



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Temperance, Michigan

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“The Antonian”
March 17, 2013

Fr. Brian’s Blarney Forty Hours Devotion

Deacon Trevor Fernandes e-mailed me a bit of history explaining the 40 Hours Devotion. For practical reasons, we will not be doing 40 continuous hours. He suggested that this was permissible, which he describes in the second paragraph.

His theme for the 40 Hours Devotion will be the Passion of Christ, the *Tre Ores*.

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. Pope Pius XII taught in *Mediator Dei*, "This practice of adoration has a valid and firm foundation." The number forty has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection. Actually in the Middle Ages, the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository, "the Easter Sepulcher," for this period of time to signify our Lord's time in the tomb.

The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a Solemn Mass of Exposition, which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord.

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Monday, March 18 through
Wednesday, March 20:

“40 Hours Devotions”

In the Church

With Deacon Trevor Fernandes

Each day will begin with 8:30am Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday and Wednesday, there will be a Holy Hour at 7pm with preaching by Deacon Trevor.

Tuesday evening, there will be Mass at 7pm for the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Benediction will follow Holy Hours/Mass in the evenings.

A Sign-up sheet for adorers is posted on the Adoration Chapel door. We will need to have at least one adorer in the church for each hour from 9am until 7pm each day.

Next Week....

† Wednesday, March 27

“The Passion”

7pm in the Church.
90 minutes.

This live production of the Radix Passion features Doug Barry of EWTN.

Confessions and veneration of the cross will be available after the play.



Lenten Schedule for the Week

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40 Hours Devotions

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
(Please see the article for details.)



Stations of the Cross

Friday, 7:00pm

Prayers of St. Bridgett

Friday, following the 9am Mass

Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, March 21

7-9pm in the Magdalene House

All men of the Parish are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for prayer. Frank Parker is leading this group for men who want to pray, and may find it easier with a group geared toward men.

Any questions?

Please call Frank Parker 734-856-1122.

**“For many are called,
but few are chosen”.** Matthew 22:14

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK:

TUESDAY: ROSARY MAKERS

THURSDAY: MEN’S PRAYER GROUP

Traveling Vocation Chalice

March 17 Michelle Lindsey

March 24 Homero Ortiz

March 31 Matt Osborn

April 7 The Browns



This Week’s Mass Schedule

March 18-22, 2013

Monday: 8:30am

Tuesday: 8:30am; 7pm

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 9:00am



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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Days Check bulletin

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

First Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

Second Tuesday 6:00-6:30pm

Devotions

First Friday 7:00pm Mass

First Saturday 8:00am Mass

O. L. of Perpetual Help - Wednesday @ 6:15pm

Prayer Blankets

Sandy Maenle.....847-7813

Prayer Chain

Gloria Knaggs.....856-2389

† Our Sacramental Policy †

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptisms: Second Sunday of the month; Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic; and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.

For more details regarding our Sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the Sacrament link on our Parish web-site, or the Parish Guide Book.

Mark Your Calendars.....

† 40 Hours Devotion - March 18, 19, 20

† Passion Play - **March 27**

† K of C Breakfast - April 14

† St. Luke Productions:

Maximilian Kolbe - April 19

‡ Rummage Sale - May 1 & 2

‡ Chicken Dinner - May 19

† Holy Relics - May 22

Healing Prayer Ministry

sessions are available on **Saturday, March 23rd** for those who are in need of prayer.

Appointments may be made by calling

Mary Kolasinski at 1-734-260-3984.

Times for prayer are 9:30-11:00AM and 11:30AM – 1:00PM.



