



**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**

**October 12, 2008**

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	
Propers: Readings:	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Class II Green</b> <i>Philippians 1:6-11; St. Matthew 22:15-21</i>
Intention:	<b>5:30 pm Mass at St. Cecilia (Clarkdale, AZ)</b> Pro Populo (i.e. For the Members of Mater Misericordiae Mission)
Intention:	<b>1:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (24<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Campbell Ave, Phoenix)</b> Pro Populo

<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, October 13</b>	<b>Thursday, October 16</b>
Propers: <b>St. Edward the Confessor, King</b> Class III, White	Propers: <b>St. Hedwig, Widow</b> Class III, White
Readings: <i>Eccle. 31:8-11; St. Luke 12:35-40</i>	Readings: <i>Proverbs 31:10-31; St. Matthew 13:44-52</i>
Intention: † Beau Trainer	Intention: Dorothy Louise Trainer
<b>Tuesday, October 14</b>	<b>Friday, October 17</b>
Propers: <b>St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</b> Class III, Red	Propers: <b>St. Margaret May Alacoque</b> Class III, White
Readings: <i>1Peter 5:1-4,10-11; St. Matthew 16:13-19</i>	Readings: <i>Eph. 3:8-9,14-19; St. Matthew 11:25-30</i>
Intention: Rev. Federico Masutti, FSSP	Intention: † Anna Gorham
<b>Wednesday, October 15</b>	<b>Saturday, October 18</b>
Propers: <b>St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor</b> Class III, White	Propers: <b>St. Luke the Evangelist</b> Class II, Red
Readings: <i>Wisdom 7:7-14; St. Matthew 11:25-30</i>	Readings: <i>2 Cor. 8:16-24; St. Luke 10:1-9</i>
Intention: † Debra Lankford	Intention: Rev. Fr. Kenneth Fryar, FSSP

<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Friday</b> 5-5:30 pm and <b>Saturday</b> 4-5 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 Collect

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; hear, we pray Thee, the devout prayers of Thy Church, and grant that what we ask confidently we may obtain effectually. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity . . .

### Sunday Epistle

Philippians 1:6-11

Being confident of this very thing, that he, who hath begun a good work in you, will perfect it unto the day of Christ Jesus. As it is meet for me to think this for you all, for that I have you in my heart; and that in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of my joy. For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your charity may more and more abound in knowledge, and in all understanding: That you may approve the better things, that you may be sincere and without offence unto the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of justice, through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

### Sunday Gospel

St. Matthew 22:15-21

At that time, the Pharisees went and consulted among themselves how to ensnare Jesus in His speech. And they send to Him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that Thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man, for Thou dost not regard the person of the man. Tell us therefore, what dost Thou think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt Me, ye hypocrites? Show me the coin of the tribute. And they offered Him a penny. And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and superscription is this? They say to Him: Caesar's. Then He saith to them: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.

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### Parish Announcements and Prayer Requests



- ❖ **Registration:** Those who have been attending and would like to become members of Mater Misericordiae Mission, you can obtain a registration form from the table at the back of the church, or online at [www.phoenixlatinmass.org](http://www.phoenixlatinmass.org)
- ❖ **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 continue every week. 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.
- ❖ **Holy Day of Obligation:** there will be Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle church on November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation.

### National Conference of Catholic Bishops, United States of America Decree of Promulgation

On December 13, 1991 the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America made the following general decree concerning holy days of obligation for Latin Rite Catholics: In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows:

**January 1**, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; **Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter**, the solemnity of the Ascension; **August 15**, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **November 1**, the solemnity of All Saints; **December 8**, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; **December 25**, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

This decree of the Conference of Bishops was approved and confirmed by the Apostolic See by a decree of the Congregation for Bishops (Prot. N. 296/84), signed by Bernardin Cardinal Gantin, prefect of the Congregation, and dated July 4, 1992.

### FSSP Prayer Requests



**Sun.** – Very Rev. John Berg

**Mon.** – Fr. Gregory Pendergraft

**Tue.** – Fr. Arnaud Devillers

**Wed.** – Fr. Joseph Hearty

**Thu.** – Fr. Angelo Van der Putten

**Fri.** – Fr. Terrence Gordon

**Sat.** – Fr. Justin Nolan

**Sermon on Sunday's Gospel: The Teeth of the Pharisees**  
**By St. Augustine (d. 430 A.D.) from the Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers**

*God shall break in pieces their teeth in their mouth, Ps. 63:7*

Whose teeth? They whose madness is like that of the serpent; like the asp that stops her ears so as not to hear the voice of the charmer, nor the voice of the wizard with his cunning spell. What has the Lord done to them? *He has crushed in pieces the teeth in their mouth.* This He has done: it was done before, and here He does it now. But it would have sufficed to say: *He has crushed their teeth.* Why is *in their mouth added?*

They would not listen to the Law. They would not listen to the precepts of truth spoken by Christ; behaving like the serpent and the asp. For they still clung to their former sins; neither would they forego their place in this present life: refusing to exchange present delights for future joys. They closed one ear with the delights of the past; they closed the other with the delights of the present; and refused to listen. Why else should we hear words such as these: *If we let him alone, the Romans will come, and take away our place and nation* (Jn 11:48)?

