

Our Founder's Years in Africa as Bishop

Our founder's second stage of his priestly career would take him to Mortain, France in November of 1945 to be rector of the scholasticate of the Holy Ghost Fathers which helped prepare its seminarians for the priesthood and missions. Unfortunately, the whole region around Mortain was ravaged from the horrors of the War. Marcel would be sent there not only to help restore the buildings of that place but also its morale. Our founder told the seminarians when arriving, "Be patient; accept the conditions such as they are; soon there will be tables you can share to put your washing basins on, and everyone will have his own wardrobe." Marcel was already well known as an organizer and builder. A seminarian said of him, "He was the superior, but he managed the money... He was an organizer. We were cold but it wasn't his fault; we certainly didn't die if hunger, no indeed!" The young men also had been influenced by the War in different kinds of ways and, therefore, demanded great tact and kindness of Marcel in dealing with these future priests. However, he was always demanding on the doctrine, "it was always St. Thomas, St. Thomas, St. Thomas! We practically bathed in St. Thomas!" And yet one seminarian sums up the person who led them, "The memories I have of Fr. Lefebvre are very different. I remember a character with great spiritual and human capacity for warmth, organization, and intelligence. At the same time, he was a man with a very strong vision in Church matters and in politics." Our founder was destined for greater things.

It would not even be two years when Marcel would be nominated the Vicar Apostolic of Dakar, which meant he would have under his care all of Senegal; He would return to his beloved Africa. Because of this position, he would be consecrated a Bishop on September 18, 1947 in Tourcoing, France. Thus, he would embark on his new work in Africa for the next fifteen years. He said this of the people he was about to serve, "The Africans greatly love the Christian culture and civilization of France. There is something in France that one finds nowhere else; France, which is Catholic almost in spite of herself, brings with her a charity and understanding for souls and a deep, psychological appreciation of the needs of neighbor, which she draws directly from her Catholicism." (That was said in 1947, not in 2020!) Senegal had 55,000 Catholics at that time, but it was a country dominated by the Muslims who had 1.5 million living in that country of 2.5 million. Hence, it was important to remain in good relations with the authorities of the country. Marcel would succeed in doing so during his time there without compromising his Catholic Faith. (A lesson for us in these difficult times in which we live!) After arriving, he immediately made the effort to visit the religious houses, schools, and the missions of the region. He would make the great effort not just to solidify the Faith but to expand it in that country. Soon that expansion of the Catholic Faith would come.

But the burden of Senegal would be increased just a year later as our founder would also become the Vatican's Apostolic Delegate to all French speaking Africa, thus increasing the scope of his work and making him now an Archbishop. The Pope's promotion letter to Marcel says much about him, "You have governed the Apostolic Vicariate of Dakar so prudently, wisely, and actively, and you are driven by such zeal for the reign of Christ...that we judge it right to choose you for this Delegation, being convinced that your gifts-principally your tried and tested ministry and the personal qualities that make you perfect for this post- will be immediately useful in this Delegation." What an increased burden was placed on Marcel! Not only did he have to deal with Senegal, but now he was responsible juridically for 44 ecclesiastical territories and for the diplomatic relations with the French government and its High Commissioners! These territories had about 2.5 million Catholics in them, served by 12 missionary institutes. The situation also at that time was very delegate as many third world countries were being pressured (especially by Communist propaganda) to break away from their colonizers. Of course, this is what would happen to many of them later on. The Pope to counter this pressure was asking superiors like the Archbishop to develop a network of indigenous priests who could deal with their own people as representatives of the Church. The Archbishop truly made the effort to follow the Pope's wishes.

The next 15 years that the Archbishop would spend in Africa would increase the prestige of the Church with number of Catholic increasing in all the places under his jurisdiction. He gives an example of this prestige: "When I went for the first time to Madagascar, there was a crowd of 100,000 Malagasies, and the High Commissioner was present with the government and the army. They honored me as the representative of the Holy See. There was a reception at the High Commissioner's.....It was the first time that an envoy of the Pope had stood on Malagasy soil, and the type of welcome I was given served the purpose of the Catholic Church well." With the help of many missionary orders and with help of the prayers of religious congregations of Sisters invited by the Archbishop to come to Africa, a great expansion of our Catholic Religion would take place in this part of Africa. The number of Catholics in French speaking Africa in 1948 was 2.5 million, but by 1958 there would be 3.9 million Catholics. Marcel, the organizer, the builder, was expanding the Faith on this vast continent. Our founder was truly being formed for his future work of the Society of St. Pius X which would extend its work to all continents.