Healing Prayer Ministry Session

The person coming for prayer shares the difficult situation they are facing. The facilitator helps the prayer recipient to identify what emotions they are feeling in the present moment. They are encouraged to set aside current issues and focus on the feelings that have surfaced. The prayer recipient is then encouraged to let the memory that is associated with the feelings come to the foreground. When the memory is identified, the facilitator will ask what it is that is believed in the memory that is causing the painful emotion. *The person being prayed for is asked to connect with the presence of Jesus. The lie-based belief that has been identified is offered to the Lord to receive His truth. Any truth based emotions from the memory will be cast upon the Lord, as well.* The final outcome prayed for is renewal in the prayer recipient's thinking and complete peace in the memory.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been similarly tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. Hebrews 4:15

Baptism St. Anthony Catholic Church welcomes the newest member of our Catholic Faith:

***Bridget Grace Sterns, child of Brian & Allison (Stachak) Sterns**
Baptized March 10, 2013
by Father Brian Hurley

This Week's Calendar



Monday, March 18, 2013

8:30am - Mass

†9am - 7pm - 40 Hours Devotion

10am- 12pm - Bible Study

4:45-6pm - RE Grades 1-8

4:45-6pm - Coffee, Cake & Cathol. - P. Hall

6:30pm - RCIA - Magdalene House

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

8:30am - Mass

†9am - 7pm - 40 Hours Devotions

6-6:30pm - Confessions

7pm - Mass

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

8:30am - Mass

†9am - 7pm - 40 Hours Devotions

Thursday, March 21, 2013

7-9pm - Choir

7-9pm - Men's Prayer Group

- Magdalene House

Friday, March 22, 2013

ABSTINENCE

9:00am - Mass

10am - 1pm - HFS - Kenna Hall

†7pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23, 2013

9am - 12:30pm - Theophostic Prayer

- Magdalene House

11am - 12pm - Children's Choir - School

3:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass

6pm - Pinewood Derby Set-up - Kenna Hall

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013

9:00am & 11:00am - Mass

12:30pm - 50/50 Drawing - Narthex

3-6:30pm - Pinewood Derby - Kenna Hall

6:30 - 8:30pm - Boy Scouts - Kenna Hall

8:30pm - Adult Open Gym - Kenna Hall

The **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit will be Holy Thursday, March 28 @ 11am. Anyone interesting in going should call the Parish Office this week.

Contribution Statements for 2012 will be sent upon request. Please call the Parish Office: 734-854-1143; or email your request: stanthony@bex.net

The Offertory Story

March 10, 2013

Envelopes assigned: 347

Envelopes not picked up: 54

Envelopes used: 159

Envelope total: \$4,781.00

Loose: \$ 263.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 24.00

Total \$5,068.00

Weekly Budget amount..\$6,000.00

+Over/-Under Budget \$ -932.05

Year To Date +- \$-12,830.99

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday, March 18, 2013

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30am †Ralph & Bev Iott;
†Elton & Clara Iott
by Keith & Shirley Keller
Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
John 8:12-20

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

**St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30am †Bernadine Parker
by Frank Parker
7:00pm *The People of St. Anthony*
2Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
Romans 4:13,16-18,22
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

8:30am Cheryl Stanford;
†Craig Baer
by Greg & Karen Baer
IDaniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21, 2013

No Mass
Genesis 17:3-9
John 8:51-59

Friday, March 22, 2013

9:00am Ben Reinke by Barbara James
Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23, 2013

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

Sunday Vigil

5:00pm *The People of St. Anthony*

Sunday, March 24, 2013

**Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00am †Nick Christensen;
†Bob LaRoy
by Gus & Mary LaRoy
11:00am †Worthy & Jennie White
by Vic & Sharon Stevens
Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-7Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

....Let us Pray for....