They were certainly unwilling to lose their place and rank, and therefore pressed their ear to the earth; and for the same reason they refused to listen to the healing words of this Wise Man. It was said of them that they were greedy and lovers of money. And their whole life, their past, is described for us by the Lord in the Gospel. He who reads the Gospel carefully, will find why they closed both ears.

Let our Charity listen carefully. What has the Lord done? *He has crushed in pieces the teeth in their mouth.* Why in *their mouths?* That from their own mouth they might speak against themselves. He compels them from their own mouth to pronounce sentence against themselves. They wished to put him in danger of His life, using the pretext of the tribute. But he neither said it was lawful nor unlawful to pay the tribute. But He resolved to crush their teeth, now eager to devour Him; and to crush them in their own mouth.

Had He said: 'Let tribute be paid to Caesar,' they could have accused Him of giving evil counsel to the Jewish nation; making it a tributary. For *brought low because of their injustice,* they were not paying tribute: as had been foretold of them in the Law (Ps 106:17). 'We have Him,' they say, 'this traitor to our nation, if He says we should pay the tribute. We have Him if He says we should not pay it; for speaking against us who are devoted to Caesar.' This was twofold trap they laid to ensnare our Lord.

But to whom had they come? To One Who knew how to crush in pieces the teeth in their mouth. *Show me,* He says, *the coin of the tribute,* Why do ye tempt me, ye hypocrites? Are you thinking of paying the tribute? You wish to do what is just? You want good advice? *If in very deed you speak justice: judge right things, ye sons of men* (Ps. 57:2) But now, you say one thing, you think another; you hypocrites. Why do you tempt me? Now shall I crush in pieces the teeth in your mouth.

*Show me the coin of the tribute.* They showed it to Him. He did not say: This is Caesar's. No. He asks them whose it is: that their teeth might be crushed by their own mouth. For when He asks whose image and inscription is on it, they tell Him it is Caesar's. And now the Lord shall crush the teeth in their mouth. Already, answering Him they have crushed the teeth in their own mouth.

*Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.* Caesar seeks back his own image. Give it back him. God seeks His own image. Give it back to Him. Do not refuse Caesar his money. Do not refuse God His money. And they had nothing to say in answer. They had been sent to trap Him by false words. They come back saying no one could answer Him. Why? Because their teeth had been crushed in pieces in their mouth. Amen. [notes omitted]



*Ecstasy of St Theresa, 1652,  
by Gianlorenzo Bernini.  
Cornaro chapel, Santa Maria  
Della Vittoria church in Rome.*

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**Excerpt from the Interior  
Castle by St. Teresa of  
Avila**

(reprinted on ewtn.com)

This body has one fault, that the more people pamper it, the more its wants are made known. It is strange how much it likes to be indulged. How well it finds some good pretext to deceive the poor soul! . . . Oh, you who are free from the great troubles of the world, learn to suffer a little for the love of God without everyone's knowing it! . . .

And remember our holy fathers of past times and holy hermits whose life we try to imitate; what pains they endured, what loneliness, what cold, what hunger, what burning suns, without having anyone to complain to except God. Do you think that they were of iron? No, they were as much flesh as we are; and as soon as we begin, daughters, to conquer this little carcass, it will not bother us so much.... If you don't make up your mind to swallow, once and for all, death and loss of health, you will never do anything....

God deliver us from anybody who wishes to serve Him and thinks about her own dignity and fears to be disgraced.... No poison in the world so slays perfection as these things do....

There are persons, it seems, who are ready to ask God for favors as a matter of justice. A fine sort of humility! Hence He who knows all does well in giving it to them hardly ever; He sees plainly they are not fit to drink the chalice....

Sometimes the Devil proposes to us great desires, so that we shall not put our hand to what we have to do, and serve our Lord in possible things, but stay content with having desired impossible ones. Granting that you can help much by prayer, don't try to benefit all the world, but those who are in your company, and so the work will be better for you are much bounden to them.... In short, what I would conclude with is that we must not build towers without foundations; the Lord does not look so much to the grandeur of our works as to the love with which they are done; and if we do all we can, His Majesty will see to it that we are able to do more and more every day, if we do not then grow weary, and during the little that this life lasts—and perhaps it will be shorter than each one thinks—we offer to Christ, inwardly and outwardly, what sacrifice we can, for His Majesty will join it with the one He made to the Father for us on the Cross, that it may have the value which our will would have merited, even though our works may be small.