



# MATER MISERICORDIAE MISSION

*An Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter*

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## Notitiæ December 28, 2008

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	
Propers: Readings:	<b>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, Class II, White</b> <i>Galatians 4:1-7; St. Luke 2:33-40</i>
Intention:	<b>8:00 am Mass at St. Cecilia (Clarkdale, AZ)</b> Pro Populo
Intention:	<b>1:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (24<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Campbell Ave, Phoenix)</b> Betty Rios

<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
<b>At St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 am (ending 7:15 am) and 7:00 pm on Holy Days of Obligation</b>	
<b>Monday, December 29</b>	<b>Thursday, January 1</b>
Propers: <b>5<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of Christmas</b> Class II, White	Propers: <b>Octave Day of Christmas</b> Class I, White
Readings: <i>Titus 3:4-7; St. Luke 2:15-20</i>	Readings: <i>Titus 2:11-15; St. Luke 2:21</i>
Intention: Robert and Catherine Doris	Intention: 6:30 am: † Francis Trainer 1:00 pm: <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Tuesday, December 30</b>	<b>Friday, January 2</b>
Propers: <b>6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas</b> Class II White	Propers: <b>Votive Mass: Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> Class III, White
Readings: <i>Titus 3:4-7; St. Luke 2:15-20</i>	Readings: <i>Eph. 3:8-12, 14-19; St. John 19:31-37</i>
Intention: † List: Grant them rest	Intention: † Bill Smith
<b>Wednesday, December 31</b>	<b>Saturday, January 3</b>
Propers: <b>7<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas</b> Class I, White	Propers: <b>Votive Mass: Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> Class III, White
Readings: <i>Titus 3:4-7; St. Luke 2:15-20</i>	Readings: <i>Eccle. 24:23-31; John 19:25-27</i>
Intention: Thanksgiving	Intention: † Edward Salasek

<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Friday</b> 5-5:30 pm and <b>Saturday</b> 3:30-4:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle. <b>Sunday</b> before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, and at St. Cecilia, if possible. Other times by arrangement.

## Sunday Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure: that we may deserve to abound in good works in the name of Thy beloved Son: Who with Thee liveth.

## Sunday Epistle GALATIANS 4:1-7

Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son: and if a son, an heir also through God.

## Sunday Gospel ST. LUKE 2:33-40

At that time Joseph and Mary the Mother of Jesus were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their city Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.

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### FSSP Prayer Requests



**Sun.** – Fr. Christopher Hathaway  
**Mon.** – † Fr. Nicholas Zolnerowicz

**Tue.** – Fr. Matthew McNeely  
**Wed.** – Fr. Philip Creurer  
**Thu.** – Fraternity of St. Peter

**Fri.** – Fr. Joseph Orlowski  
**Sat.** – Rev. Mr. Austin

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### Parish Announcements and Prayer Requests



❖ **Holy Day of Obligation:** Thursday, 1 January 2009, is the Octave Day of the Nativity (Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord), and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 6:30 am and 1 pm.

❖ **The Spirit of the Liturgy:** Due to the Nativity (25<sup>th</sup>) and Circumcision (1<sup>st</sup>) of Our Lord falling on Thursdays, the next Adult Education class ("Sacred Music I") will meet on Thursday, 8 January, at 6:45 pm. Those who missed the last class (18 December, "Sacred Images III") may wish to listen to the lecture at <http://www.mediafire.com/btafssp>.

❖ **Artes Liberales** will meet this Saturday, 3 January, at 6:00 pm, and will discuss Flannery O'Connor's short story "A Temple of the Holy Ghost," which story is included in her first published collection of short stories, "A Good Man is Hard to Find." Kindly RSVP by Wednesday to Dr. Doris at (602)956-3548.

❖ Please pray for **Fr. Joseph Orlowski, FSSP** who was in a serious car accident last week while traveling to serve our apostolate in Calgary and Edmonton. He has suffered a crushed femur which will require months to fully recover. Besides the broken leg. Fr. Orlowski had surgery to mend his liver, he had a punctured lung, and broken ribs, but no known head injuries. Father is in stable condition and thankfully there are no graver injuries.