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| Eileen Adoline | Dr. William Jevons | Steve Murzynski |
| Tauno Ahonen | Levi Johnson | Dolores Nichols |
| Marie Allore | Colleen Kessler | Sam Palazola |
| Tom Allore | Dorothy Kolar | Braden Poindexter |
| Maria Baer | Judy Kraft | Pat Reed |
| Mark Betley | Lisa Krall | Rachel Renn |
| Marlene Brogan | Barbara Krause | Mary Ridal |
| Sherrie Brooks | Louie Kremnetz | Mae Rudey |
| Stephanie Callahan | Jeanette Kurzyniec | David Russell |
| Irv Cilley | Debbie (Kreps) Brennan | Robert Schmall |
| Nella Clay | Kenneth Krohn | Anna Sepesy |
| John Connelly | Gus LaRoy | Bob Shade |
| Faith Crandall | Audrey Lawrence | Liz Shade |
| Rebecca DeGowske | Greg LaVoy | Pauline Skingsley |
| Jerry Driscoll | Robert Lindsey | Jim Slaybaugh |
| Rose Dunlap | Jeannette Lubinski | Janet Smith |
| John Fackelman | Gerry MacAdams | Helen Steinmetz |
| Noah Fender | Evelyn Madynski | Vic Stevens |
| Shirley Gabor | Sandy Maenle | James Tatum |
| Phyllis Glowacki | Rachel Maisto | Tom Townsend |
| Raymond Groesbeck | Lindsey Martin | Charles Vandewiele |
| Carol Hanner | Theresa McMullen | Carolyn Walton |
| Marion Harrington | Bill Meldrum | John Walton |
| Clyde Howard | Rebecca Mominee | Mary Ziegler |
| Peg Itle | | |



The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved on the Altar of Repose in the Adoration Chapel following the 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28.

There must be someone in the Chapel at all times until Noon the following day (Good Friday). A sign-up sheet will be posted on the door of the Chapel. Please fill in the hour you will commit to cover.

Palm Sunday

Procession Next Sunday, weather permitting, a procession with palms will precede the 11am Mass. Anyone wishing to participate should gather at the **new St. Anthony statue** in the front of the rectory, 15 minutes before the start of Mass. (Readers may participate in the Procession with Palms; those who prefer not to may remain in their pew for the beginning of Mass.)

Reader Schedule Two names are listed as Readers on the schedule for Palm Sunday. The **First** reader listed will read the First Reading, (from the Ambo), "Speaker" for the reading of the Passion, (from the extra podium) and the General Intercessions. The **Second** reader listed will read the Second Reading, (from the Ambo), "Narrator" in the reading of the Passion (from the Ambo), and the Announcements. The Book of the Gospels is NOT carried on Palm Sunday.

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Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, especially those currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan:
☆ Spc Travis Weber

Liturgical Assignments - March 23 & 24, 2013

	Priest	Reader	Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Sunday Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm	Fr. Brian	J. Rawski C. Driscoll	Please remember..... Per instruction from the USCCB, due to the severity of the flu season, the Precious Blood will not be distributed at Mass.	M. Shultz M. Schultz P. Dillon
Sunday, 9:00am	Fr. Brian	K. Dressel T. Kowalski		D. Reed S. Reed L. Cousino
Sunday, 11:00am	Fr. Brian	Ka. Shade Ki. Shade		L. LaVanway A. VanBrandt J. VanBrandt V. VanBrandt

Fr. Brian's article, continued.....

The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle for the daily Mass, and then returned for exposition after Mass. At the end of the devotions, the Mass of Deposition is offered, again concluding with a procession, benediction and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. While the forty-hour period should be continuous, some Churches break-up the time, reposing the Blessed Sacrament at night because of security reasons.

The Forty Hours Devotion can be seen almost like a parish mini-retreat or mission. A guest priest or deacon may be invited to give a series of homilies. Confessions should be offered and encouraged. Consequently, an appropriate time to schedule Forty Hours is either Advent or Lent.

While the Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, three special dimensions have also surrounded this devotion: the protection from evil and temptation; reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory; and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.

The practice of Forty Hours Devotion originated in Milan about the year 1530. Granted, prior to this time, the Church did have exposition and benediction, Eucharistic processions, and devotions to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. In 1539, Pope Paul III responded to a petition from the Archdiocese of Milan asking for an indulgence for the practice. By 1550, both St. Philip Neri and St. Ignatius Loyola had also instituted this practice, especially for the reparation of sin.

Recognizing the tremendous graces offered through this devotion as well as the dangers threatening the Church, Pope Clement VIII in his letter *Graves et diuturnae* (November 25, 1592) proclaimed, "We have determined to establish publicly in this Mother City of Rome an uninterrupted course of prayer in such ways that in the different churches, on appointed days, there be observed the pious and salutary devotion of the Forty Hours, with such an arrangement of churches and times that, at every hour of the day and night, the whole year round the incense of prayer shall ascend without intermission before the face of the Lord." He also issued regulations for the devotions, which were later collected and promulgated by Pope Clement XI in 1705, and known as the *Instructio Clementina*.

