

Tridentine Community News

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Latin Mass Directories

Last week, this column discussed several organizations that promote the Latin Mass and publish directories of Tridentine Mass locations. Today, we will mention a few more directory providers. Note that the most well-known directories are not necessarily the most accurate. As with all volunteer efforts, it takes dedication on the part of the person(s) chiefly responsible for such a directory to keep it up to date. The longer that the effort slides, the more challenging it becomes to make an old directory accurate once again. Complicating the process is the dependence on others to submit Mass information. Not every new Tridentine Mass, or Mass time change, is publicized, therefore the directory publishers must be told that the change was made.

This has become evident when submitting listings for St. Josaphat and St. Michael's Tridentine Masses. In some cases, despite repeated e-mails to the maintainers of these sites, no update is made. While we believe that we have notified every directory maintainer out there at least once, if you know of a particular directory that you would like to see updated, e-mail us at tridnews@stjosaphatchurch.org, and we will add them to our list of people to contact.

The perfect example of a fine directory vexed by all of these challenges is that of the Latin Liturgy Association (www.latinliturgy.com), which is unique in that it lists Novus Ordo Latin as well as Tridentine Masses. Any Mass time you see on that site should be verified with the church in question before you go.

On the other side of the spectrum, the most accurate directory, though far from the prettiest, is that maintained by the Mater Dei Latin Mass Community in Dallas: <http://web2.iadfw.net/~carlsch/MaterDei/churches.htm>

Many of you are familiar with the Coalition in Support of Ecclesia Dei, the publishers of the ubiquitous Red Missals found at almost all Tridentine Mass sites. The Coalition publishes a printed directory of Traditional Mass locations, updated monthly. While their printed directory is quite accurate, the version of the directory on their web site, www.ecclesiadef.org, is not updated as often. Call them for a copy of the printed directory: (847) 724-7151.

The well-known www.masstimes.org can be of some help, though finding what you are seeking can be time-consuming. Several other directories exist, but for a variety of reasons ranging from political positions to being hopelessly out of date, they are not of particular interest. Finding a Tridentine Mass site during your travels is easy to do with one of the trustworthy directories mentioned above.

Tridentine Travelogue: St. Joseph Church, Jackson

Not long after former Bishop Kenneth Povish of the Diocese of Lansing permitted the Tridentine Mass to be celebrated in Flint at All Saints Church, the diocese authorized a second weekly Traditional Mass site at Sacred Heart Chapel in Jackson. Much like the initial locations of the Windsor Tridentine Mass, Sacred Heart Chapel was humble, not much more than a storefront. Nevertheless, the congregation steadily grew.



In January, 2005, the Jackson Tridentine Community was permitted to relocate to St. Joseph Church. As the above photo indicates, St. Joseph Church is recognizably a modern design. Nevertheless, the move there represented a significant upgrade from Sacred Heart Chapel, and attendance has increased accordingly. Mass is held Sundays at 10:00 AM.

The pastor of St. Joseph Church, Fr. Louis Madey, is a busy and interesting man: He has served as vice-rector of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake and has taught at Sacred Heart Seminary. In addition to celebrating the Tridentine Mass at St. Joseph, he also occasionally celebrates the Traditional Mass at All Saints. He is assisted in the celebration of the Tridentine Mass at St. Joseph by two retired priests.

In September, 2005, the Jackson Tridentine Community in conjunction with Una Voce-Michigan sponsored a retreat given by Fr. Chad Ripperger, FSSP.

And now for perhaps the most interesting part: St. Joseph is the childhood parish of our own Fr. Mark Borkowski. It was interesting to observe Fr. Mark's reaction when he learned that his old parish was going to be hosting a Tridentine Mass. It is indeed a small world.

Read more at the St. Joseph Church web site: <http://stjosephjackson.catholicweb.com>