



# 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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## Notitiæ July 29, 2007

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	
Propers:	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Class II, Green</b>
Readings:	<i>1 Corinthians 10:6-13; Luke 19:41-47</i>
Intentions:	<b>8:00 am Mass at St. Cecilia (Main St, Clarkdale)</b> Pro Populo (i.e. For the Members of Mater Misericordiae Mission)
Intentions:	<b>1:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (24<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Campbell Ave, Phoenix)</b> † Fredrick Funk
Intentions:	<b>5:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine of Siena (6200 S. Central Ave, Phoenix)</b> Juan Palomino

<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
<b>At St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 am (ending 7:15 am) and 7 pm on Holy Days of Obligation</b>	
<b>Monday, July 30</b>	<b>Thursday, August 2</b>
Propers: <b>Saints Abdon &amp; Sennen, Martyrs</b> Class IV, Red	Propers: <b>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Confessor Doctor,</b> Class III, White
Readings: <i>II Corinthians 6:4-10; Matthew 5:1-12</i>	Readings: <i>II Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 10:1-9</i>
Intentions: Loren & Barbara Nelson	Intentions: † Joe Haley
<b>Tuesday, July 31</b>	<b>Friday, August 3</b>
Propers: <b>St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor</b> Class III, White	Propers: <b>Votive Mass: the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> Class III, White
Readings: <i>II Timothy 2:8-10; 3:10-12; Luke 10:1-9</i>	Readings: <i>Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37</i>
Intentions: Billy Mirasola	Intentions: † Paul Mudd Jr.
<b>Wednesday, August 1</b>	<b>Saturday, August 4</b>
Propers: <b>Requiem Mass, Daily Mass of the Dead</b> Class IV, Black	Propers: <b>St. Dominic, Confessor,</b> Class III, White
Readings: <i>Apoc. 14:13; John 6:51-55</i>	Readings: <i>II Timothy 4:1-8; Luke 12:35-40</i>
Intentions: The Souls in Purgatory	Intentions: Phillip Dross Sr.

<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 4-5 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle. <b>Sunday</b> before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, Saint Catherine of Siena and St. Cecilia if possible. Any other time by arrangement.



## FSSP Prayer Requests

**Sun.** – Fr. James Gordon  
**Mon.** – Fr. Laurent Demets

**Tues.** – Deacon Dennis Gordon  
**Wed.** – Fr. James Fryar

**Thurs.** – Fr. Benoît Guichard  
**Fri.** – Fr. Nicholas Zolnerowicz †  
**Sat.** – Fr. Joseph Hearty

## Parish Announcements and Prayer Requests



❖ **Join Bishop Olmsted** and parishes from around the Diocese on September 15<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope John Paul II visit to Arizona. The theme of the evening will be An Encounter with Christ, and will begin with Mass at 5pm at St. Mary's Basilica. A dinner and program will follow across the street at the Phoenix Convention Center. All are encouraged to attend. Find out more at [www.JP2visit.com](http://www.JP2visit.com)

❖ **The Catholic Sun** published an article dated July 19<sup>th</sup> and titled: *Pope Liberalizes Latin Mass: Guidelines Make Tridentine Mass More Accessible*. It features a photo of Fr. Masutti distributing communion and quotes Mater Misericordiae parishioners and several priests including Fr. Saenz and Fr. Fryar. You can read the article online here: <http://www.catholicsun.org/2007/july19/local/latinmass.html?id=24636>

❖ **Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary:** Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses: 6:30 am and 7:00 pm at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church.

## Diocese



Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted has published an article in the Catholic Sun (July 19th) honoring the 39th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's titled "*Humanae Vitae: A Witness to Christ's faithfulness*" Here are some excerpts: . . . a new study by the Pew Research Center informs us that a significant sampling of Americans considers children to be eighth in importance on a list of nine "Components of Marital Success." According to the study, "Sharing household chores" (3rd), "Good housing" (5th) and "Shared tastes and interests" (7th) all rank higher in importance to a marriage than having children. This is a fairly radical shift. As recently as 1990, a similar study had shown that children were much higher up on the priority list for couples in America . . .