In our own country, St. John Neumann (1811-60), the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, was a strong promoter of the Forty Hours Devotion. The Forty Hours Devotion was so successful it spread to other dioceses. At the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, the Forty Hours Devotion was approved for all Dioceses of the United States.

The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. In a world where temptation and evil abound, where devotion to the Mass and our Lord in the Holy Eucharist have declined, where the practice of penance and confession have been forgotten, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever.

Religious freedom in America topic of Stranahan Lecture March 26

Richard W. Garnett, associate dean for faculty research, professor of law, and concurrent professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, will address the state of religious freedom in the United States during the Stranahan Lecture at The University of Toledo College of Law. The free, public talk begins at noon, Tuesday, March 26, in the McQuade Law Auditorium.

In a lecture titled, "Challenges to Religious Freedom in America Today," Garnett will consider the rights of religious believers and institutions versus governmental action, and their respective roles in American public life today.

"Professor Garnett's topic is particularly timely given recent legal and political debates over the role of religion in American public life," said Lee J. Strang, professor of law at the College of Law. "From the recent HHS mandate regarding health insurance coverage for birth control and the morning-after pill, to recent declines in religious affiliation and practice among Americans, both religious and nonreligious Americans are asking themselves, 'What role *should* religion play in American public life?' Professor Garnett's lecture will tackle this thorny question head-on and is sure to provoke thought and conversation."

Reserved parking for lecture attendees is available in Lot 25, which is adjacent to Rocket Hall. Visitors may access Lot 25 from Secor Road using College Drive.

Liturgical Assignments for April, will be prepared **this week**. Please call the Parish Office by the end of the day **Tuesday, March 19** with your preferences or special requests.

Please note.....for Easter Vigil

Due to scheduling conflicts, we are in need of **one Altar Server** and **two Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for the 9:00pm Easter Vigil Mass. Please call the Parish Office ASAP if you are able to fill in.

Please note.....

Due to a Funeral Mass on Monday, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the Chapel following the 8:30am Mass until 1pm. At that time, reposition and adoration will return to the church.

*As of 3pm on Friday afternoon, there were still 2 hours open on the sign-up sheet on the Chapel Door. All the hours must have **at least one person committed** for adoration. Please look at the schedule and consider taking an hour*

Next Week....

† Wednesday, March 27

“The Passion”

7pm in the Church.

Live production - 90 minutes.

The following is a Commentary on the “Passion” from Faith Weber, St. Anthony’s Director of Religious Education:

“Several years ago I had the opportunity to see Radix perform at the parish I belonged to at the time. The performance was very powerful and it almost seemed to pull you into the life of Jesus and all the sufferings He endured for our salvation. There was not a dry eye in the whole church from what I could see and the church was packed. At the end of the performance you could hear a pin drop, the silence was palpable. I know it affected me for many weeks following as I kept reflecting on the experience. Please make a point to attend this event. You will be profoundly moved.

Habemus Papam: Pope Francis

On Wednesday, 13 March 2013, Dr. Taylor Marshall on his blog "Canterbury Tales" offered up 10 Facts about our new Holy Father Pope Francis.

He writes "Major curveball. Who saw this coming? Here are 10 quick facts about Pope Francis (Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio):

1. Pope Francis, Jorge Bergoglio, was born in Buenos Aires, one of the five children of an Italian railway worker and his wife.
2. He's a Jesuit. The first Jesuit Pope ever.
3. Pope Francis is known for his humility, his doctrinal conservatism, being a defender of the Church's moral theology, and his commitment to social justice.
4. He has been critical of liberation theology.
5. He is close to Comunione e Liberazione.
6. He has opposed legislation introduced in 2010 by the Argentine Government to allow same-sex marriage.
7. In Argentina, he has been accused by anti-clericalists as being "medieval" (another good sign).
8. Pope John Paul II made him a cardinal in 2001.
9. He has served on the Congregation of Clergy, Congregation of Divine Worship and Sacraments, Congregation of Institutes of Consecrated Life, the Congregation of Societies of Apostolic Life, and the Commission on Latin American and the Family Council.
10. He was concurrently named ordinary for Eastern Catholics in Argentina, who lacked their own prelate. So he can, presumably, celebrate the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom."