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+ Mass Schedule for NOVEMBER 22nd thru NOVEMBER 29th 2020 +

SUN	22 nd	LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	TBD
MON	23 rd	St. Clement I, <i>Pope & Martyr</i>	7:15 am
TUE	24 th	St. John of the Cross, <i>Confessor, Doctor</i>	7:15 am
WED	25 th	St. Catherine of Alexandria, <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>	7:15 am
THU	26 th	St. Sylvester, <i>Abbot</i>	8:00 am
FRI	27 th	Ferial Day	8:00 am
SAT	28 th	Our Lady on Saturdays	8:00 am
SUN	29 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	TBD

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The month of November is devoted to the poor souls in Purgatory. Let us pray for those souls who although they have merited Heaven, must first pass through the purifying flames of Purgatory where they suffer greatly

NO BENEDICTION

There will be no Benediction this Thursday.

MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that we will again send out a group text/email for the Mass times next Sunday along with sign-up.

ROSARY CRUSADE

Fr. Davide Pagliarani, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, has asked members of the SSPX, as well as faithful and friends to embark on a rosary crusade with the special intentions of freeing the Mass and gaining Vocations: November 21 (Feast of the Presentation) thru April 1st (Holy Thursday).



St John of the Cross

Feast Day November 24th

NEWS AND UPDATES

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The First Communion and Confirmation classes take place approximately 10 minutes after the 9:00am Mass on the first three Sundays of each month. The scheduled date for First Communion will be Sunday, May 30th. The Confirmation date is yet to be determined by the District, but probably will be decided by the end of 2020.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to the severe restrictions on our state which are to end on Wednesday, December 2nd, we ask parishioners to make the effort to social distance inside and especially outside of the church during this time. We continue to ask those who are sick to refrain in charity, from coming to Mass until they are better. Let us continue to pray to St. Joseph to watch over us during this time.

ACADEMY NEWS

There will be no school from Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week because of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Thank you for your cooperation of avoiding school during this time because of all the restrictions on our schools. Lane County continues to average over 30 cases a day which prevents schools from completely opening.

ADULT CATECHISM

With the continued extra Masses because of the COVID-19 virus restrictions we will continue to delay the restarting of the adult catechism classes. Sorry for the inconvenience.

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE TREASURE SHEET OCTOBER 2020



Offerings	580
Masses	295
Communions	280
Spiritual	533
Sacrifices	1,425
Decades	1,877
Visits	311
Silence	178
Examples	1,135

MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

MASS TIMES

Please check the front of the bulletin for the Mass times this week.

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM

There will be no catechism class this Wednesday night for the High School students. Class will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm.



The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Day	Collection
NOVEMBER 1	\$2,717.00
NOVEMBER 8	\$3,459.00
NOVEMBER 15	\$2,819.00
NOVEMBER 22	
NOVEMBER 29	
TOTAL	\$8,935.00

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION – Check inside bulletin for any changes.

DAILY ROSARY 6:00pm

Tuesdays - 7:00pm followed by
Devotions for Priests

BENEDICTION

Thursdays - 6:00pm
Sundays - See Front Page

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Tuesday – 7:30pm
Saturdays – 8:30am
Sundays – 7:00 am / 8:30 am / 10:15 am

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass – 7:15am & 7:00pm
Holy Hour at 6:00pm
the 7:00pm Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass – 8:00am Sung Mass

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES:

Blessing of religious articles will be on the
3rd Sunday of the Month after the Mass.

CLEANING ROSTER

Nov 28th - St. Zita
Dec 05th - St. Margaret

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

2nd Sunday of the month

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS

Class starts about 10 minutes after Mass

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM

Class are each Wednesday at 7:30pm

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE &

CHILDREN OF MARY MEETING

Mondays - 3:15pm to 4:00pm

BAPTISMS: To arrange a Baptism please contact the prior to set up a date and time.

MARRIAGES: Couples considering Marriage must contact the prior six months before the wedding 'according to church law'. Details will then be worked out.

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS: Contact: 832-545-4302

	NOVEMBER 22 nd	NOVEMBER 29 th	DECEMBER 6 th	DECEMBER 8 th
MC	Joseph Bruhn	Max Saucedo	Joseph Bruhn	Gerard Fawver
TH	Thomas Bruhn	Chris Saucedo	Tyler McCoy	Jerome Fawver
AC	Michael Bruhn	Anthony McCoy	Jerome Fawver	Ambrose Demers
AC	Dominic Bruhn	Samuel Green	Weston Zach	Samuel Green
CB		William McCoy	Alexander McCoy	Weston Zach
TB		Isaac Solonika	Augustine Sullivan	Jonathon Zach
TB		Damien Zach	Damien Zach	Damien Zach
TB				Eric Kirk
TB				Isaac Solonika
TB				Robert Solonika
TB				Augustine Sullivan

To reach satisfaction in all
desire its possession in nothing,
To come to the knowledge of all
desire the knowledge of nothing.
To come to possess all
desire the possession of nothing.
To arrive at being all
desire to be nothing.

