



**PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF SAINT PETER**

# 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 September 14, 2008

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	
Propers:	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
Readings:	<i>Philippians 2, 5-11; Saint John 12, 31-36</i>
<b>8:00 am Mass in Nativity Church, Flagstaff</b>	
Intention:	
<b>1:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (24<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Campbell Ave, Phoenix)</b>	
Intention:	Mons. William McKay

<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
<b>At St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 am (ending 7:15 am) and 7:00 pm on Holy Days of Obligation</b>	
<b>Monday, September 15</b> Propers: <b>Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary;</b> Class II White Readings: <i>Judith 13, 22-25; Saint John 19, 25-27</i> Intention: <i>Confraternity of Saint Peter</i>	<b>Thursday, September 18</b> Propers: <b>St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor</b> Class III, White Readings: <i>1<sup>st</sup>.Cor.13:1-8; Matthew 22:1-14</i> Intention: Denny Nelson and family
<b>Tuesday, September 16</b> Propers: <b>Ss. Cornelius, Pope &amp; Ciprian Bishop, Martyrs;</b> Class III, Red Readings: <i>Wisdom 3:1-8; Luke 21:9-19</i> Intention: Duane Nelson and family	<b>Friday, September 19</b> Propers: <b>St. Januarius &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> Class III, Red Readings: <i>Hebrews 10, 32-38; Matthew 24,3-13</i> Intention: Dale Nelson and family
<b>Wednesday, September 17</b> Propers: <b>Requiem Mass</b> Class IV, Black Readings: <i>Apoc. 14:13; John 6:51-55</i> Intention: + Rev Jerome A. Haladus, O.P.	<b>Saturday, September 20</b> Propers: <b>Saturday of Our Lady</b> Class IV, White Readings: <i>Eccles. 24, 14-16; Luke 11, 27-28</i> Intention: Jonathan Nelson and family

<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Friday:</b> 5-5:30 pm and <b>Saturday:</b> 3:30-4:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle. <b>Sunday:</b> before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, and at St. Cecilia, if possible. Other times by arrangement.

## Sunday Music

(Numbers for the Traditional Roman Hymnal)

Processional Hymn:	Praise to the Holiest	#219
Recessional Hymn:	Salve Regina	#159

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## Sunday Collect

O God, who year by year dost gladden us by the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: we beseech Thee, grant unto us, who on earth have known its mystery, to be found worthy to enjoy the rewards of its redemption in heaven. Through the same, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who reigneth with Thee in the unity ...

## Sunday Epistle

PHILIPPIANS 2. 5-11

Brethren, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above all names: (*Here all genuflect*) that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

## Sunday Gospel

JOHN 12. 31-36

At that time: Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: Now is the judgment of the world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself. (Now this He said, signifying what death He should die.) The multitude answered Him: We have heard out of the law, that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest Thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is the Son of man? Jesus therefore said to them: Yet a little while, the light is among you. Walk whilst you have the light, that the darkness overtake you not. And he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. Whilst you have the light, believe in the light; that you may be the children of light.

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## Parish Announcements and Prayer Requests



- ❖ **Relic of the True Cross:** After the 1:00 pm Mass today we will have the veneration of the Relic of the True Cross of Our Savior. Please make your way to the communion rail as for Holy Communion and you can venerate the relic by kissing the reliquary.
- ❖ **Potluck:** Today will be our Potluck in the Hall. Everyone is invited and welcome. Spend some time with other members of the Mission to get to know them better. Please remember to help with the clean-up and to take your dishes home with you afterwards. Next month the potluck has to be on the first Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Those who are new to the community are especially welcome.
- ❖ **Congregational Singing:** Next Sunday the Choir will sing Mass XI of the Ordinary which can be found in your hymnal. The chant will be sung in alternatum (that is, alternating men's and women's voices in the choir on each text phrase). Those of you in the pews who are familiar with singing chant should feel free to join in singing when the ladies of the choir are singing.
- ❖ **National Right To Life Committee:** Msgr. William McKay has donated some materials from the NRLC. The "Choose Life" newspaper has a section on "Where do the Candidates Stand on Life?" These materials will be available at our table in the back of church. We only have about fifty or so copies so please be quick, and only take one per family. You can make copies of them if you so wish.
- ❖ **Women's Group:** The next meeting for the women's group will be this Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and it will take place at the Lashutka residence at 6734 N 12th Ave. Phx, 85013
- ❖ **Children's Choir:** Dr. Haefer would like to meet with any young adult of high school age or older who would be interested in directing the Children's choir under his supervision. Please call him at 480-968-5817.
- ❖ **Adults Choir:** Rehearsals for the Adult Choir began last Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Choir is very much in need of new members both male and female. Please remember to pray for the development of the music program at Mater Misericordiae Mission since it is such an important part of our service to God on your behalf.

