



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:30pm

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2

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Announcements

Bp. McGuire will come for Confirmations on October 11th. If you haven't been Confirmed or if you have been Confirmed with the new rite of Confirmation (after 1969), please email Fr. McKenna so we can have an accurate count of those needing Confirmation. Fill out and return a Confirmation Request form along with your baptismal certificate **as soon as possible** that we may ensure all is in order.

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I write this note with the Bishop on the other side of the globe...quite literally. The time difference between here and the Philippines, where he is currently, is 13 hours, so he is about as opposite side of the world as one can get. He will visit both of Fr. Joven Solamon's chapels to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, one in Manilla and one in Davao. It is his first trip to the Philippines or anywhere in Asia, for that matter. Doubtless it will be quite the adventure, and I know that he was looking forward to getting there.

"Getting there" is the key term too. The travel to and from the Philippines is long and exhausting. His total travel time just to get there was greater than 30 hours, when you include the driving to and from the airport. He left on Wednesday afternoon from Cincinnati and arrived Friday morning, Philippines time. Coming back will take just about the same amount of time...the only difference is that he leaves and arrives home on the same day...Wednesday September 30th. It is only possible because the 30th will have 36 hours to its length for him.

Last weekend was a very nice, albeit quite busy, weekend. It was wonderful to have Bp. Sanborn visiting us at St. Gertrude's. It amazes me the amount of energy he has at 76 years old. He drove himself out there, met with people along the way before and afterwards, preached at the Masses and joined us for the St. Gertrude's parish picnic...and once there, he was visiting with people from beginning until the end, all in near 90-degree heat! He joked at times with the clergy about getting old, but he hardly looked like it.

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

Pentecost XVIII, second collect of Sts Cosmas & Damian, third of the Holy Angels. Trinity Preface.

Feast of St. Michael

“Prince of the host of the Lord;
Standard Bearer; Mighty Seraph;
One of the Seven that stand before the Throne:
Dauntless Challenger whose cry ran through the vasts of Heaven: “Who is like to God!”

Guardian of God’s chosen race,
Glorious Champion of the Church of Christ under the New Law;
Triumphant Defender of the Woman and her Child;
Vanquisher of the Dragon and Chainer of his strength;
Leader of souls into the holy light.”
– *Fr. Husslein, S. J.*

The above beautiful epigraph summarizes a few of the glorious prerogatives of the great Archangel whose feast the Church celebrates today under the title of: “Dedication of St. Michael.” Her Liturgy is replete with the praises of St. Michael as the Prince of the Heavenly hosts and as the protector of the children of God, and she sings the fullness of today’s mystery, “For this is the day of Michael’s most glorious feast which gladdens the whole earth with joy.” So let us rejoice with heaven and earth and congratulate St. Michael, Prince of the celestial army, on the splendor and glory that are his. We read in the Lives of the Saints, that this festival has been kept with great solemnity at the end of the month of September since at least the sixth century.

Though only St. Michael is mentioned in the title, it appears from the prayers of the Mass, that all the good angels are its object, together with the glorious Prince and tutelary angel of the Church. On it we are called in a particular manner to give thanks to God for the glory which the angels enjoy and to rejoice in their happiness. Also to thank Him for His mercy to us in constituting such beings to minister to our salvation by aiding us...Lastly we are invited to honor them and implore their intercession and succor.

“As it is not certain just which church is commemorated as having been dedicated on this day, the pious belief has gained favor that the entire Catholic Church is here indicated. For, by casting the rebel spirits into the abyss. St. Michael dedicated the Church Triumphant in Heaven as the peaceful abode of the angels, and as he wards off the devil and his colleagues from the Church upon earth, he has dedicated the Church Militant as the secure dwelling place of the faithful upon earth. And we now know how he succors the Church Suffering in Purgatory. This feast of St. Michael has ever been one of the outstanding feasts of the Church.” (‘Neath St. Michael’s Shield.’)

Let us then heed this benevolent invitation and place great confidence in St. Michael. May we honor his feast day in a particular way by choosing him anew for our patron, that under his powerful leadership we may successfully attain eternal bliss. O glorious St. Michael, I believe in thy power and thy devotedness and put my trust in thee. Thou helpest all those who implore thee; obtain for me the grace of a tender devotion to thee, a devotion that will in-duce me often to invoke thee and hope from thee victory over temptations during life, special succor at the hour of death, particular protection at the divine Tribunal and prompt release from Purgatory. “Most glorious Prince, Archangel Michael, be mindful of us, pray here and everywhere always for us, the Son of God.”

Prayer of St. Jerome in the Time of Agony

Merciful Jesus, thou art my strength, my refuge, and my deliverer; in thee I have believed and hoped; in thee have I loved. Call me now, I beseech thee, and I will answer.--Stretch forth thy hand of mercy to the work of thy hands, and let me not perish, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

It is now time for dust to return to dust, and my spirit to thee who gavest it. Open then, Lord, the gate of life, and receive me; receive me most merciful Lord, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, who receivedst the thief on the cross, and now prepare my soul for hearing the same promise of mercy which he did. I am sick, O Lord, and my life is withering away; therefore I come to thee my physician. Heal me then, my God, and I shall be healed: let me not be confounded; because I put my trust in thee. In thee have I hoped;



let me not be cast off for ever.

But what am I, most merciful Lord, that I should speak thus boldly to thee?--I am a sinner, grown up in sin, a rotten carcass, a vessel of corruption, and food for worms. But spare me still, my God; for what victory is there in overthrowing me, who am but as dust before the wind?

Forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from my distress.

Arise and help me, Lord; arise and let thy mercy plead for me. Let my prayer ascend before thee, and stretch forth thy hand to help me; for behold I am covered with sin, and have done evil in thy sight, and there is none can heal me but thou, my God. If thou hadst not paid my ransom, by dying on the cross, should not I have been for ever miserable? Remember then, O merciful Jesus, that I have a share in that price that was paid. It was for me also, though most unworthy, thy blood was shed; let me, therefore, have a part in this mercy.

I confess I have many times offended against thee, and therefore am not worthy to be called thy child; but turn away thy face, I beseech thee, from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Deal not with me according to what I deserve, nor chastise me according to my iniquities; but help me, O God, my Saviour, and for the glory of thy name deliver me. Now at this hour show mercy to me, and whenever I depart receive me into the number of thy family, that I may be one of those who are to praise thee for ever. Amen

Prayer for Doctors and Surgeons in Honor of Ss. Cosmas & Damian

My Lord Jesus Christ, strong and loving God, Thou who art the great Physician of our souls, Thou who didst heal the sick and even brought the dead back to life, bless the great and noble work of our many doctors and surgeons. Give them both wisdom and sympathy. Guide their minds and hands that they may help those in suffering. Inspire them with words of comfort and encourage them in the trials and miseries to which they are always exposed. O Jesus, our Master and Model, never let them do anything but that which Thou, Thyself, would do under like circumstances. Let them always use their power and their influence for good and let no human respect ever deter them from the performance of their sacred duty. Amen

Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Heavenly patrons of physicians, pray for all doctors and surgeons