

Mater Misericordiae Mission



Mater Misericordiae 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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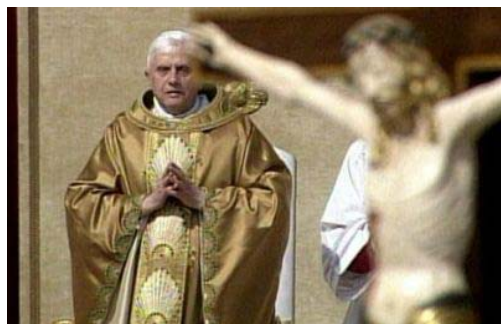
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Time:	Place:	Notes:
<u>Sunday Masses</u>		
6:30am	St. Augustine Church	Bi-lingual Homily
1:00pm	St. Thomas the Apostle	English Homily
5:30pm	St. Cecilia's, Clarkdale	English Homily
<u>Daily Masses</u>		
All Daily Masses have been moved to St. Thomas Apostle Church		
6:30am Mon. - Sat.	St. Tomas the Apostle	No Homily
<u>Holy Days of Obligation:</u>		
7:00pm	St. Thomas the Apostle	High Mass
<u>Confessions:</u>		
Any time by arrangement		
Saturday: 4:00pm to 5:00pm	St. Thomas the Apostle	
Sunday before Mass, as possible	St. Thomas the Apostle	
Sunday before Mass, as 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 December

Wise use of power. That Christ, meek and humble of heart, may inspire leaders of nations to use power wisely and responsibly. (G)

Missionaries. That in every part of the world

following in Christ's footsteps. (M)

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- Potlucks:
- Dec. 10, 2006
 - Jan. 14 and 28, 2007
 - Feb. 11 and 25, 2007
 - Mar 11 and 25, 2007
 - May 13 and 27, 2007

- Altarserver's Practice
- Tues., December 12 (Low Mass Practice)
 - Tues., December 19

Immaculate Conception:— Friday, December 8, 2006 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Holy Mass at 6:30am and at 7:00pm at Saint Thomas Apostle Church. All Catholics, once they have reached the age of reason, are bound under serious sin to be present at the whole of Mass every Sunday and on every Holy Day of Obligation. Deliberately to miss Mass on a Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation is a serious sin which is forgiven only in the Sacrament of Confession. The obligation to be present at the whole of Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation ceases where there is personal illness, when one has to care for a sick or frail person, and when one is impeded, e.g., by traveling.

Can. 1247 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body. (Code of Canon Law)

Extract from: **Ineffabilis Deus:** (Apostolic Constitution issued by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854.)

Wherefore, in humility and fasting, we unceasingly offered our private prayers as well as the public prayers of the Church to God the Father through his Son, that he would deign to direct and strengthen our mind by the power of the Holy Spirit. In like manner did we implore the help of the entire heavenly host as we ardently invoked the Paraclete. Accordingly, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for the honor of the Holy and undivided Trinity, for the glory and adornment of the Virgin Mother of God, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, and for the furtherance of the Catholic religion, by the authority of Jesus Christ our Lord, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own: "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful." [29]

Hence, if anyone shall dare -- which God forbid! -- to think otherwise than as has been defined by us, let him know and understand that he is condemned by his own judgment; that he has suffered shipwreck in the faith; that he has separated from the unity of the Church; and that, furthermore, by his own action he incurs the penalties established by law if he should dare to express in words or writing or by any other outward means the errors he think in his heart.

Advent: This society that we live in is very eager to secularize even the most holy of times and places. We need, therefore, to be on our guard against its allurements and to make every effort to keep them holy in our own lives, in our families and in our Community. Advent is a time of preparation: *The Lord is nigh*. This is not the time for parties and celebrations, but rather for making reparation for our sins and to prepare a place for Our Lord in a heart that is free from sin, and adorned with virtue. There will be plenty of time to celebrate after the Lord has come, when we will have due cause for joy and celebration. We should arrange to have our parties then, and not before. If we do have to take part in events arranged by others during this time, let us remember to be a little less involved than we normally would be. In order to remind us of the importance of uniting our selves to the Liturgy of the Church, and of taking part in the Mysteries that are being commemorated, we will include here a passage from:

**MEDIATOR DEI (Encyclical of His Holiness Pope Pius XII On the Sacred Liturgy
November 20, 1947)**

151. Throughout the entire year, the Mass and the divine office center especially around the person of Jesus Christ. This arrangement is so suitably disposed that our Savior dominates the scene in the mysteries of His humiliation, of His redemption and triumph.

152. While the sacred liturgy calls to mind the mysteries of Jesus Christ, it strives to make all believers take their part in them so that the divine Head of the mystical Body may live in all the members with the fullness of His holiness. Let the souls of Christians be like altars on each one of which a different phase of the sacrifice, offered by the High priest, comes to life again, as it were: pains and tears which wipe away and expiate sin; supplication to God which pierces heaven; dedication and even immolation of oneself made promptly, generously and earnestly; and, finally, that intimate union by which we commit ourselves and all we have to God, in whom we find our rest. "The perfection of religion is to imitate whom you adore."

