



## 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:

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm  
Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Mass - 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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### *Note From Father*

Dear Faithful,

After being home for a nice little while, the time has come for me to start back out on the road again. It is another long road trip, with me starting out at all the missions in Texas from Saturday through Monday and then ending up in the North country for rest of the week, taking care of all three northern missions as well as our church in Milwaukee, St. Hugh of Lincoln.

Fr. McGuire will have a whirlwind of a weekend for himself. Saturday he has a late morning wedding in Cincinnati at St. Gertrude's. He is marrying a couple from one of his own missions there. After the wedding, he will pack up and head to Milwaukee for the Sunday Masses, and return home afterwards. Hopefully the wedding party gives him a nice piece of cake which he can eat on his ride north!

We are now beginning the Month of May, which is dedicated to Our Lady. It's so fitting, isn't it? The trees, the flowers, the birds, the animals.... all spring to life. The sun shines and the weather is often fine. It is much like our soul. Supernatural grace breathes life into our souls. All good done, all evil avoided...it's all done with the assistance of this grace and it all flows from the loving hands of the Mediatrix of All Graces, the Blessed Virgin Mary. So, be sure to pray to her for all your daily needs. We so often pray for others, when asked, yet often neglect to pray for the graces we need to be successful in our daily battle for our own souls.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

## *Patience in the Trials of Life*

St. James, writing to people, who like him lived in the midst of all kinds of danger, begins with these words that seem to us so devoid of true Christian spirit, a pious exaggeration or even a deviation from the truth: "Esteem it all joy, my brethren, when you fall into various trials, knowing that the trying of your faith begets patience. And let patience have its perfect work." The first meaning that we must attach to the word "trials" is to understand it as tests or the sufferings of life. In such a sense it is obvious that a trial tempers the will, making it grow in patience and perseverance. And it should be so much easier to accept a trial when it is clear that it can come directly from God, as one sees in the book of Tobias and in that of Job.

Naturally, we are reluctant to accept suffering, and for that reason the Apostle urges us on to ask in our prayers for that Christian wisdom that will make use of the preciousness of these trials: "Let him ask it of God... and it will be given to him. But let him ask with faith, without hesitation. For he who hesitates is like a wave of the sea, driven and carried about by the wind."

It will be indeed difficult for us to make up our mind to ask for this grace! We admire the beautiful words of the Saints: "To suffer or to die!"; "To suffer and be despised because of you!"; and others like them, but as for us, we give such things a wide berth. The Lord is well aware of our frailty and can have compassion upon us. But from the words of St. James, we can at least learn something concrete and practical. If the good God, in his infinite mercy, permits a trial of a sorrowful nature to come our way and deprive us of our possessions, or to subject our poor body to a long and painful illness, or to fill our heart with bitterness, let us look to the example of Jesus. Let us console ourselves with the thought that he, too, felt repugnance for the bitter chalice. But following his example, let us also fortify ourselves with prayer. If God then frees us of our trouble, it will be a prayer of thanksgiving; but if he decides to keep us under the wine press, the prayer will be a source of strength and of merit.

## *A Prayer To Our Mother of Good Counsel to Know Ones Vocation*

To thee, Mary, so rightly named Our Lady of Good Counsel, to thee do I send up my sighs from this world's tempestuous sea. Direct the aspirations of my soul and the emotions of my heart that so I may always correspond with the holy will of thy divine Son. I earnestly desire to enter on that career in life wherein I may best serve the ends of my God here on earth and hereafter see and possess Him for all eternity. Amen.

## *Prayer to Jesus, the Author of All Mercy*

O most compassionate Jesus! Thou alone art our salvation, our life and our resurrection. We implore thee, therefore, do not forsake us in our needs and afflictions, but by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, succor Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy most precious Blood. *(100 days indulgence)*

## *Prayer to St. Monica*

The Sacred Heart of Jesus, comforter of the sorrowful and salvation of them that put their trust in Him, mercifully regarded thy tears, Blessed Monica, sainted mother of Augustine the sinner. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of thy prayers. From the heights of thy heavenly home, happy mother of thy saintly son, pray for those who wander afar from God, and add thy prayers to those of all mothers who sorrow over the straying souls of their sons or daughters. Pray for us, that following thy example and that of all God's children, we may at length enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in heaven. Amen.

## *Catholic Mother's Daily Prayer for Her Children*

O Mary, Immaculate Virgin and Sorrowful Mother, commend our beloved children to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who refuses nothing to His Mother.

Holy Guardian Angels,  
Pray for them.

St. Joseph, powerful patron,  
Pray for them.

St. John, beloved disciple of the Heart of Jesus,  
Pray for them.

St. Augustine,  
Pray for them.

St. Anthony,  
Pray for them.

St. Anne, mother of Mary,  
Pray for them.

St. Monica  
Pray for them.

(A Partial indulgence of 300 days may be gained)

Ejaculation

Mary, please help me to be a good mother today and always.