## FSSP Prayer Requests



**Sun.** – Fr. Joseph Portzer  
**Mon.** – Fr. Roberto Cano

**Tue.** – Fr. Michael Irwin  
**Wed.** – Fr. Thomas Longua  
**Thu.** – Fr. Charles Fiore †

**Fri.** – Fr. Eric Flood  
**Sat.** – Fr. Michael Magiera

## On the Examination of Conscience

by  
Alphonsus Rodriguez

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### Chapter I.

The great importance of the Examen of Conscience.

ONE of the chief and most efficacious means we have for our spiritual advancement is, the examen of conscience; and for this reason the Saints recommend so earnestly the practice of it. St. Chrysostom says that we should make this examen before we go to bed; and gives two good reasons for it. First, that the day following we may be the better disposed to preserve ourselves from the faults we have committed; for if we examine ourselves well over night, and conceive a great sorrow for our defects, and propose firmly to correct them, it is certain that this will serve as a curb to hinder us from falling into them again the day following. Secondly, the prospect of examining ourselves at night will be an occasion of greater recollection all the day long; for remembering that we have, on the very same day, to render an account of what we have done, will make us stand more upon our guard, and pay greater attention to what we do. As a nobleman, says St. Chrysostom, who preserves order in his family, lets no day pass without calling his steward to an account, to prevent him from being careless and confused in it; even so it is good that we also daily make up our accounts, lest our negligence and forgetfulness should cause disorder in them. St. Ephrem and St. John Climachus add, that as merchants set down their gains and losses every day, and when they find they have suffered any loss, presently endeavor to repair it, so we must daily examine the gains and losses which happen to us in the great affair of our salvation, that, by presently repairing our losses, we may prevent them from bringing on our total ruin. St. Dorotheus notices another very considerable advantage we derive from this examen: viz. that by accustoming ourselves to make it well every day, and by daily repenting of our faults, we hinder them from taking deeper root in our heart, and prevent our bad habits from growing stronger.

It is not so with those who are not careful to examine themselves, and whose conscience are compared by the Saints to the field and vineyard mentioned by the Wise Man, when he says -- "I passed by the field of the slothful man, and by the vineyard of the foolish man, and behold it was all filled with nettles, and thorns had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall was broken down." (Prov. xxiv. 30.) The conscience of those who do not examine themselves is like a neglected vineyard, which, because it is not cultivated, is presently overgrown with thorns and brambles. For our corrupt nature is so bad a soil, that of itself it produces nothing but weeds; and therefore we must always have our pruning-hook in our hand, and employ ourselves in cutting or rooting them out. Now this is done by means of our examen; it is this that cuts up vice effectually, that plucks up our bad inclinations as soon as they begin to appear, and hinders bad habits from taking root.

But the importance and efficacy of this means have been made known, not only to the Saints, but also to many pagan philosophers, who were illuminated by the light of nature only. St. Jerome and St. Thomas relate, that one of the chief instructions Pythagoras was wont to give his disciples was, that they should daily, morning and evening, employ some time in examining themselves upon these three questions: What have I done? How have I done it? What have I omitted to do? He further bade them rejoice at what they found they had done well; and repent, and feel sorry for what they had done amiss. Seneca, Plutarch, Epictetus, and many others recommend the same thing.

All this ought to give us a great esteem of this exercise, and make us look upon it as the most efficacious means for our advancement in perfection; and should move us to be very exact in making our examens. Nothing should divert us from so holy an exercise; or if any indispensable occupation hinders us from making it at the time appointed, we must endeavour to fulfil the obligation as soon as possible. And sickness itself, which dispenses with our ordinary prayer, dispenses not with our examens. The sick person, moreover, has daily sufficient matter for his particular examen, either by conforming himself in pains and sickness, which God sends him, to His Divine will; and also to the remedies he is obliged to take; or else by supporting with patience the want of several things he imagines he stands in need of; or, in fine, by resigning himself entirely into the hands of God, to live or to die, as it shall please His Divine providence to ordain.



**Albrecht Durer. *The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin*. c.1496-1497.**

Oil on panel. Central panel. Alte Pinakothek, Munich, Germany. Side panels. Dresden Gallery, Dresden,

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

This feast dates back to the 12th century. It was especially promoted by the Cistercians and the Servites, so much so that in the 14th and 15th centuries it was widely celebrated throughout the Catholic Church. In 1482 the feast was added to the Missal under the title of "Our Lady of Compassion." Pope Benedict XIII added it to the Roman Calendar in 1727 on the Friday before Palm Sunday. In 1913, Pope Pius X fixed the date on September 15. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary. The feast is like an octave for the birthday of Our Lady on September 8th. — Excerpted from *Our Lady of Sorrows* by Fr. Paul Haffner (*Inside the Vatican*, September 2004)

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (*Luke 2:25-35*)
2. The flight into Egypt (*Matthew 2:13-15*)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (*Luke 2:41-50*)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (*Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17*)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (*John 19:25-30*)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (*Psalms 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37*)
7. The burial of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47*)