153. By these suitable ways and methods in which the liturgy at stated times proposes the life of Jesus Christ for our meditation, the Church gives us examples to imitate, points out treasures of

sanctity for us to make our own, since it is fitting that the mind believes what the lips sing, and that what the mind believes should be practiced in public and private life.

154. In the period of Advent, for instance, the Church arouses in us the consciousness of the sins we have had the misfortune to commit, and urges us, by restraining our desires and practicing voluntary mortification of the body, to recollect ourselves in meditation, and experience a longing desire to return to God who alone can free us by His grace from the stain of sin and from its evil consequences.

155. With the coming of the birthday of the Redeemer, she would bring us to the cave of Bethlehem and there teach that we must be born again and undergo a complete reformation; that will only happen when we are intimately and vitally united to the Word of God made man and participate in His divine nature, to which we have been elevated.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Since the Holy Feast of Christmas occurs on Monday this year, and because Bishop Olmsted has granted us permission to have Holy Mass at Saint Cecilia in Clarkdale on that day, our schedule will be as follows (**Please take note**):

Sunday, December 24 th	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule.
Monday, December 25 th	8:00am Mass at Saint Cecilia, Clarkdale 1:00pm Mass at Saint Thomas Apostle, Phoenix

Building Update: In July of this year Fr. Fryar sent an email to Bishop Olmsted regarding the acquiring of a church for the Mater Misericordiae Mission. In his reply the bishop said: *“I share with you and all our faithful people of Mater Misericordiae Mission the desire to have a church just for the Liturgy in the 1962 rites”*. In a later correspondence (August 15) he said: *“It makes sense to me to begin to think about a church of its own for the Mater Misericordiae community. To begin to move in that direction, it would be helpful, I think, to get the input of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council. Perhaps it could be put on the agenda this fall and you could come and give a report of how the community is doing, and then open it to discussion.”* Fr. Fryar made a presentation to the Presbyteral Council on September 5th. There was some discussion among the priests and there is an openness among them to the future needs of the Mission. They recognize that there are some practical and pastoral things that need to be in place before we can begin a capital campaign. On October 24th Fr. Fryar met with Father Fred Adamson, Vicar General of the Diocese to discuss what those things are and how to go about getting them in place. This information has been made known to the members of the Financial Council of the Mission and progress is being made. The reception on the part of the Diocese has been quite favorable, and they are willing to work with the Mission. However, they want to be cautious as we undertake this huge project, and before granting their approval they would like to see evidence of the stability, both financially and as a community. The advice of Fr. Adamson is that we continue doing as we are now. We have accumulated \$100,000 in savings since the beginning of the Mission, and \$25,000 of that are Reserved Funds that are not taxed by the Diocese. Beginning in January you will begin to receive an envelope for the Building Fund together with your regular envelopes. All the money collected in them will be placed in the Reserved Building Fund. Any time that you would like to make a donation that you want to be used exclusively towards the acquiring of our own church property you just have to write: **“Building Fund”** on the memo line. (Remember to always make your checks out to “Mater Misericordiae Mission” or “MMM”)

or at least write “Latin Mass” on the memo line) Thank you all very much for your generosity up to now. The sacrifices we make not only gain us spiritual benefit and merit, but they will eventually become a visible testimony of our love for the Church and for the Traditional Rites of the Church. We should remember that we are only Stewards of those things that God has entrusted to us, and it is our duty to be good stewards, not just seeking our own advancement but also the wellbeing of our neighbor and of the Church. Even though the Church does not command that we give a specific amount, we must not forget how many times Our Lord taught about **tithing**, and that it is still a grave obligation.

Prayer for obtaining our own church building: Each Sunday we will pray together the prayer to Our Lady of the Cenacle, to ask her assistance for acquiring our own building. During the days following our Lord’s ascension, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary gathered to pray in an upper room (cenacle) – a borrowed temporary meeting place. While the Apostles were being prepared to labor for the salvation of souls, our Blessed Mother was integral in uniting and guiding them. Being a young quasi-parish, we at Mater Misericordiae Mission are in a situation similar to the Church in her infancy. Beginning our work for the salvation of souls together as a parish, we ask our Lady of the Cenacle to build unity among us and to guide us on our way. Most especially, as we seek to acquire a permanent home for Mater Misericordiae, we turn to our Lady of the Cenacle to humbly ask for her assistance. We will use this following prayer:

Our Lady of the Cenacle

Most holy Virgin of the Cenacle, our Mother, Mary Immaculate, obtain for us, we humbly pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that we may live in charity and persevere with one accord in prayer, under thy guidance and teaching, to the greater glory of God, and that we may labor both by word and work for the salvation of souls and may deserve to enter into everlasting life.

Graciously be near us, O our Lady of the Cenacle, in our present needs, and succor us by thy power, that Almighty God may be pleased to grant us, through thy pleading, the favor for which we earnestly pray. Amen.