

Mater Misericordiæ Mission



Mater Misericordiæ Mission celebrates all of the Sacraments and other rites of the Church according to the Missale Romanum of 1962, by permission of His Excellency Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

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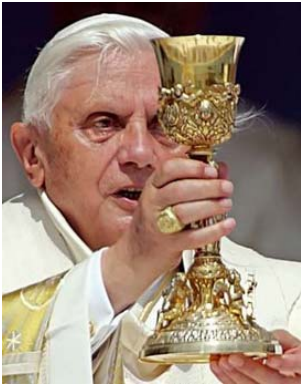
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Time:	Place:	Notes:
<u>Sunday Masses</u>		
7:00am	St. Augustine Church	Bi-lingual Homily
1:00pm	St. Thomas the Apostle	English Homily
6:00pm	St. Cecilia's, Clarkdale	English Homily
<u>Daily Masses</u>		
Mon – Fri 6:30am	St. Augustine Church	No Homily
Wed & Fri 6:30pm	St. Augustine Church	No Homily
Saturday 7:00am	St. Augustine Church	No Homily
<u>Holy Days of Obligation:</u>		
6:30am	St. Augustine Church	Low Mass
7:00pm	St. Thomas the Apostle	High Mass
<u>Confessions:</u>		
Wed. & Fri.: 5:00pm to 6:15pm	St. Augustine Church	
Saturday: 3:00pm to 4:00pm	St. Augustine Church	
Sunday before Mass, if possible	St. Thomas the Apostle	
Sunday before Mass, if possible	St. Cecilia's, Clarkdale	
<u>Addresses:</u>		
St. Thomas the Apostle Church	24 th St. and Campbell Ave., Phoenix	
St. Augustine Church:	3630 N. 71 st Ave., Phoenix	
St. Cecilia's Mission:	Main St. Clarkdale, Arizona	

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POPE BENEDICT XVI: Prayer Intention For September

General - - - For media operators: may they use every means of communication with responsibility and respect

Mission - - - - For the People of God in mission lands: may they realize their right and duty to keep up with the developments in the faith and the Church.



CONFIRMATION: On Sunday September 24, 2006 the sacrament of **confirmation** will be celebrated by **Bishop Thomas Olmsted** “in accord with the liturgical books in use in 1962” There will be a meeting on **September 7th at 7:00pm** in Room 17 at Saint Thomas Apostle Church, for all those who are going to be confirmed. They will all need to bring their **Baptismal Certificate**, and know who their **Sponsor** and who their **Patron Saint** will be. Those who have not yet completed the oral test of the prayers they have to memorize (Apostles Creed, Act of contrition, Faith, Hope, Charity, Morning Offering, and the Confiteor) will be tested at this meeting. **ALL** those being confirmed and their sponsors are expected to attend the (only) **rehearsal** that will take place at Saint Thomas Church on **Friday, September 22, at 6:30pm** (Mass at Saint Augustine will be **cancelled** that evening, leaving only the morning Mass that day) Finally, we will prepare for the receiving of this great Sacrament by a **Retreat** that will be held at Saint Augustine Church on **Saturday, September 23rd**. We will begin with Mass at 7:00am followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, during which there will be several conferences, with quiet prayer time, and confession will be available also. We will have Benediction at 12:15pm followed by lunch (Subway Sandwiches) in the hall. No arrangements have been made at this time regarding Breakfast.

Confirmation Sponsors: for those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and need to find a suitable **sponsor**, we include here the Canons from the Code of Canon Law that refer to them:
Canon 892. As far as possible the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfils the duties inherent in this sacrament.

Canon 893.

§1. A person who would undertake the office of sponsor must fulfill the conditions mentioned in Canon 874.

§2. It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism.
Canon 874.

- §3. To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:
- (1). be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or the minister; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
 - (2). be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;
 - (3). be a catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;
 - (4). not labour under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
 - (5). not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptised.

From the Catechism of the Council of Trent:

Sponsors at Confirmation

A sponsor is also required, as we have already shown to be the case in Baptism. For if they who enter the fencing lists have need for some one whose skill and counsel may teach them the thrusts and passes by which to overcome their adversaries, while remaining safe themselves; how much more will the faithful require a leader and monitor, when, sheathed, as it were, in the stoutest armour by this Sacrament of Confirmation, they engage in the spiritual conflict, in which eternal salvation is the proposed reward. With good reason, therefore, are sponsors employed in the administration of this Sacrament also; and the same spiritual affinity is contracted in Confirmation, which, as we have already shown, is contracted by sponsors in Baptism, so as to impede the lawful marriage of the parties.

The Effects of Confirmation

Pastors, therefore, should teach that, in common with the other Sacraments, Confirmation, unless some obstacle be present on the part of the receiver, imparts new grace. For we have shown that these sacred and mystical signs are of such a character as to indicate and produce grace.

The Grace Of Strength

But besides these things, which are common to this and the other Sacraments, it is peculiar to Confirmation first to perfect the grace of Baptism. For those who have been made Christians by Baptism, still have in some sort the tenderness and softness, as it were, of newborn infants, and afterwards become, by means of the Sacrament of chrism, stronger to resist all the assaults of the world, the flesh and the devil, while their minds are fully confirmed in faith to confess and glorify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hence; also, originated the very name Confirmation, as no one will doubt. For the word Confirmation is not derived, as some not less ignorantly than impiously have pretended, from the circumstance that persons baptised in infancy, when arrived at mature years, were of old brought to the Bishop, in order to confirm their faith in Christ, which they had embraced in Baptism, so that Confirmation would seem not to differ from catechetical instruction. Of such a practice no reliable testimony can be adduced. On the contrary, the name has been derived from the fact that by virtue of this Sacrament God confirms in us the work He commenced in Baptism, leading us to the perfection of solid Christian virtue.