- ❖ **The Archconfraternity of St. Stephen for Altar Servers:** As today is the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint Stephen, after the *credo* the Altarboys will renew their promise and will be promoted to their next rank. In your charity, please remember our Altarboys in your prayers. As you know, one of them entered the Seminary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and we hope in the future others will heed the call of Our Lord. Any other young men who desire to serve at the altar should contact Father Fryar. Please note a new "**Altarboy Schedule**" is online and the practice dates are listed.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our Altarboys for their outstanding and dedicated service in the Sacred Liturgy, and for the sacrifices they have been making to attend the practices. May God repay you all abundantly!

- ❖ **Calendars now available:** The calendars have arrived. If you ordered one please be sure to collect it before you leave. For those who missed out on ordering one we have purchased extras which are available for you to purchase on a first come first serve basis.
- ❖ **New Logo:** In order to increase awareness of the Mater Misericordiæ Mission and perhaps increase our membership it is necessary to increase our advertising; and to make that advertising more effective we have enlisted the aid of: August Studios. They suggested the first thing we do is "Branding". In that regard they helped us develop a new logo for the Mission as it appears now on the front of the Notitiæ. This logo will be used consistently from now on in several different ways, such as advertisements, publications, letterhead and website. We would like to extend our deep and sincere gratitude to all who have helped in the process of developing this logo. May God reward you!

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**From: Our Best Friend**

**By: CHRISTIAN PESCH, S.J.**

### **Chapter III**

*"He is not ashamed to call them brethren" (Heb. 2:11).*

...He might miraculously have appeared in our midst as a grown man, the founder of the new race of God, like Adam, the parent of our race. But He preferred to be born of a human mother, "*made of a woman*" (Gal. 4:4). God became a babe in the crib for love of us. Prompted by His great love, He at once sent His angels to summon men that they might see under what a loving guise their Savior had come into their midst. "*You shall find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.*" Little wonder that their hearts were filled with joy. "*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen*" (Lk. 2:12, 20).

The Infant in the manger was not bereft of the use of reason and incapable of love as other children are. The eternal wisdom of God that dwelt within Him illumined His intellect with the rays of its brightness and enkindled His heart with love. The Infant in the manger saw all men and loved all men not only collectively but individually. What was His first prayer at the inception of His life? An offering of Himself to His heavenly Father for the salvation of men. ". . . in coming into the world, He says: Sacrifice and oblation Thou wouldst not: but a body Thou hast fitted to Me" which I shall offer to Thee in satisfaction for the sins of My brethren. "*Behold I come: in the head of the book it is written of Me to do Thy will, O God*" (Heb. 10:5, 7). Then began that hard, rough, sacrificial way that stretched from the crib to the cross, an uninterrupted series of acts of self-sacrificing love for the salvation of His brethren.

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## The Story of the Christmas Crèche (Crib)

As told by Thomas of Celano, a contemporary of St. Francis of Assisi

"It should be recorded and held in reverent memory what Blessed Francis did near the town of Greccio, on the feast day of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, three years before his glorious death.

"Blessed Francis thought to himself, 'I want to enact the memory of the Infant who was born at Bethlehem and how He was deprived of all the comforts babies enjoy; how He was bedded in the manger on hay between an ass and an ox. For once I want to see all this with my own eyes.'

"The joyful day approached. The Brethren were called from many communities. The men and women of the neighborhood, as best

they could, prepared candles and torches to brighten the night. Finally the Saint of God arrived, found everything prepared, saw it and rejoiced. The crib was made ready, hay was brought, the ox and ass were led to the spot...The town of Greccio became a new Bethlehem. The night was made radiant like the day, filling men and animals with joy. The crowds drew near and rejoiced in the novelty of the celebration. Their voices resounded from the woods, and the rocky cliffs echoed the jubilant outburst. As they sang in praise of God the whole night rang with exultation. The Saint of God stood before the crib, overcome with devotion and wondrous joy.

"A solemn Mass was then sung at the crib. The Saint, dressed in deacon's vestments, for a deacon he was, sang the Gospel. Then he preached a delightful sermon to the people who stood around him, speaking about the nativity of the poor King and the humble town of Bethlehem."

-Thomas of Celano, Life and Miracles of St. Francis, as quoted in Francis X. Weiser, The Christmas Book (New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co.), pp. 106 ff.

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## Mission Statement

*Mater Misericordiae (Mother of Mercy) Mission glorifies God, uniting its members in faith, hope and charity through confession of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Faith and through participation in the Sacraments and Traditional Rites of the Missale Romanum of 1962, under the governance of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix and the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter.*