### **The missing link between marriage and children**

What is happening here? It should be natural to link a successful marriage and children. The Catechism of the Catholic Church simply points out what was once obvious when it teaches (#2366), "*Fecundity is a gift, an end of marriage, for conjugal love naturally tends to be fruitful. A child does not come from outside as something added on to the mutual love of the spouses, but springs from the very heart of that mutual giving, as its fruit and fulfillment.*" Sadly, the average person, less and less, assumes this natural link between marriage and children.

*Humanae Vitae* did not explicitly predict that the logical link between marriage and children would unravel in the late 20th century. But Paul VI gave grounds for understanding this unraveling with his four remarkable predictions. In section 17, he claimed that widespread acceptance of contraception would:

1. Cause an increase in marital infidelity;
2. Result in a general lowering of morality, especially affecting the young;
3. Reduce men's respect for women, who would be treated more commonly as objects; and
4. Risk giving power to government officials who would impose contraceptive methods on entire groups of their citizens.

Can these predictions now be disputed? Have we not seen precisely these foreshadowed disasters come to pass? Have not our young people inherited a culture immersed in the contraceptive mentality and the unnatural disconnect between sexual behavior and children? Have not China, the United Nations, and even our own government in the 1990s used contraception to manipulate nations and peoples? The argument for *Humanae Vitae's* prophetic accuracy has become self-evident. . . A person does not have to be Catholic to understand the truth of this teaching. Natural law and common sense have sufficed to make this clear to many well-known non-Catholics. Well before Pope Paul VI published his prophetic document the great Hindu humanist Mohandas Gandhi, who led the 20th century liberation of India through nonviolent action, said, "*If [contraceptive] methods become the order of the day, nothing but moral degradation can be the result. . . As it is, man has sufficiently degraded woman for his lust, and contraception, no matter how well meaning the advocates may be, will still further degrade her.*" . . .

. . . In *Humanae Vitae* (#11), the Church holds that "*each and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life.*" Is this teaching simply an inability to keep up with the changing morals

of our times? Or is it the Church standing strong against these times' confusion and mistakes? . . . In July of each year, we celebrate Natural Family Planning week in our country. It is an occasion to thank God for our Church's teaching on marriage and family. . .

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**Sunday's Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:41-47

*41 And when he drew near, seeing the city, he wept over it, saying: 42 If thou also hadst known, and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace; but now they are hidden from thy eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, and thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and straiten thee on every side, 44 And beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children who are in thee: and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone: because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation.*

*45 And entering into the temple, he began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought. 46 Saying to them: It is written: My house is the house of prayer. But you have made it a den of thieves. 47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. And the chief priests and the scribes and the rulers of the people sought to destroy him . . .*

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**Prayer for the Gift of Tears**

St. Augustine (d. 430 A.D.)

reprinted in *Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers* (Ignatius Press)

O Lord Christ, Word of the Father, Who came into this world to save sinners, I beseech Thee, by the innermost depths of Thy mercy, cleanse my soul, perfect my actions put in order my manner of life, take from me what is harmful to me, and what displeases Thee, Grant me what Thou knowest is pleasing to Thee, and profitable to me. Who but Thou alone canst make clean what was conceived of unclean seed? Thou art the Omnipotent God, Infinite in mercy, Who makest sinners just, and givest life to the dead; Who changest sinners, and they are sinners no more?

Take from me therefore whatever is displeasing to Thee; for Thy eyes can see my manifold imperfections. Stretch forth, I beseech Thee, the hand of Thy mercy, and take from me whatever in me offends the eyes of Thy goodness. In Thy hands, O Lord, are my health and my infirmity. Preserve me in the one; heal in the other. Heal me O Lord, and I shall be healed save me, and I shall be saved; Thou Who doest heal the sick, and preserve those who are healed, Thou Who by thy nod alone does renew what is ruined and fallen. For Thou wilt so good seed in Thy field, there is need also to pluck from it the thorns of my sins by the hands of Thy mercy.

