

The Existence of God (Continued)

How can we not give thanks to the Church which places these words on our lips to express the most profound sentiments of our created souls! The souls of creatures!

If creation is a great mystery, it is that God is for us the Great Mystery and will remain so even in the Beatific Vision. "No one has seen the Father but he who is of God" (Jn 6:46). Only the Word and the Holy Ghost see God, being of God and one God with the Father.

A small glimpse of the attributes and perfections of God, that spiritual reality which encompasses all, which enlivens all, which sustains everything in existence, cannot help but deepen the Divine Mystery for our greater satisfaction, edification and sanctification.

St. Thomas said this: The more perfectly we know God here below, the better will we understand that He surpasses all that the mind can know (IIa IIae q.8, a.3).

Faith coming to the aid of reason convinces us of the existence of God. It opens to us marvellous horizons on the intimacy of God by Revelation and especially by the Incarnation of the Divine Word. Thereupon we must ask to find out whether we can give God a name which would be proper to God and would help us to know Him better.

It is precisely this which God did in the Old Testament as in the New. These are the words of God to Moses: "But," said Moses to God, "when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' What am I to tell them?" God replied, "I Am Who Am." Then He added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I Am sent me to you" (Ex 3:13-14). And Our Lord expressed the same with regard to the Jews, who said to Him: "'Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?' Jesus said to them, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I Am'" (Jn 8: 57-58).

We will never sufficiently admire these luminous responses, which correspond to the conclusions of our reason. "God is"; He is *ens a se*, Being by Himself; all other beings are *ab alio* and do not have the cause of their being in themselves.

These simple affirmations are an inexhaustible source of meditation and sanctification. May this be our gaze upon God, which loses itself in the infinite! Either beholding the relations of the creature to the Creator, or the nothingness of the creature, we are in the face of that which is the most true, the most profound and the most mysterious in God and in ourselves.

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday 12th July. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. (2nd cl.)

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00 am Low Mass

Monday 13th July. Ferial. (4th cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

Tuesday 14th July. St. Bonaventure. (3rd cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

Wednesday 15th July. St. Henry, Emperor. (3rd cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

Thursday 16th July. Ferial. (4th cl.) *Comm. Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

7:15 am Low Mass

Friday 17th July. Ferial. Comm. St. Alexius (4th cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

6:30 pm Rosary & Benediction

Saturday 18th July. St. Camillus de Lellis. (3rd cl.)

Comm. Ss. Symphorosa & her Seven Sons

7:15 am Low Mass

6:30 pm Rosary & Benediction

Sunday 19th July. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. (2nd cl.)

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00 am Sung Mass

Rosters			
Sunday	Cleaning (Sat)	Flowers (Sat)	Tea Stall (Sun)
12 th July	George & Isabela	Paul & Ela	HCP
19 th July	HCP	Cecile Stocker	HCP
26 th July	Ignacio Family	HCP	Nikolina
2 nd August	HCP	Liz	Simone

Altar Serving		
12 th July	Ac: Br. Francis	
19 th July <i>Sung Mass</i>	MC: Campers Ac1: Campers	Th: Campers Ac2: Campers BB: Matthew Marcelo
26 th July	Ac1: Anthony Morris	Ac2: John Rebello
2 nd August	MC: François O'Neill Ac1: Riley Ignacio CB: John Rebello	Th: Kevin Murphy Ac2: Gabriel Gulapa BB: Joseph Murphy

Announcements

Holy Souls

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bernice King, Barry Gaudry, Robert Natoli, Guy Garçon, Beverly Wearne, Monica Jackson, Br. Peter Whittle, Father Patrick Fox, Patrick Woulfe and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Catechism Classes

There will not be Catechism class today. The next class will be on the 26th of July, for children and adults.

2nd collection for SSPX Schools in the district

On Sunday the 2nd of August there will be a second collection taken up to for the assistance of our schools.

Prayers for the Holy Souls

Today being the 2nd Sunday of the month, after the 10:00am Mass, the faithful are encouraged to pray the De Profundis for the Holy Souls. Extra prayer cards are in the bookstore.

Rosary Crusade

The Legion of Mary (Australia/NZ) thanks everyone who took part in the 105-day Rosary Crusade for the Episcopal Consecrations.

Please email ASAP the total number of 5-Decade Rosaries you said during the Crusade to legionrosarycrusade@gmail.com so we can tally and publish the overall total. If the Rosary was said as a family, please count each family member's Rosary separately.

First Mass of Fr. Nicholas Massey

Fr. Massey will offer a First Mass at Holy Cross on Thursday the 23rd of July at 11:30am. Father will also give his first blessing after the Mass. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Archconfraternity of St. Stephen

The next training for Altar boys will be held on the 2nd of August after the 10:00am Mass.

Young men's formation weekend

The young men's formation weekend will be held here this week from 16-19 July. Please keep them in your prayers.

Confession times at Holy Cross

Sunday: 7:30am-8:00 am & 9:15-10:00 am. Saturday: 7:30am-8:00am