes happens in order to fit all the pieces into the schedule. I fly to El Paso today, continue on to Austin tomorrow, and then drive up after my Mass Saturday evening in Austin to Dallas, in order to be able to offer Mass Sunday morning.

At St. Gertrude, the remaining three of our seminarians have arrived up from Florida for their Easter break and we are always pleased to have them with us. One, Thomas Ojeka, has been with us since Holy Week, as he functioned as our Sub-Deacon for all the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. Now, hopefully they can enjoy a little well deserved break from their studies. We pray they continue to do well in their studies and tests and persevere in their vocations to the priesthood.

In Christ, Fr. McKenna

## *Regina Caeli*

*(To be said in place of the Angelus during Paschaltide)*

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

For He Whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia.

Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

*Let us pray*

O God, Who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

## *Paschal Peace*

Let your whole concern be to possess your soul in peace and serenity of heart. Do not be cast down by anything that happens, except your own sins and those of others and anything that might further be an occasion of sin to you. Let no accident trouble or disquiet you. Do not allow yourself to become angry at the faults of others. Cherish sentiments of sympathy and compassion for all, recognizing that you yourself would be much worse than they, did not Christ Jesus preserve you by His grace.

Furthermore, prepare yourself to suffer for the name of Jesus ignominy, adversity, and grief of all kinds. If the least desire or the slightest thought of self-importance rises within you, even under pretext of magnanimity, crush it on the spot with the staff of the cross, as the head of the infernal serpent. Call to mind the humility and the cruel Passion of the Savior Who, flying royal honors, embraced the cross voluntarily, despising all the shame. Shunning as a deadly poison all human praise, after His example, and happy in your wretchedness, a person who deserves to be despised and trodden under foot

by everyone else

-St. Vincent Ferrer

## *Prayer for Eastertide*

Ant. If you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God.  
Alleluia.

V. This is the day which the Lord hath made.

R. Let us be glad and rejoice therein. Alleluia.

*Let us Pray*

O God, Who dost gladden us with the yearly celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, grant, in Thy mercy, that through the feast which we solemnize in time, we may be worthy to attain to eternal joys. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *The Martyrdom of St. Hermenegild*

It is through a Martyr's palm-branch that we must today see the Paschal Mystery. Hermenegild, a young Visigoth Prince, is put to death by his heretical father, because he courageously refused to receive his Easter Communion from an Arian Bishop. **The Martyr knew that the Eucharist is the sacred symbol of Catholic unity; and that we are not allowed to approach the Holy Table in company with them that are not in the true Church. A sacrilegious consecration gives heretics the real possession of the Divine Mystery, if the priestly character be in him who dares to offer Sacrifice to the God whom he blasphemes; but the Catholic, who knows that he may not so much as pray with heretics, shudders at the sight of the profanation, and would rather die than share, by his presence, in insulting our Redeemer in that very Sacrifice and Sacrament, which were instituted that we might all be made one in God.**

The blood of the Martyr produced its fruit: Spain threw off the chains of heresy that had enslaved her, and a Council, held at Toledo, completed the work of conversion begun by Hermenegild's sacrifice. There are very few instances recorded in history of a whole Nation rising up in a mass to abjure heresy; but Spain did it, for she seems to be a country on which heaven lavishes exceptional blessings. Shortly after this she was put through the ordeal of the Saracen invasion; she triumphed here again by the bravery of her children; and ever since then, her Faith has been so staunch and so pure, as to merit for her the proud title of The Catholic Kingdom.

*-The Liturgical Year*

**\*\*St. Hermenegild suffered martyrdom, rather than receive valid Holy Communion from an Arian Bishop. It is the same reason why we must always refuse to participate in *Una Cum* masses, which insert the name of the heretic Jorge Bergoglio, i.e. "Francis", such as those offered by the SSPX.**