<http://www.taylormarshall.com/2013/03/10-facts-about-pope-francis.html>

On Friday, 15 March 2013, Dr. Marshall wrote of Pope Francis' devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Evangelization, stating "**What is the New Evangelization?** The term is used so commonly, but I don't yet know what it is or how it will be accomplished? Sometimes I worry that it has become a mere cliché or a slogan. It's now printed in almost every Catholic brochure, book review, and website. But what exactly is "The New Evangelization"? Is it a strategy, a cultural renewal, a missionary effort, something to do with the internet, or a renewal of something already present?

Pope Francis may have entirely different understanding of "New Evangelization"? I think that His Holiness may surprise us by recasting the "New Evangelization" as something simply Marian.

In my new book *The Eternal City: Rome & the Origins of Catholicism* I wrote (in the *Conclusion*) that the New Evangelization will only be successful to the extent that it models itself on the Old Evangelization of Europe - a process that was deeply Roman, evangelical, missionary, miraculous, and monastic. However, when I wrote the book, I left out one key ingredient. The great missionaries, saints, and doctors of the Church share a total consecration of their life and apostolate to the Blessed Virgin Mary. **All great "evangelizations" were profoundly Marian.**

For this reason, I was excited when I learned that Pope Francis prays the 15 Mysteries of the Holy Rosary daily. I discovered this interesting detail as I scanned over the "fast facts" about Pope Francis over at NewAdvent.org. The Rosary is the central devotion of my life and of my family. It is the way in which I chiefly come to know and understand my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After the death of Pope John Paul II in 2005, then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio recounted how John Paul II's example inspired him to "recite the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day:

'If I remember well it was 1985. One evening I went to recite the Holy Rosary that was being led by the Holy Father [John Paul II]. He was in front of everybody, on his knees. The group was numerous; I saw the Holy Father from the back and, little by little, I got lost in prayer. I was not alone: I was praying in the middle of the people of God to which I and all those there belonged, led by our Pastor.

I felt that this man [John Paul II], chosen to lead the Church, was following a path up to his Mother in the sky, a path set out on from his childhood. **And I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego: 'Don't be afraid, am I not perhaps your mother?' I understood the presence of Mary in the life of the Pope.** That testimony did not get forgotten in an instant. **From that time on I recite the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day.'**"

<http://www.taylormarshall.com/2013/03/pope-francis-devotion-to-mary-and-new.html>

Pope Francis' Homily

On Friday, 15 March 2013, Rocco Palmo who is One of global Catholicism's most prominent chroniclers with his blog *Whispers in the Loggia*, posted Pope Francis' homily from his first mass with the College of Cardinals in the Sistene Chapel.

Here, a Vatican English translation of Jorge Mario Bergoglio's first extended message on Peter's chair – which, in a shift from papal protocol, wasn't delivered from the chapel's throne, but with the new Pope standing at the pulpit (above), *sin miter*... not to mention *a braccio* (that is, off-the-cuff):

In these three readings [Isaiah 2:2-5, 1 Peter 2:4-9, Matthew 16:13-19] I see that there is something in common: it is movement. In the first reading, movement is the journey [itself]; in the second reading, movement is in the up-building of the Church. In the third, in the Gospel, the movement is in [the act of] profession: walking, building, professing.

Walking: the House of Jacob. "O house of Jacob, Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." This is the first thing God said to Abraham: "Walk in my presence and be blameless." Walking: our life is a journey and when we stop, there is something wrong. Walking always, in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, seeking to live with that blamelessness, which God asks of Abraham, in his promise.

