



Our Lady of Fatima Mission

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September 23, 2023 Ember Saturday

Mass Intention

Luis Reynaldo Martinez (anon)

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

Liturgical Year

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month of the year, the Jews used to celebrate at the conclusion of the harvest, the feast of Tabernacles and lived, during eight days under tents or huts made of foliage in remembrance of the nomadic life of the Israelites in the desert. This feast was preceded, on the tenth of the month, by the very solemn Day of Expiation, called Holy. On this day the High Priest purified himself in the basin which stood before the Sanctuary, then taking the blood of the victims, he entered the Holy of Holies and prayed near the mercy-seat. The Saturday in the September Ember week, formerly the seventh month of the year, recalls this feast both of penance and joy. The prophets Micheas, Zacharias, and Daniel, whose writings were read through during the night or vigil preceding the Sunday, speak in similar terms of the salvation brought by God to those who atone for their sins and implore His protection amid the dangers that threaten them. The Epistle shows the new alliance which Jesus Christ has established between our repentant souls and God, offering to Him in the real Holy of Holies, which is heaven, the blood which He shed upon the Cross to atone for our sins. In the same way that Jesus delivered the woman whom Satan had bound for eighteen years, and like the gardener mentioned in the Gospel, the priests heal our souls and by their prayer and their untiring zeal ward off from souls the rigors of divine justice, making them produce the sweet fruits of penance and good works; this Mass is eminently suite for an ordination. (*Ember Saturday in September*)

Today our adorable Master, who would be a model to His children in all their trials, is represented to us as having to contend, not with satan's perfidy, but with the hypocrisy of His bitterest enemies, the pharisees. They seek to ensnare Him in His speech, just as the representatives of the world, which He has condemned, will do to His Church, and that in all ages, right to the end of time. But as her divine Spouse triumphed, so will she; for He will enable her to continue His work upon earth, and amidst the same temptations and the same snares. She is ever to obtain the victory, by maintaining a most inviolable fidelity to God's law and truth. The tools of satan, who are the heretics and the princes of the world, chafing at the restraint put by Christianity on their ambition and lust, will always be studying how best to outwit the guardian of the divine oracles, by the captious propositions or questions. When necessity requires her to speak, she is quite ready; for, as bride of that divine Word, who is His Father's eternal and substantial utterance, what can she be but a voice, either to announce Him on earth or to sing Him in heaven? That word of hers, endowed as it is with the power and penetration of God Himself, will not only never be conquered by surprise, but, like a two-edged sword, it will generally go much deeper than the crafty questioners of the Church anticipated; it will not only refute their sophistry, it will also expose the hypocrisy and wickedness of their intentions. By their sacrilegious attempts, they will have gained nothing but disgrace and shame, and the mortification of having occasioned a fresh luster to truth by the new light in which it has been put, and of having procured a clearer knowledge of dogma or morals for the devoted children of the Church. (*Pentecost XVII*)

Spiritual Life

Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. - St. David of Wales

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly. - St. Francis de Sales

Announcements

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, cahilliard7@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Sharon Rose, Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

Upcoming

October 14: Mass, 10 AM

October 21: Mass, 10 AM

November 1: All Saints (Holy Day)

November 2: All Souls

November 11: Mass, 10 AM

November 18: Mass, 10 AM

*Please note modified schedule for October and November

Collections

Last Mass: \$699

Year-to-date: \$15,930

Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.