



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 December 7, 2008

Sunday Masses	
Propers: Readings:	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> , Class I Violet <i>Romans 15:4-13; St. Matthew 11:2-10</i>
Intention:	<b>6:30 am Mass at All Saints (Mesa, 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> Building Committee members

Weekday Masses At St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 am (ending 7:15 am) and 7:00 pm on Holy Days of Obligation	
<b>Monday, December 8</b>	<b>Thursday, December 11</b>
Propers: <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> ; Class I, White	Propers: <b>Dedication of the Cathedral of Phoenix</b> Class I, White
Readings: <i>Proverbs 8:22-35; St. Luke 1:26-28</i>	Readings: <i>I Peter 5:1-14,10-11; St. Matthew 16:13-19</i>
Intention: 6:30 am Monsg. William McKay <b>7:00 pm Jeff Dodd &amp; Travis Olmsted</b>	Intention: Mary Rose Walsh
<b>Tuesday, December 9</b>	<b>Friday, December 12</b>
Propers: <b>Feria of Advent</b> (Mass of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent); Class III, Violet	Propers: <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, Patroness of the Diocese</b> Class I, White
Readings: <i>Romans 15:4-13; St. Matthew 11:2-10</i>	Readings: <i>Eccle. 24:23-31; St. Matthew 10:28-33</i>
Intention: Poor souls in Purgatory	Intention: Mrs. Monika Fryar
<b>Wednesday, December 10</b>	<b>Saturday, December 13</b>
Propers: <b>Feria of Advent</b> (Mass of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent); Class III, Violet	Propers: <b>St. Lucy Virgin and Martyr</b> Class III, Red
Readings: <i>Romans 15:4-13; St. Matthew 11:2-10</i>	Readings: <i>II Cor. 10:17-18; 11:1-2 St. Matthew 13:44-52</i>
Intention: Rev. Fr. J. F. Michael Bain	Intention: † Eugene Brudnicki

Confessions
<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 Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son; that through His coming we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth

## Sunday Epistle

ROMANS 15: 4-13

Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards another, according to Jesus Christ; that with one mind and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honour of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers but that the Gentiles are to glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to Thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles and will sing to Thy name. And again He saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again: Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and magnify Him, all ye people. And again, Isaias saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and He that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing: that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

## Sunday Gospel

MATTHEW 11:2-10

At that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to Him: Art thou He that art to come, or look we for another? And Jesus making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them: and blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in Me. And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee.

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## 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](http://www.phoenixlatinmass.org).
- ❖ **Holy Day of Obligation:** Even though December 8<sup>th</sup>, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is *not* abrogated (unlike All Souls Day this past October). Therefore, one must attend Mass, as well as abstain from all unnecessary servile labor. In addition to the daily 6:30 am Mass, everyone is heartily encouraged to attend the **Solemn High Mass** (Sung Mass with Deacon and Subdeacon) at 7 pm.
- ❖ **Confirmations:** His Excellency Bishop Thomas Olmsted will be conferring the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Gaudete Sunday (III<sup>rd</sup> Advent), 14 December, at 1 pm, with a **Solemn High Mass** to follow. There is a **mandatory rehearsal for all confirmation candidates** on Saturday, 13 December, at 6:30pm. All candidates are reminded that they **must** also make a good **Confession** beforehand. Confessions will be available during the CCD class time on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. However, since there are so many, please make every attempt to go to confession at another time, if possible (e.g., at the regular Friday or Saturday confession times). **Parents** are asked to please ensure that their child makes it to confession before Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, as a good confession is required for the fruitful reception of Confirmation. If you have any difficulties please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Fryar.
- ❖ **A Note from our Choir Director, Dr. Richard Haefer:** The last two Sundays, I have had the opportunity to sit in the nave with the other parishioners, and I must admit that I have heard some **very nice voices** (both male and female) singing along. Our polyphonic choir members, while small in numbers, sing their hearts out to honor Our Lord, and I'm sure they would love to have some new members come and join us! Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Rm. 13. For more information, please contact J. Richard Haefer at 480 968-5817, or [r.haefer@asu.edu](mailto:r.haefer@asu.edu).
- ❖ **Altar Servers Practice:** Friday, 12 December, 7 pm

