



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

TBA in November

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I am most of my way through a long travel week, having started last Saturday in Dallas, I am currently in Milwaukee. Along the way, I traveled to six different cities, have performed three baptisms, and have recorded a radio program. Pretty busy, right? But it has been a lot of good work done and I am always happy to be able to get the Mass and sacraments to people as I travel along.

It wasn't all smooth sailing, however, as my flight into Milwaukee last night got delayed and eventually canceled, when thunderstorms arrived in the area. However, thankfully we were able to work around it and I got into town later last night. Tomorrow will be a busy day. There are the two morning Masses here in the morning before heading up to Northern Wisconsin for an evening Mass. It should be a beautiful drive up that way, though, as the leaves are really starting to change, especially as you travel further north. I love the fall foliage, especially in the north woods of Wisconsin. It reminds me of growing up in New England.

On Monday I will make the long trek home, to end the trip. However, I arrive to the somber occasion of another funeral on Tuesday, Joseph Andreotta, who passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Mercifully, Fr. Lehtoranta was able to get to him and quickly anoint him and give him the Apostolic Blessing before the Medivac flight took him downtown...he was shortly later standing before his God. This was the fourth usher at St. Gertrude's whom we have lost over the last year...Yikes! All very good men. Please pray for Joe's soul.

On Wednesday, we have the final of our Fatima Rosary Processions, always traditionally occurring by candlelight, as the evening light closes out earlier. We pray, as we always do, for our country and for peace. In the missions, you probably won't be able to join us for such a grand procession, but you could be united to us in spirit, by praying all fifteen decades of the Rosary (or at least five decades) for the same

intentions. After all, the cross we all find bearing down on us now is the communism foretold to be spread by Our Lady of Fatima...it is only fitting that we combat it with the mode she gave us as well: The Most Holy Rosary.

In Christ, Fr. McKenna

Honoring the Archangels

The angels show forth God's greatness and perfection. "Each symbolizes individually some attribute or other of that infinite Being. In some we see His power, in others His love, in others His strength. Each is a reproduction of some beauty of the divine Original; each adores Him and glorifies Him in the perfection it portrays." It is God, then, whom we honor in the angels. They are like mirrors reflecting the perfections of their infinite Creator. Raised to the supernatural order, they share in the life of God; and victorious in trial, they enjoy the beatific vision: "Their angels in heaven always see the Face of My Father Who is in heaven."

If we consider their relations with Jesus Christ, it may not appear absolutely certain that they hold their grace from Him; but this much does appear with certainty, that in heaven they unite themselves with Him, the Mediator of all religion, in order to adore, praise and glorify the majesty of the Most High. It is their

bliss to add in this wise a greater worth to their worship: "Through whom the angels praise, the dominations adore and the powers hold in awe Thy majesty." Hence, when we unite ourselves to Jesus

Christ to adore God we join at the same time with the angels and saints in a heavenly harmony which renders the praise of the Godhead still more perfect. We can well make our own words of Father Olier: "May all the angelic host, the mighty powers that move the spheres of heaven, forever pour forth in Jesus Christ whatever be wanting to our song of praise. May they forever thank Thee, Lord, for all those gifts both of nature and of grace which from the goodness of Thy hand we all receive."

– Fr. Adolphe Tanquerey, S.S.

Our Lady of Fatima

Progress is the watchword of our modern day. Progress should be likewise the watchword of our spiritual advancement: progress in making use of the means of salvation that God has given us for these perilous times. Our families are plagued with opportunities for sin, which are innumerable and divisive. Dangers, which are so incredibly menacing, attractive and enticing, surround us on every side. We cannot overcome them by our own power. Without God's help, we will drown in the mire. Witchcraft and Satanism abound!

Our Lady of Fatima came to bring peace to the world. The foundation of peace is the possession of grace. Man must cease offending God. Sanctifying Grace is the Life of God Himself imparted to the soul, whereby man is raised to a supernatural level and becomes a friend and child of God, and an heir to Heaven. The presence or absence of Sanctifying Grace in our souls, at the moment of death, will decide our eternal salvation or damnation.