Increase In Grace

But not only does it confirm, it also increases (divine grace), as says Melchiades: The Holy Ghost, whose salutary descent upon the waters of Baptism, imparts in the font fullness to the accomplishment of innocence, in Confirmation gives an increase of grace; and not only an increase, but an increase after a wonderful manner. This the Scriptures beautifully express by a metaphor taken from clothing: Stay you in the city, said our Lord and Saviour, speaking of this Sacrament, until you be clothed with power from on high.

If pastors wish to show the divine efficacy of this Sacrament and this, no doubt, will have great influence in affecting the minds of the faithful it will be sufficient if they explain what occurred to the Apostles themselves. So weak and timid were they before, and even at the very time of the Passion, that no sooner was our Lord apprehended, than they instantly fled ; and Peter, who had been designated the rock and foundation of the Church, and who had displayed unshaken constancy and exalted magnanimity, terrified at the voice of one weak woman, denied, not once nor twice only, but a third time, that he was a disciple of Jesus Christ; and after the Resurrection they all remained shut up at home for fear of the Jews. But, on the day of Pentecost, so great was the power of the Holy Ghost with which they were all filled that, while they boldly and freely disseminated the Gospel confided to them, not only through Judea, but throughout the world, they thought no greater happiness could await them than that of being accounted worthy to suffer contumely, chains, torments and crucifixion, for the name of Christ.

Character Of Soldier Of Christ

Confirmation has also the effect of impressing a character. Hence, as we before said of Baptism, and as will be more fully explained in its proper place with regard to the Sacrament of Orders also, it can on no account ever be repeated.

If, then, these things be frequently and accurately explained by pastors, it will be almost impossible that the faithful, having known the utility and dignity of this Sacrament, should not use every exertion to receive it with purity and devotion.

Volunteers: In view of our need to acquire our own church a **Building Committee** is going to be established. Please consider giving of your time and talents for the good of our growing community. If any one has expertise in the field of **Real Estate** or in another area and would like to be a part of the Mater Misericordiae Mission Building Committee, please contact Father K. Fryar, FSSP, at: 480 231 0573, or contact@phoenixlatinmass.org

We are also in need of more **Teachers** for our Religious Education Program. If you have taught before, or if you are a parent who will be coming to bring your child to the classes and you could help even as an assistant teacher please contact Father Fryar. All teachers must be registered members of the Mater Misericordiae Mission in good standing within the Roman Catholic Church.

Religious Education: The duty of every Catholic to study the Faith lasts throughout our whole life. But it is most especially necessary during the formative years of youth. The society in which it has pleased Our Lord to grant us to live is in many ways hostile to the Faith and to the life that our faith should lead us to live. Therefore we have to dedicate ourselves with much greater enthusiasm to learning our Faith and especially to teaching it to our children and young ones. Certainly, this obligation pertains first and foremost to parents. They need to teach not only by their words but even more so by their example. In 1994, Year of the Family, Pope John Paul II wrote a Letter to Families, which has a whole section that speaks about education. There he states: "*Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area: they are educators because they are parents.*" In order to help our parents in their task of teaching the Faith to their children the Mater Misericordiae Mission is setting up the Religious Education Program for 2006-2007. Classes will be held at Saint Thomas Apostle Church in rooms 16 and 17, on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This service is offered for those parents who would like help to teach the Faith to their children. If any parents are not doing anything to teach their children, they definitely need to enroll them for these classes. It has been decided to ask for a registration fee of \$25 per family to help with the cost of the books that will be provided to the students. Please encourage your child to take good care of his or her book, so they can use it for future reference. Your children need to see that you take an interest in their learning of the Faith and that you attach due importance to it.

Survey Results: Thank you to all of you who responded promptly to the Survey that we have put out. We have not yet received enough of them back to be able to make any decisions. At the present time there are two weekday masses both on Wednesdays and Fridays, and they are not well attended. Canon 905 of the Code of Canon Law says that a priest may not celebrate Mass more than once a day (with some exceptions). So we will be changing the schedule for our weekday masses in accordance with the results of this survey, hoping to make the Daily Mass more accessible to a greater number of Faithful. We will make every effort to inform you all of any changes that will be made to the present Mass Times, hoping to avoid any confusion. NO changes will be made without them being announced for at least two Sundays in advance.

Potluck: Arrangements have been made for the Mater Misericordiae Mission to use the hall at Saint Thomas Apostle Church for potlucks. The following dates have been placed on the **schedule**: September 10, 2006; October 8, 2006; November 26, 2006; December 10, 2006; January 14 & 28, 2007; February 11 & 25, 2007; March 11 & 25, 2007. Please mark these dates on your **calendar**. These are the only ones that are available for our Potlucks. We will need the co-operation of all to help **set up and to clean up** afterwards. Even those who

do not bring any food will be welcome. Your donations have been greatly appreciated, and we ask that you continue to contribute for the purchase of the plates and cups, etc. that we will be needing for the potlucks.

Priest's Recollection: Fr. Fryar will be absent from Phoenix from September 18th to 21st in order to attend the Recollection for the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter, in Lincoln Nebraska. Mass will be cancelled on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of that week, and on Friday there will only be the 6:30am morning Mass because there will be a rehearsal in the evening.