



## Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

### Upcoming Mass Details:

#### Date/Time

Sunday, September 4, 2022 – Confession 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm

Sunday, October 2, 2022 – Confession 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm

#### Location:

The Austin Venue - 18619 Hamilton Pool Rd, Austin, TX 78738

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Dear Faithful,

I have arrived back... not only in the United States, having returned a week ago, but also back up here to St. Hugh's in Milwaukee. My vacation was a very good one, although I had some flight trouble coming back and a nasty little cold which I caught towards the end of my trip. But cold or no cold, jet lag or no jet lag, I had to hit the ground running once I returned.

We had a Sunday which was immediately followed by the holy day of the feast of the Assumption. At St. Gertrude's, we celebrated the Assumption with a beautiful Solemn Pontifical High Mass, which started with the blessing of seedlings, fruits, flowers, and herbs out by the grotto of Our Lady. Once completed, the little children, representing the angels and bearing the newly blessed flowers, led the procession back into the church... well, at least that was supposed to happen, and we got there eventually. To start, the kids began walking without their flowers and the MC's had to stop the whole procession and distribute the sacramentals to our hasty little angels. All's well that ends well...or, as Fr. Cekada used to say, "All's well that ends."

Following the feast of the Assumption, Fr. Ojeka made his return trip home, albeit after a bit of a rough start. They wouldn't accept his Covid test because it was too old, so he needed to get a new test and a new flight itinerary. When Fr. Okerulu left, his Covid test was rejected because it was "too recent". None of it made any sense...but since when has the Covid narrative followed logic, science, or common sense, so why should we start now?

Bp. McGuire and I had the next few days filled up with clerical meetings with some visiting priests and before we knew it, it was time for both of us to hit the road. The bishop headed off to Seattle, where he is assisting Fr. Ercoli with the reception of a new group of oblate sisters which Father is starting up. Afterwards, His Excellency stays there for most of the rest of the week and is running a retreat for several priests from all over the country. Please pray that all of this is fruitful. It is the bishop's first full retreat that he is running, and he really wants all the talks to go well, so any prayers you offer, I am sure he will appreciate them.



For me, I am here in Milwaukee today and I head off to all the northern missions following the second Mass. After traveling to northern Wisconsin and the two missions in North Dakota, I will return to Milwaukee next weekend, as well.

Many of the public schools have all started classes already. Seems quite a bit early to me. I always started school after Labor Day when I was a kid. At St. Gertrude's, our school children usually start sometime around this unofficial marker of the end of summer, as well. However, that doesn't mean our teachers are simply enjoying their last days of liberty. No, they are all hard at work organizing books, materials, and classrooms to welcome in the next round of students. The amount of preparation is quite amazing to see... reminds me why I never was meant to be a schoolteacher. I have no problem working a classroom and can even sometimes come up with something interesting or important to impart in the way of knowledge...but I would hate making lesson plans, keeping track of homework, or doing grades. God bless our teachers for doing this important duty.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

### *Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

O Heart of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother; Heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the Angels and of all men; Heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; Heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Saviour. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies.

Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger, and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then, most tender Virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.


*(An indulgence of 500 days--1807)*

### *Our Lady of Czestochowa*

According to tradition the painting was a portrait of Our Lady done by St. Luke sometime after the Crucifixion of Our Lord, and remained in the Holy Land until discovered by St. Helena in the fourth century. It was taken to Constantinople, where the Emperor Constantine erected a church for its enthronement.

During the siege by the Saracens, the invaders became frightened when the people carried the picture in a procession around the city; the infidels fled. The image remained in that city for 500 years, until it became part of some dowries, eventually being taken to Russia to a region that later became Poland.





After the portrait became the possession of the Polish prince, St. Ladislaus, in the 15th century, it was installed in his castle. Tartar invaders besieged the castle and an enemy arrow pierced Our Lady's image, inflicting a scar. Tradition says that St. Ladislaus determined to save the image from repeated invasions, so he went to his birthplace, Opala, stopping for rest in Czestochowa; the image was brought nearby to Jasna Gora ("bright hill") and placed in a small wooden church named for the Assumption.

The following morning, after the picture was carefully placed in the wagon, the horses refused to move. St. Ladislaus understood this to be a sign from Heaven that the image should stay in Czestochowa; thus he replaced the painting in the Church of the Assumption, August 26, 1382. The Saint wished to have the holiest of men guard the painting, so he assigned the church and the monastery to the Pauline Fathers.

Our Lady's image was next imperiled by the Hussites, followers of the heretic priest, John Hus from Prague. They successfully stormed the Pauline monastery in 1430, plundering the sanctuary. Among the items stolen was the image. After putting it in their wagon, the Hussites went a little ways but then the horses refused to go any further. Recalling the former incident that was so similar, the heretics threw the portrait down to the ground. One of the plunderers drew his sword and slashed the image twice, causing two deep gashes; while attempting a third gash, he was overcome with a writhing agony and died.

The two slashes on the cheek of the Blessed Virgin, together with the one on the throat, have always reappeared after artistic attempts to fix them. The portrait again faced danger in 1655 by a Swedish horde of 12,000, which confronted the 300 men guarding the image. The band of 300 routed the 12,000 and the following year, the Holy Virgin was acclaimed Queen of Poland.

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### *Prayer to Mary Immaculate*

O Virgin immaculate, thou who by a singular privilege of grace wast preserved from original sin, look in pity upon our separated brethren, who are nevertheless thy children, and call them back to the center of unity. Not a few of them, although separated from the Church, have kept a certain veneration for thee; and do thou, generous as thou art, reward them for it, by obtaining for them the grace of conversion.

Thou wast conqueror of the infernal serpent from the first instant of thy existence; renew even now, for it is now more necessary than ever before, thine ancient triumphs; glorify thy divine Son, bring back to Him the sheep that have strayed from the one fold and place them once more under the guidance of the universal Shepherd who holds the place of thy Son on earth; let it be thy glory, O Virgin who destroyest all heresies, to restore unity and peace once more to all the Christian people.

*Indulgence of 500 days*