

# SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

The Newsletter and Bulletin of the Oratory of Saint Francis of Assisi

OCTOBER 2017 – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

## LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

**F**OR she by her seed has crushed the head of the twisted serpent, and has alone destroyed all heresies, and by the blessed fruit of her womb has saved a world condemned by the fall of our first parent. From her, without human hand, was that stone cut, which, struck by wood, poured forth the abundantly flowing waters of graces. – *Consueverunt Romani*, S. Pope Pius V, 17 September 1569

**O**CTOBER is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, as well as the of the Kingship of Our Lord (last Sunday in October. This month also commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *Miracle of the Sun* at Fatima, Portugal (a wondrous anniversary) and, alas, the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's revolt and revolution. Modernists in NewRome mostly ignore the former and "hail" the latter. Why? Because they are no longer Catholic, plain and simple.

To the modernist Marian devotion is an hold-over from the past, an embarrassment for the simple minded and superstitious. Remember when Francis of Rome was told people were "praying the Rosary for his intentions" (over 3,500 Rosaries) he sneered at that

saying *that sort of thing* was "a return to disciplines, to things that in that moment took place, but not now, they do not exist today." Just quoting for your information...

The Holy Rosary is a powerful spiritual tool that helps the soul grow in grace by meditating upon the mystical and salvific life of Our Lord, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother. But for the modernist, who *considers things* in his own mind rather than contemplating upon God and our grace filled spiritual life in union with Him is just too passé.



Devotion to the Mother of God is a pious and profitable thing: who can doubt the efficacy of asking her intercession before the Triune and Majestic Throne of God? Why would God deny her anything when she denied Him

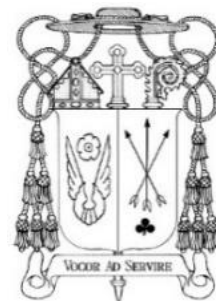
nothing, giving Him her own self and making a sacrificial oblation of her own Son? Pope Leo XIII teaches us that "This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven, has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy spread abroad, or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." (*Supremi Apostolatus Officio*, 1 September 1883, no.3).

The Holy Father, Pope Leo, could not be more prophetic for indeed the **Church Militant** is truly under siege by the *violence of heresy* and *intolerable moral corruption*. We must, dearest in Christ, seek the immediate protection of Our Blessed Lady, the *Lady of the Rosary*. Let us all renew our fervour by pious and devout recitation of the Most Holy Rosary!

As always, I am most grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of my paternal benediction and prayers, especially at Holy Mass. I remain,

In Christ the King,

Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q:** As a first-time visitor to S. Francis I was impressed by the genuine faith and devotion of the people and the clergy. Everything was very beautiful; but my question is: why was the ceremony entirely in Latin? Do you think more people would come if part of the service was in English?

*God bless you all!*

*Anonymous, Van Nuys, CA*

**A:** Welcome to S. Francis and many thanks for your question. For those who have grown up outside of the Catholic Church the Latin can be beautiful and even "mysterious" sounding but also off-putting. Latin is the "official" Liturgical language of the Western (Latin Right Church). There are other Liturgical Languages in the Catholic Church, including Greek, Armenian, Syriac and Coptic (to name just a few). These languages survive in official Catholic Liturgies in their ancient (classical) forms because they *do not change* in their meanings. Of these languages Latin, Greek and Hebrew are considered *Sacred* (holy and set apart).

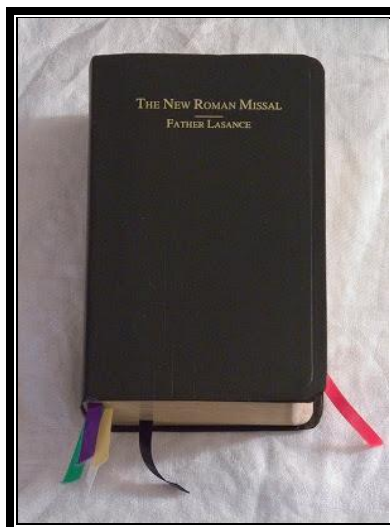
Liturgical language is for the solemn worship of God and therefore cannot change. For example *Liturgical Hebrew* used in Jewish worship is quite different from the modern Hebrew spoken today in Israel. The same applies for those who pray in Arabic.

Those faithful to Catholic tradition stand firm in

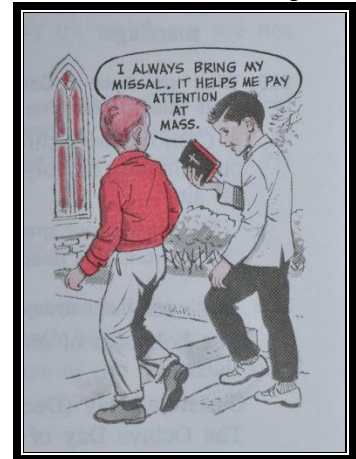
the need for the Sacred Liturgy to remain in its purest form, i.e. : Latin. Until the disastrous "changes" to the Sacred Liturgy in the mid-twentieth century any Catholic could travel to any place and have a full understanding of the Mass, thereby have the full ability to pray and worship God, as did his forefathers before him.

