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At all times and seasons...we must have a true and humble faith.

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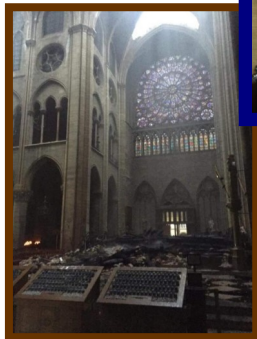


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The burning of Notre Dame Cathedral



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May Feast Days and Holy Days for Secular Franciscans

1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan
3. Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop, Third Order Secular, d. 1903
11. St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439
19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303
23. Bl. Gerard de Villamagna, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242
25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253
26. St. Philippe Neri, Priest
26. St. Marie-Anne Parades, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645
27. Bl. Gerard de Lunel, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270
28. St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764
30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431
30. King Saint Fernando III, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252
31. Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Notre-Dame de Paris, priez pour nous

Let us give ourselves to the Immaculata [Mary]. Let her prepare us, let her receive Him [Jesus] in Holy Communion. This is the manner most perfect and pleasing to the Lord Jesus and brings great fruit to us ... the Immaculata knows the secret, how to unite ourselves totally with the heart of the Lord Jesus... We do not limit ourselves in love. We want to love the Lord Jesus with her heart, or rather that she would love the Lord with our heart.

-- St. Maximillian Kolbe, OFM Conv.

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Milestones

Fraternity Birthdays

John Wagner May 2

Terry Rinker May 3

Prudencia Chism May 19

Margaret Schlachter May 31



Chapter XXI. On the inane and loquacious religious

Blessed (is) the servant, who when he speaks, does not manifest all his own (thoughts) in view of (some) wage and is not swift to speak (cf. Prov. 29:20), but wisely provides, what he ought to speak and answer. Woe to that religious, who does not retain in his heart (Lk 2:19,51) the good things, which the Lord shows him, and does not show them to others through work, but who in view of (some) wage desires rather to show them to men with words. He himself receives "his wage" (cf. Mt 6:2; 6:16) and (his) hearers bring back little fruit.

ADMONITIONS OF ST. FRANCIS

Minister Message

This is such a rich time of the year for Catholics. Easter Sunday has come and gone but the Season, and the celebration, continues! The Lord is risen indeed. Once again in the Holy Liturgy we say, "Glory to God!" "Alleluia!"

During the week after Easter Sunday, Theresa and I traveled to Boulder, Colorado. It was business travel for her and I was her chauffeur. One day while she was at work, I attended Mass at a Boulder parish with the fascinating name, "Sacred Heart of Mary."

Yes, that's the name. The parish was originally founded in the 1870s, and its name was not unusual sounding to 19th Century ears, I guess. One thinks about it, though, and Mary's heart is sacred. It is holy, it is immaculate and it is thoroughly sacred. The parish Pastor, Fr. Cliff McMillan, gave a nice homily about the Suffering Servant in Isaiah chapter 53. The verses there are familiar: "...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he was



Eucharistic Adoration at Local Churches

St. Mary Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

► Daily – 6:30 am to 9 am

► Wednesdays – 12:30 pm to

Friday 9 am

St. Matthew (Spotsylvania)

► Friday April 5 – 8 pm to 12 midnight

St. Patrick (Fredericksburg)

► Monday (w/Miraculous Medal Novena) 7 pm to 7:30 pm

► Thursday (Holy Hour) 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

► First Fridays – from Thurs.

Holy Hour to Fri. 9 am

► First Saturdays – 7:50 am to 9 am

St. William of York (Stafford)

► First Fridays – after 9 am Mass to 6:15 pm

St. Anthony of Padua (King George)

► Fridays – 9:30 am to 6:15 pm

St. Jude (Fredericksburg)

► Fridays – Exposition after 12:15 pm Mass



wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities...and by his stripes we are healed." Every Catholic and Protestant Bible has these verses about the Suffering Servant, as do the early Hebrew Bible translations. Christians understand these verses as foretelling Jesus

Christ, and most Jewish sages understood the passages to describe the Messiah when he came.

Father tied this telling of the Suffering Servant to the namesake of his Parish, Sacred Heart of Mary. Notice on depictions of Mary's Immaculate Heart, it's surrounded by roses yet pierced by a sword. Jesus' Sacred Heart is encircled with

the Crown of Thorns, the Heart previously pierced by the lance, bleeding, and further "crowned" with the Cross and with fire. Jesus hung from the Tree, was pierced with the lance, and Mary's heart was pierced by her son's suffering as she knelt at the foot of the Cross. It all tells a story of Our Lord's love for us, and her love for him.

— Skip Wallace, OFS