



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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Sunday Masses

Propers: Readings:	6th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany, Class II Green <i>1 Thessalonians 1:2-10; St. Matthew 13:31-35</i>
Intention:	8:00 am Mass at St. Cecilia (Clarkdale, AZ) Pro Populo (i.e. For the Members of Mater Misericordiae Mission)
Intention:	1:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (24th St. & Campbell Ave, Phoenix) † Edward Salasek

Weekday Masses

At St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 am (ending 7:15 am) and 7:00 pm on Holy Days of Obligation

Monday, November 17		Thursday, November 20	
Propers:	St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop and Confessor Class III, White	Propers:	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor Class III, White
Readings:	<i>Wis. 44:16-17, 45:3-20; St. Mt. 11:22-24</i>	Readings:	<i>1st Cor. 4:9-14; St. Luke 12:32-34</i>
Intention:	† James Robert Gilloon	Intention:	† Fr. William Most
Tuesday, November 18		Friday, November 21	
Propers:	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; Class III, White	Propers:	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Class III, White
Readings:	<i>Apoc. 21:2-5; St. Luke 19:1-10</i>	Readings:	<i>Eccle. 24:14-16; St. Luke 11:27-28</i>
Intention:	† Fr. Roland Stair	Intention:	Sanctification of Priests
Wednesday, November 19		Saturday, November 22	
Propers:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow Class III, White	Propers:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Class III, Red
Readings:	<i>Prov. 31:10-31; St. Matthew 13:44-52</i>	Readings:	<i>Eccle. 51:13-17; St. Matthew 13:44-52</i>
Intention:	† Deceased Presidents of the United States	Intention:	† Frank Baron

Confessions

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

Sunday Collect

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Sunday Epistle

I THESSALONIANS 1:2-10

Brethren, We give thanks to God always for you all, making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing, being mindful of the work of your faith and labor and charity, and of the enduring of the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before God and our Father: knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election: for our Gospel hath not been unto you in word only, but in power also, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much fullness, as you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes. And you became followers of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that you were made a pattern to all that believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you was spread abroad the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but also in every place your faith, which is towards God, is gone forth, so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves relate of us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven (Whom He raised from the dead), Jesus, who hath delivered us from the wrath to come.

Sunday Gospel

ST. MATTHEW 13:31-35

At that time Jesus spoke to the multitudes this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field: which is the least indeed of all seeds: but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in the branches thereof. Another parable He spoke to them: The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes: and without parables He did not speak to them: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

Parish Announcements and Prayer Requests



- ❖ **Registration:** To register as a member of Mater Misericordiae Mission, please fill out a registration form, available either on the table at the back of the church or online at www.phoenixlatinmass.org.
- ❖ **Orders** are now being taken for the 2009 FSSP Calendars (St. Thomas location only). The cost is \$13 and must be prepaid. Some of the price of these calendars comes to the Mission, so by purchasing one you are also helping the Mater Misericordiae Mission. Orders will continue to be taken for the next few weeks
- ❖ **Thank you:** Mater Misericordiae Mission would like to thank Monsignor William E. McKay for his donation of \$6,749 to our building fund. Over the years Monsignor has been very generous towards the Mission and the Fraternity of Saint Peter, donating many books and other items. Please keep Monsignor in your prayers.
- ❖ ***NEW* Artes Liberales** is a new adult forum open to all men and women of good will, who wish to come together on a monthly basis to enjoy one another's company in the context of a discussion of some particular work of art. The first such work to be considered will be Flannery O'Connor's short story *A Good Man is Hard to Find*. Please join us on Saturday evening, **6 December**, for the inaugural meeting! More details (specific time and place) to follow in subsequent bulletins.

FSSP Prayer Requests



Sun. – Fr. Christopher Blust
Mon. – Fr. Mark Wojdelski

Tue. – Very Rev. John Berg
Wed. – Fr. Chad Ripperger
Thu. – Pope Benedict XVI

Fri. – Fr. Edwin Neufeld
Sat. – Fr. Denis Bouchard

Teaser Quote:

"St. Cyril of Jerusalem, in instructing catechumens, wrote: 'The dragon sits by the side of the road, watching those who pass. Beware lest he devour you. We got to the Father of Souls, but it is necessary to pass by the dragon.' No matter what form the dragon may take, it is of this mysterious passage past him, or into his jaws, that stories of any depth will always be concerned to tell, and this being the case, it requires considerable courage at any time, in any country, not to turn away from the storyteller."

Mary Flannery O'Connor, "The Fiction Writer and His Country," 1957, in *Collected Works* (New York: Library of America, 1988), p. 806.