Building: to build the Church. There is talk of stones: stones have consistency, but [the stones spoken of are] living stones, stones anointed by the Holy Spirit. Build up the Church, the Bride of Christ, the cornerstone of which is the same Lord. With [every] movement in our lives, let us build!

Third, professing: we can walk as much we want, we can build many things, but if we do not confess Jesus Christ, nothing will avail. We will become a pitiful NGO, but not the Church, the Bride of Christ. When one does not walk, one stalls. When one does not built on solid rocks, what happens? What happens is what happens to children on the beach when they make sandcastles: everything collapses, it is without consistency. When one does not profess Jesus Christ - I recall the phrase of Leon Bloy – "Whoever does not pray to God, prays to the devil." When one does not profess Jesus Christ, one professes the worldliness of the devil.

Walking, building-constructing, professing: the thing, however, is not so easy, because in walking, in building, in professing, there are sometimes shake-ups - there are movements that are not part of the path: there are movements that pull us back.

This Gospel continues with a special situation. The same Peter who confessed Jesus Christ, says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I will follow you, but let us not speak of the Cross. This has nothing to do with it." He says, "I'll follow you on other ways, that do not include the Cross." When we walk without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, and when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. We are worldly, we are bishops, priests, cardinals, Popes, but not disciples of the Lord.

I would like that all of us, after these days of grace, might have the courage - the courage - to walk in the presence of the Lord, with the Cross of the Lord: to build the Church on the Blood of the Lord, which is shed on the Cross, and to profess the one glory, Christ Crucified. In this way, the Church will go forward.

My hope for all of us is that the Holy Spirit, that the prayer of Our Lady, our Mother, might grant us this grace: to walk, to build, to profess Jesus Christ Crucified. So be it.

<http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com/>

Pope Francis and Mary, Undoer of Knots

Michelle Lindsey heard a priest on CBS report something that Pope Francis would untie the knots of the Church. She couldn't help but think of the devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots that we have been promoting here.

I decided to do a search on the web, which led me to the Wikipedia site. The site reports that while in Germany (in 1986 to research topics for his dissertation), Pope Francis "saw the painting *Mary Untier of Knots* in Augsburg and brought a copy of the painting to Argentina where it has become an important Marian devotion. ["El Santuario". Parroquia San José del Talar. Retrieved 14 March 2013.]

It has since spread to Brazil; according to Regina Novaes of the Institute of Religious Studies in Rio de Janeiro, this devotion "attracts people with small problems".[Bellos, Alex (23 December 2001). "Virgin painting ties Brazilians in knots". *The Guardian (UK)*. Retrieved 14 March 2013.]

He had an image of Mary Untier of Knots inscribed on a chalice he presented to Pope Benedict XVI in 2005. [Jiménez, Pablo (14 March 2013). "The Pope's chalice: silver-made, austere and featuring Our Lady of Luján". *Buenos Aires Herald*. Retrieved 14 March 2013.]

Pope Francis, the Carmelites and Same-Sex Unions

Dcn. Trevor Fernandes recommended publishing Pope Francis when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires to show his frankness (pardon the pun) and devotion to the family.

[Letter of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, to the Carmelite Nuns of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires (June 22, 2010)]

Dear Sisters,

I write this letter to each one of you in the four Monasteries of Buenos Aires. The Argentine people must face, in the next few weeks, a situation whose result may gravely harm the family. It is the bill on matrimony of persons of the same sex.

The identity of the family, and its survival, are in jeopardy here: father, mother, and children. The life of so many children who will be discriminated beforehand due to the lack of human maturity that God willed them to have with a father and a mother is in jeopardy. A clear rejection of the law of God, engraved in our hearts, is in jeopardy.

I recall words of Saint Thérèse when she speaks of the infirmity of her childhood. She says that the envy of the Devil tried to extort her family after her older sister joined the Carmel. Here, the envy of the Devil, through which sin entered the world, is also present, and deceitfully intends to destroy the image of God: man and woman, who receive the mandate to grow, multiply, and conquer the earth. Let us not be naive: it is not a simple political struggle; it is an intention [which is] destructive of the plan of God. It is not a mere legislative project (this is a mere instrument), but rather a "move" of the father of lies who wishes to confuse and deceive the children of God.