❖ **Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Phoenix (SS. Simon and Jude)** 11 December

The consecration of churches dates probably from Apostolic times and is, in a sense, a continuation of the Jewish rite instituted by Solomon. Some of the highlights of this ceremony are as follows. At the beginning of the consecration, the candles under the twelve crosses on the walls are lighted [note: these are the same twelve candles you see on the walls of St. Thomas the Apostle Church]. Then, the bishop goes three times round the outside of the church, sprinkling the walls with holy water. After each circuit the bishop strikes the door with the base of his crosier and says, "Lift up your gates, ye princes, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in." Three times the deacon within the church asks, "Who is this King of Glory?" Twice the bishop answers, "The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord mighty in battle"; and the third time he says, "The Lord of Armies, He is the King of Glory". Once inside, the bishop traces with the point of his crosier, in the ashes spread on the floor, the Greek and Latin alphabets, in the form of a cross.

❖ **Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Phoenix:** Our Lady of Guadalupe, 12 December

❖ **Ferial Masses in Advent:** As at Requiem Masses, Ember Days, and Ferial Masses during Lent, the faithful are reminded to *kneel* during the proper prayers of the Mass (i.e., for the Collects and Postcommunions). This applies only to the weekday (ferial) Masses, and not to the Sunday Masses.

❖ **The Spirit of the Liturgy:** This week's lecture: *Sacred Images II*

❖ **Teaser Quote:** "The Renaissance did something quite new. It 'emancipated' man. [Its] beauty no longer points beyond itself, but is content in the end with itself, the beauty of the appearing thing... There is often scarcely a difference between the depictions of pagan myths and those of Christian history... Such 'religious art' is no longer sacred art in the proper sense." (129) –Benedict XVI, *The Spirit of the Liturgy* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2000; 224 pp.)

❖ To find out more, please come to the **Adult Forum** (led by the Rev. Mr. Austin) this Thursday at 6:45 pm, Rm. 14.

❖ **Pauline Year:** The following is an excerpt from the Holy Father's continuing catechesis on St. Paul (1 October 2008):

"The kingdom of God does not mean food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17). This is a lesson that we too must learn: with the different charisms entrusted to Peter and to Paul, let us all allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit, seeking to live in the freedom that is guided by faith in Christ and expressed in service to the brethren. **It is essential to be conformed ever more closely to Christ.** In this way one becomes really free, in this way the Law's deepest core is expressed within us: love for God and neighbour. Let us pray the Lord that he will teach us to share His sentiments, to learn from Him true freedom and the evangelical love that embraces every human being.

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](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/audiences/2008/index_en.htm).

❖ **Podcasts:** The Rev. Mr. Austin's homilies, as well as his Thursday adult education classes, are available for free download via <http://www.mediafire.com/btafssp> Please note that, as this is a free hosting site, some advertisements may be displayed which are not in accord with the Catholic faith.

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**FSSP Prayer Requests**



**Sun.** – Pope Benedict XVI  
**Mon.** – Fr. William Laurence

**Tue.** – Fr. Robert Fromageot  
**Wed.** – Fr. Eric Flood  
**Thu.** – Fr. Robert Novokowsky

**Fri.** – Fr. James Fryar  
**Sat.** – Fr. Michael Magiera



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**—“Am I not here, I who am your mother?”

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli  
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,  
Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti,  
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem  
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore  
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae  
R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Oremus

Gratiam tuam quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde;  
ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui Incarnationem  
cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem, ad resurrectionis  
gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum  
nostrum. Amen.

Loving Mother of our Savior, hear thou thy people's cry  
Star of the deep and Portal of the sky!  
Mother of Him who thee from nothing made.  
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid:  
Oh, by what joy which Gabriel brought to thee,  
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray

Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our  
hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His  
passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection;  
through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.