

Tridentine Community News

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Upcoming Events in the Wake of the Motu Proprio, Summórum Pontificum

Thanks be to God and to our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, the Roman Catholic Church is about to enter a new era that many of the faithful energetically prayed and sacrificed for, yet somehow thought might never happen. It is the ecclesiastical equivalent of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Effective this coming Friday, September 14, any Roman Catholic priest may celebrate the Tridentine Mass on his own initiative. The old forms of the Sacraments may also be used.

Eighteen local sites are presently considering holding Traditional Latin Masses. Here is a list of forthcoming events following Cardinal Maida's originally expanded permissions for St. Josaphat Church, as well as developments in the wake of the Motu Proprio:

St. Josaphat's cluster partner St. Joseph Church will commence a Tridentine Mass at 10:30 AM on the Fourth Sunday of each month, beginning on October 28.

Today, September 9, St. Josaphat Church will hold its first Extraordinary Form Baptism before Mass. Another Baptism is planned in the near future.

Tomorrow, Monday, September 10, St. Josaphat will begin a weekly Monday 7:00 PM Tridentine Low Mass. St. Joseph Church's Legion of Mary chapter has changed its Monday meeting time to accommodate its members attending this Mass.

This Friday, September 14, Assumption Grotto Church will hold a special Solemn High Tridentine Mass at 7:00 PM. Grotto's 9:30 AM Sunday Mass will henceforth "ordinarily" be a Tridentine Mass. (Note: "Grotto" = Detroit, "Assumption" = Windsor)



Fr. Andrew Wesley of Detroit's Transfiguration Church near 7 Mile and Mound Roads will be starting a weekday Tridentine Low Mass soon. Transfiguration is a beautiful, unwreckovated, historically Polish church filled with Eastern-style mosaics. Worth a visit if you have never been there.

More photos are at www.transfiguration-parish.org.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Sterling Heights will commence a Saturday evening Tridentine Mass at 6:30 PM sometime in January, 2008, after a construction project is completed.

December 8 will be a special day. First, there will be a Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception at St. Josaphat at 9:30 AM. At 6:00 PM the same day, St. Joseph Church will host the first Tridentine Wedding Mass in our region. That will not be an

isolated occurrence: since the Motu Proprio, Assumption Church has received two inquiries about Tridentine Wedding Masses.

Weekday Mass Survey

Assumption's Tridentine Community is seeking input on whether there is a demand for a weekday Tridentine Low Mass. Like St. Josaphat's, it would start out as one day per week. If you would attend such a Mass at least once per month, please e-mail info@windsorlatinmass.org with the day(s) of the week and the time(s) of day that would work best for you. We invite you to vote even if you do not presently attend Assumption's Sunday Mass.

We will try to coordinate the weekday Masses at St. Josaphat (Monday), Assumption, Transfiguration, and possibly elsewhere so that one could attend each on different days of the week. It would not be preferable, for example, to have Mass on Monday at two of those churches. A better plan would be one site on Monday, another on Tuesday, and a third on Friday, for instance.

Flint's Anniversary Mass

The Tridentine Mass Community at Flint's All Saints Church will hold their annual Solemn High Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 7 at 4:00 PM. The celebrant will be Fr. Josef Bisig, Founding Superior of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, and present Rector of the FSSP's Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska. Fr. Bisig is no stranger to this part of the world, having celebrated a Solemn High Mass twice in the past three years in Windsor.

Our own Music Director Wassim Sarweh has been invited to direct the music and assemble a choir for this Mass. A banquet will follow the Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church's Social Hall. For more information or dinner tickets, call Scott Bednarchik at (810) 656-1274.

Low Mass Rubrics and Differences

With the debut of local Low Masses, it is fitting that we discuss how the rubrics of a Low Mass differ from the sung Missa Cantata that we are accustomed to experiencing. At a Low Mass, the Mass parts (Ordinary and Propers) are not sung, although it is permissible for there to be organ music and hymns (Opening, Offertory, Closing) sung by the congregation. For economic and practical reasons, it is not realistic to assume that we will have an organist most weeks. We also recognize that many of you have time restrictions on weekdays: Without music, a Low Mass will ordinarily last a relatively quick 30-45 minutes.

Only two candles instead of six are lighted on the altar. Incense is not used. Only one altar server is required. The congregation kneels for most of the Mass. They stand only for the Gospel, Credo (if specified), and Last Gospel. The readings will ordinarily be read in English after they are read in Latin, however there will usually be no homily. The Prayers After Low Mass, though no longer mandatory, are customarily recited.