By frequent attendance and some assistance a layman in the pew learns much of the Latin by rote and with purposeful effort can actually learn the Latin to a greater degree. Also available to the faithful are traditional Hand Missals that display the official Latin text of the Mass with its corresponding vernacular translation on the adjoining page.

At S. Francis we have in the pews simple Sunday Mass hand missals in Latin-English and Latin-Spanish. Newcomers often find these very helpful and quite easy to follow. If you are truly interested in learning more about the Catholic Mass *please* call or email the Oratory and make an appointment with the Monsignor.



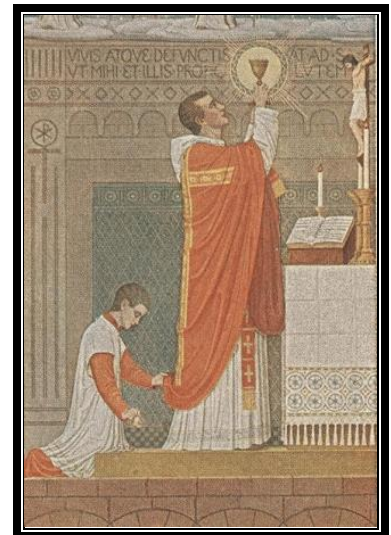
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*If you have a question, please feel free to e-mail:*

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## SPECIAL NOTICE:

Beginning in September the amount for our Mass Stipends will increase to \$20.00, mainly due to the increased price of beeswax candles and others materials needed for Holy Mass; this also puts us on par with the majority of other traditional Mass centres. Your understanding and continued support is appreciated.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Y**OUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. & Mrs. Paul Howard, Mr. Frank Calderon, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mr. Joseph Bremmer, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William Schiermeyer, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially for Mr. Leon DeWald†, Mrs. Patricia McCormack†, Mr. David Damits†, Mr. Gino Dinnocente†, Sgt. Kenneth L. May, USMC (Ret.)†, Mr. Alfredo "Freddy" Cortes†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call. If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.*



## FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY

**O**UR First Friday devotions will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and our First Saturday devotions will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October at 8:00 AM, followed by the Devotions to the Immaculate Heart.



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA: 100 YEARS

**W**HO is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array? – Canticles 6:9

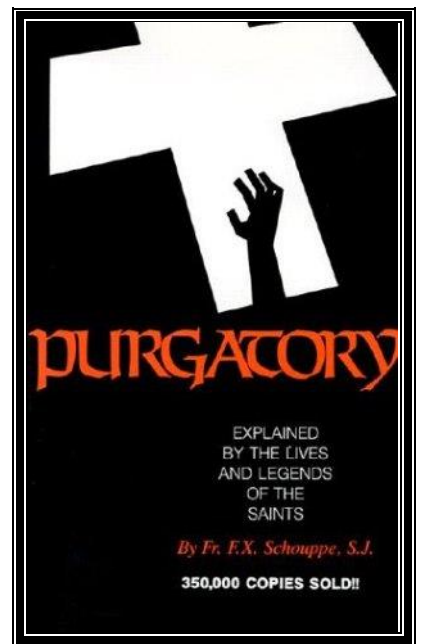
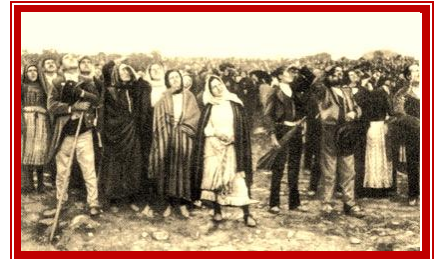
**O**UR final lecture on Fatima will take place on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October at 7:00 p.m. and will focus on the great *Miracle of the Sun*.

**Our Lady of Fatima:**  
*pray for us!*

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*The faithful in Fatima on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1917*



## BOOK REVIEW: **PURGATORY** BY REV. F.X. SCHOUPPE, SJ

**N**EXT month, November, is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls: a powerful and most necessary Catholic devotion. A Religious gave me a copy of Father Schouppe's

**Purgatory** in the early 1990's and it profoundly changed my understanding and increased my devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Growing up in an Irish Catholic family we always prayed for the Holy Souls (one decade in Latin at the end of the family Rosary) and lit candles, and the like, but it was not until reading this book did I realize that I had *a duty* to pray for the Holy Souls and make devotion to them known.