Most sweet, most kind, most loving, most dear, most precious most desired, most lovable most beautiful, pour out into my breath I beg of Thee, the fullness of Thy sweetness and charity, so that I shall not think of or desire what is carnal or earthly, but rather love Thee alone, keep Thee alone within my heart, and upon lips. Write with Thy finger upon my heart the precious remembrance of Thy sweet name, that no forgetfulness may ever from there erase it. Write Thy will and Thy law upon the tables of my heart, that always and everywhere I may have Thee and thy holy precepts before my eyes, O Lord of unending sweetness. In flame my soul with the fire thou didst cast upon the earth, and willed it be enkindled (Lk xii. 49), so that with welling tears I may offer Thee daily the sacrifice of *an afflicted spirit*, and of *a contrite heart* (Ps. 1). Sweet Jesus O good Jesus, since I long for it, and implore it of Thee with my whole should, grant me Thy chaste and holy love, that it may fill me, hold me, possess me, completely. And grant me that visible sign of Thy love, a cleansing ever flowing fountain of tears, that these tears may also bear witness to Thy love in me, that they may show, that they may tell how much my would doth love Thee; that in the too great sweetness of Thy love it cannot withhold its tears . . .

Look upon me, and have pity upon me, for the grieves of my heart are multiplied. Grant me Thy heavenly consolation, and despise not this sinful soul for which also Thou didst die? Grant me, I beseech Thee, in Thy love, the inward tears that can dissolve the chains of my sins, and fill my soul for ever with Thy heavenly delight; so that I may merit to obtain, if not together with Thy devoted women, some little place within Thy kingdom? . . .

O Sole Refuge and Sole Hope of the unhappy, to Whom we can never pray without hope of mercy, for Thy sake, and for Thy Holy Name's sake, grant me this grace, that as often as I think of Thee, speak of Thee, write of Thee, read of Thee, preach of Thee, that as often as I remember Thee stand before Thee offer Thee sacrifice, prayers and praise, so often may I weep, the tears of welling sweetly and abundantly in Thy sigh, so that tears may be my bread by day and night. For Thou, King of Glory, and Teacher of all virtue, by word and by example, has taught us to weep and to mourn, saying *Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted*. Thou didst weep for Thy dead friend, and Thou didst weep over the city that was to perish (Jn. Xi 35). I beseech Thee, O Good Jesus through these most blessed tears, and through all Thy tenderness, by which Thou didst wondrously come to our aid who were lost, grant me this grace of tears my soul so longs for, and now begs of Thee. For without Thy gift of it I cannot possess it.



***Destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70)***

Francesco Hayez (1867)

By Thy Holy Spirit Who softens the heard hearts of sinners, and moves them to tears, grant me the grace of tears, as Thou didst grant it to my fathers, in whose steps I should follow: that I may bewail my whole life, as they bewailed themselves by day and night. By their prayers and merits who have pleased Thee, and most faithfully served Thee, have mercy on me Thy most pitiful and unworthy servant, and grant me the gift of tears. Water me from above, and water me from below that day and night tears may be my bread. May I become in Thy sight, O my God, a sacrifice, rich and full of marrow, through the fires of Thy compunction. May I be wholly consumed on the altar of my own heart, and may I as a most acceptable holocaust, be received by Thee *as an odour of sweetness*.

Grant me a strengthening fountain, a clear fountain, in which this defiled holocaust may be continuously washed. For though by the help of Thy grace I have offered myself wholly to Thee, yet in many things I daily offend Thee, because of my great weakness. Grant to me therefore, this gift of tears, O blessed and Lovable God, especially because of the great sweetness of Thy love, and also for a remembrance of Thy mercies.

Prepare this table before the face of Thy servant, and grant me this power with regard to it, that as often as I will I may be filled from it. Grant me in Thy kindness and Thy goodness that this Thy chalice (Ps. Xxii), so good and so inebriating, may quench my thirst. Let my spirit long for Thee; let my soul burn with Thy love, forgetful of all vanity and of all misery.

Hear me, O My God; hear me O light of my eyes, hear what I ask of Thee; and grant that I may ask of Thee what Thou wilt hear. Kind and gentle Lord be not hard to me, because of my sins but because of Thine own goodness receive the prayers of Thy servant, and grant me the answer to my prayer, the answer to my desire through the prayers and merits of my Lady, Mary Virgin and of all the Saints. Amen.