Jesus tells us that, in order to defend us from this lying accuser, he will send us the Spirit of Truth. Today, the Nation [*patria*], before this situation, needs the special assistance of the Holy Ghost that may place the light of Truth amid the shadows of error; it needs this Advocate who may defend us from the enchantment of so many sophisms with which this bill is being justified, and which confuse and deceive even people of good will.

That is why I turn to you and ask from you prayer and sacrifice, the two invincible weapons which Saint Thérèse confessed to have. Cry out to the Lord that he may send his Spirit to the Senators who are to place their votes. That they may not do it moved by error or by circumstantial matters, but rather according to what the natural law and the law of God tell them. Pray for them, for their families; that the Lord may visit, strengthen, and console them. Pray that they may do great good for the Nation.

This bill will be discussed in the Senate after July 13. Let us look towards Saint Joseph, to Mary, the Child, and let us ask with fervor that they will defend the Argentine family in this moment. Let us recall what God himself told his people in a time of great anguish: "this war is not yours, but God's". That they may succour, defend, and accompany us in this war of God.

Thank you for what you will do in this struggle for the Nation. And, please, I beg you, pray for me also. May Jesus bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin protect you.

Affectionately,

Card. Jorge Mario Bergoglio s.j., Archbishop of Buenos Aires

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Pope Francis and the Extraordinary Form

On Wednesday, 13 March 2013, Dr. Robert Moynihan wrote that Pope Francis was hostile to the Traditional Mass, but wrote a beautiful letter to the Carmelites, which is published above. He must have triggered a number of responses both positive and negative. Here is a more positive response that he posted on Thursday, 14 March 2013.

"However, I have since received a large number of other emails containing very different information. Here is one from a respected Catholic philosopher and writer whom I trust a great deal:

'Dear Robert,

I read with passionate interest all the reports you sent us since Benedict XVI (to my deep regret) stepped down. I thank you for them; they were remarkably well done, informative and expressing your love for the Church.

But I was deeply grieved today in reading that you write that Francis I is hostile to the Tridentine Mass. This must be a terrible misinformation likely to do a lot of harm to many of your readers.

Archbishop Bergoglio, upon receiving the information that Benedictine XVI (at my repeated requests) had granted a universal indult, designated the Church Michel Angelo as the one place where the traditional Mass would be said. Its pastor, Padre Ricardo Dotro (I might get the name wrong) a well-trained liturgist, was going to say it to those who wished it. It was well-attended; hundred of people with their old missals, even some younger people, ladies wearing Mantillas, and modestly dressed, six candles on the altar, Mass ad orientem, kneeling for communion on the tongue.

I fear you were misinformed. Because the Mass had not been said for 40 years, all the younger priests could not say it. This was well-calculated; if no one can say that mass, that it certain to bury it. But it survived.

I wish you would correct this. Many of your devoted readers will be, like me, deeply grieved, unless you do. In the joy of Habemus papam and thanking you for your great work, I am, dear Robert, yours in caritate Christi. (end of letter)'

So, at this point, I will step back from the entire question to give a judgment regardless of anything that happened in the past, and it is this: in my view, we should have no concerns whatsoever about the continued celebration of the traditional Latin Mass under our new Pope, Francis.

I do not believe Francis will do anything to undermine the freedom Pope Benedict granted to the traditional Latin Mass in 2007.

And, even more, I agree with what one reader writes:

'Unlike Pope Benedict, I would not be at all surprised to see Pope Francis publicly offer a traditional Latin Mass some day. He has a deep devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, is said to practice the Five First Saturday Devotions, and prays 15 decades of the Rosary each day. I believe that, after he meets with Pope Emeritus Benedict, reads the 300-page dossier on the Vatileaks scandal, and reads the rest of the Third Secret of Fatima, he will be a different man than he was as archbishop, then cardinal, in Argentina.'

Pope Francis strikes me as a man who, once he learns something is the Lord's will, will simply make it his own."

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