This is why we have the Poor Souls Shrine erected every November as well as the Novena of Masses for their intentions. I one learned from this book, there is no such thing as an ungrateful Holy Soul: help in the relief of a Holy Soul and you have a special Saint in heaven praying (and looking out) for you!

The beautiful stories from this book help deepen our understanding of the Holy Souls and of Purgatory itself (referred to as the **Church Suffering**) with several chapters devoted to the Church's teaching as well as actual stories from the lives of the saints. At just a little over 300 pages this book is perhaps the best reference resource on Purgatory and the devotion to the Holy Souls.

The book is easily available from *many* online stores and websites.



Please remember the Holy Souls  
in your daily Rosary!

*If you have a Catholic topic that you  
are interested in learning more about,  
send your request to  
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## ECCE SACERDOS MAGNUS: TWENTY YEARS AS CATHOLIC BISHOP

**L**AST 24<sup>th</sup> of September we had the privilege and honour of hoisting a Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Faldstool for the twentieth Anniversary of the **Episcopal Consecration** of His Lordship, the Monsignor Sebastian: visiting clergy and faithful came to pray and celebrate with us. With guests that spoke Spanish, German, Hungarian and even Irish it was a true *international* affair!



*Entrance of the Servers and Clergy*



*The prayer at the Foot of the Altar*

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*The incensation of the Altar*



*The Monsignor at the faldstool*



*Father Mary Gabriel, fba, Deacon of the Mass, sings the Holy Gospel*



*The Monsignor preaches on giving thanks to God for all things*





# MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2017

01 October 2017	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
02 October 2017	Holy Guardian Angels	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
03 October 2017	S. Theresa of the Child Jesus	8:00 AM	Sr. Therese Canaan, OSMp.	Sr. Marie Augustine, OSM
04 October 2017	S. Francis of Assisi	8:00 AM	In Honour of S. Francis	Parishioners of S. Francis
05 October 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Souls†	Sr. Marie Augustine, OSM
06 October 2017	S. Bruno	8:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Hoffman, O.Cart.	Msgr. Sebastian
07 October 2017	MOST HOLY ROSARY	8:00 AM	In Honour of Our Lady	Msgr. Sebastian
08 October 2017	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
09 October 2017	S. John Leonard	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
10 October 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Souls†	Sr. Marie Augustine, OSM
11 October 2017	MATERNITY OF THE BVM	8:00 AM	Msgr. Sebastian	Miss Carol Levy
12 October 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Mr. Francis N. Reese†	Mrs. Lisa Kirkpatrick
13 October 2017	S. King Edward	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Mrs. Lisa Kirkpatrick
14 October 2017	S. Callistus I	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Mrs. Lisa Kirkpatrick
15 October 2017	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
16 October 2017	S. Hedwig	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
17 October 2017	S. Margaret Mary Alacoque	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Msgr. Sebastian
18 October 2017	S. LUKE	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
19 October 2017	S. Peter of Alcantara	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
20 October 2017	S. John Cantius	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
21 October 2017	Our Lady's Saturday	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
22 October 2017	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
23 October 2017	<i>feria</i>	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
24 October 2017	S. Raphael	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Anonymous
25 October 2017	Ss. Chysanthus & Daria	8:00 AM	Rev. Fr. Raphael Guzzo, fba†	SSCR
26 October 2017	S. Evaristus	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Miss Carol Levy
27 October 2017	Vigil of Ss. Simon & Jude	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Miss Carol Levy
28 October 2017	SS. SIMON & JUDE	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
29 October 2017	CHRIST THE KING	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
30 October 2017	<i>feria</i>	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
31 October 2017	Vigil of All Saints	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Msgr. Sebastian



### Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am – Parochial Mass  
with Homily

### Daily Mass Times:

Tuesday through Saturday  
8:00 am

First Friday 7:00 pm

*Confessions one half of an hour before Holy Mass*

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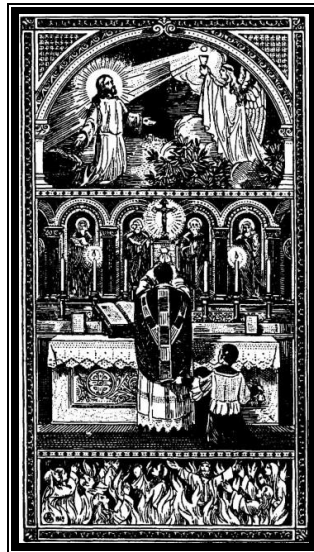
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## MASS GUILD

Holy Mass is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and canonized by His Holiness, Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!



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## RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

[www.traditio.com](http://www.traditio.com)

[www.traditioninaction.com](http://www.traditioninaction.com)

[www.cfnews.org](http://www.cfnews.org)

[www.remnantnewspaper.com](http://www.remnantnewspaper.com)

[www.traditionalmass.org](http://www.traditionalmass.org)

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