Misled by false teachers, many have given up the Faith, love and hope of Christ. We must turn back to God by Whom we are loved so very much. When man restores God to the temple of his soul, Mary will reward the world with a lasting peace.

Through the Sacrament of Confession, all is gained and saved, and the repentant sinner is restored to the friendship of God. Washed in the Precious Blood of the Lamb of God, he received the source of life, the medicine of salvation, the fount of healing and the beginning of all that is good. There is no more effectual means of preservation from the dangers and temptations which beset our families, than frequent union with Our Lord in Holy Communion.

Recommendation to One's Guardian Angel

My Good Angel, I know not when or how I shall die. It is possible I may be carried off suddenly, and that before my last sigh, I may be deprived of all intelligence. Yet how many things I would wish to say to God on the threshold of eternity. In the full freedom of my will today, I come to charge you to speak for me at that fearful moment. You will say to Him, then, O my good angel:

That I wish to die in the Roman Catholic Apostolic Church in which all the Saints since Jesus Christ have died, and out of which there is no salvation.

That I ask the grace of sharing in the infinite merits of my Redeemer and that I desire to die in pressing to my lips the Cross that was bathed in His Blood!

That I detest my sins because they displease Him, and that I pardon through the love of Him all my enemies as I wish myself to be pardoned.

That I die willingly because He orders it and that I throw myself with confidence into His Adorable Heart awaiting all His mercy.

That in my inexpressible desire to go to Heaven, I am disposed to suffer everything it may please His Sovereign Justice to inflict on me.

That I love Him before all things, above all things and for His own sake; that I wish and hope to love Him with the elect, His angels and the Blessed Mother during all eternity.

Do not refuse, O my Angel, to be my intercessor with God, and to protest to Him that these are my sentiments and my will. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima

Immaculate Virgin, who through the Holy Rosary destroyed the nefarious heresy of the Albigenses, liberated Christendom from the peril of the Mohammedan, and strengthened the piety of the faithful, deliver us from the evils which endanger our faith by inspiring us with greater devotion to thee and to the Holy Rosary. Preserve us from the spiritual and material dangers which threaten the purity of our lives. Increase in our hearts the spirit of piety so that we may be more truly Christian, more deeply religious, and ever devoted to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Show unto us, O loving Mother, the same tender affection of which you gave such striking proof in your apparitions to the devoted people of Fatima. Look down with pity upon us your children that we may rejoice ever more in the strong protection of your loving and maternal Heart. Bless our country, Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, and convert the hearts of sinners by opening to them the riches of your love; reveal unto them the tender mysteries of your Immaculate Heart. Make of us the chosen instruments of your maternal love that we may praise you with filial affection in this life and share your glory forever in heaven. Amen.



Christopher Columbus

...It was his virtue, above all, that crowned the manly integrity of his character. God and religion held the first place in his mind. "Throughout his life," says Irving, "he was noted for a strict attention to the offices of religion; nor did his piety consist in mere forms, but partook of that lofty and solemn enthusiasm with which his whole character was strongly tingured."

A Catholic of Catholics, if this prince of pioneers desired to open the way to unknown continents, and to raise large sums of money, it was not through any motive of grasping selfishness. Before St. Ignatius Loyola adopted the maxim, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, - "To the greater glory of God" - Columbus put it in practice. To carry the light of the Gospel to the heathen, to connect the ends of the earth for the glory of Heaven, to rescue the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of the infidel Turk - such were the grand motives that guided his life's labors. Though a layman, he was one of the greatest of missionaries. His discoveries led to the salvation of millions of souls, and this messenger of the Cross rivals the most illustrious of the saints in being the means of unlocking the portals of paradise to countless multitudes. America, and the world at large, might well do honor in Chicago to his memory and his achievements. While he has handed down to all ages an imperishable name, he has also left an example to posterity - and particularly to us

Americans, who owe him so much gratitude and reverence - that far outweighs in importance his contributions to science and his efforts to aggrandize his adopted country. He has proved in his own person that a soul filled with deep and intense devotion to the Creator, and a will conformable in all things to His laws, are alone capable of leading human beings to the achievement of true and lasting greatness.