The Spirit of the Liturgy (hiatus)

"Every man who performs a free act projects his personality into infinity. If he gives from his feeble heart a penny to a poor man, that penny pierces the hand of the poor, falls, breaks through the earth, pierces the sun, traverses the firmament, and captures the universe" Leon Bloy, *Le Désespéré*, pt. 2; quoted in Charles Cardinal Journet, *Theology of the Church* (San Francisco: Ignatius, 2004)

To find out more, please come to the Adult Forum on Thursday evenings at 6:45 pm, Rm. 14. As Deacon Austin is assisting the Fraternity parish in Atlanta this week, the next class will meet on 4 December.

Pauline Year

The following is an excerpt from the Holy Father's second catechesis on St. Paul (27 August 2008):

Considering Paul's missionary journeys, we must "note how dedicated he was to proclaiming the Gospel, sparing no energy, confronting a series of grave trials, of which he left us a list in the Second Letter to the Corinthians (cf. 11:21-28). Moreover, it is he who writes: "I do it all for the sake of the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:23), exercising with unreserved generosity what he called "concern for the Churches" (2 Cor 11:28). We see a commitment that can only be explained by a soul truly fascinated by the light of the Gospel, in love with Christ, a soul sustained by profound conviction; it is necessary to bring Christ's light to the world, to proclaim the Gospel to all of us. This seems to me to be what remains for us from this brief review of St Paul's journeys: to see his passion for the Gospel and thereby grasp the greatness, the beauty, indeed the deep need of the Gospel for all of us. Let us pray the Lord who caused St Paul to see his light, who made him hear his word and profoundly moved his heart, that we may also see his light, so that our hearts too may be moved by his Word and thus that we too may give the light of the Gospel and the truth of Christ to today's world which thirsts for it."

The complete text of the Holy Father's Wednesday Audiences (Catecheses) may be found at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/audiences/2008/index_en.htm.

The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis

The Fourteenth Chapter The Ardent Longing of Devout Men for the Body of Christ

The Disciple: HOW great is the abundance of Your kindness, O Lord, which You have hidden from those who fear You!

When I think how some devout persons come to Your Sacrament with the greatest devotion and love, I am frequently ashamed and confused that I approach Your altar and the table of Holy Communion so coldly and indifferently; that I remain so dry and devoid of heartfelt affection; that I am not completely inflamed in Your presence, O my God, nor so strongly drawn and attracted as many devout persons who, in their great desire for Communion and intense heart love, could not restrain their tears but longed from the depths of their souls and bodies to embrace You, the Fountain of Life. These were able to appease and allay their hunger in no other way than by receiving Your Body with all joy and spiritual eagerness. The faith of these men was true and ardent -- convincing proof of Your sacred presence. They whose hearts burn so ardently within them when Jesus lives with them truly know their Lord in the breaking of bread.

Such affection and devotion, such mighty love and zeal are often far beyond me. Be merciful to me, O sweet, good, kind Jesus, and grant me, Your poor suppliant, sometimes at least to feel in Holy Communion a little of the tenderness of Your love, that my faith may grow stronger, that my hope in Your goodness may increase, and that charity, once perfectly kindled within me by tasting heavenly manna, may never fail.

Your mercy can give me the grace I long for and can visit me most graciously with fervor of soul according to Your good pleasure. For although I am not now inflamed with as great desire as those who are singularly devoted to You, yet by Your grace I long for this same great flame, praying and seeking a place among all such ardent lovers that I may be numbered among their holy company.

GIORDANO, Luca; Presentation of Mary at the Temple, 1672-74

THE BLESSED VIRGIN was presented in the temple at Jerusalem by her pious parents, Joachim and Ann, there to be educated in the service and the law of the Lord in order that she might be guarded against the defilements of the world. From this we learn:

Joachim and Ann offered to the Lord their only and most beloved child, and gave her up entirely to His service. Great as the sacrifice was, they yet made it. The preservation of the innocence of their daughter was to them above all else. Parents, God requires of you that you should not merely offer your children to Him in the temple, but that you should take care to keep them pure and holy, as living temples which have been consecrated in Baptism.

Mary gives and dedicates herself to God as soon as she is capable of serving Him, and that without any reservation, for all time, and irrevocably. When, then, shall we give ourselves in earnest to God? True, we have been given to Him in holy Baptism, we have been consecrated as His temples, we have renounced the devil and the world, we have vowed to live only for God, and this vow we have, perhaps, often renewed; but have we kept it? What we gave with one hand, have we not taken it away with the other? Have we not defiled the temple of our hearts by shameful lusts, lived for the world and vanity more than for God? Ah, when shall we give ourselves up to God sincerely and forever? Perhaps when we are old! But will God accept our offering then? Will He be pleased that we begin to serve Him only when we can no longer serve the world? That we first begin to live for Him when our life is soon to cease? No; God is a jealous Lord, and is not pleased with a heart divided between Him and creatures. He requires us to love Him with all our heart and all our soul, and to serve Him with all our powers. Let us, then, do this, and do it from our youth; let us keep ourselves in body and soul undefiled for the Lord; such love, and such love only, will He reward as perfect.

