

Tridentine Community News

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Weekday Tridentine Mass Site Debuts: St. Theresa Church, Windsor

In a long-hoped for development, St. Theresa Church on the east side of Windsor will commence a twice-monthly Thursday evening Tridentine Mass beginning on January 7 at 7:00 PM. This initiative is the work of St. Theresa pastor Fr. John Johnson, who has enthusiastically learned the Extraordinary Form and is in



fact today's celebrant at St. Josaphat Church. The first Mass will be a sung Mass (Missa Cantata) in celebration of the first public Tridentine Mass held at the church in approximately 40 years. Future Masses will be Low Masses with hymns, like St. Josaphat's Monday evening Mass. Music director for these Masses will be Assumption-Windsor and St. Josaphat Tridentine Mass music director Wassim Sarweh.

Masses will be held on January 7 and 28, and on February 11 and 25, all at 7:00 PM. Attendance at these initial Masses will determine how often future Masses will be scheduled. We encourage our readers to attend and show their support.

St. Theresa is located at 1991 Norman Road, on the south side of Tecumseh Rd., one block east of Pillette Rd. The church is six miles from the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel: Upon exiting the tunnel, turn left, then left at the light onto Ouellette Ave. Go approximately two miles to Tecumseh Rd. Turn left on Tecumseh, go approximately four miles to Pillette Rd., turn left, drive one block, turn right, drive one block, turn right again, and the church will be on your right.

Thanks To Our Volunteers

As we near the end of 2009, it is an appropriate time to express our thanks to some of the key volunteers who work behind the scenes to make our Tridentine Masses happen. We have a unique environment, with closely-coordinated Tridentine Masses now at five churches in two countries.

At Assumption Church-Windsor: Susan Rafferty cleans the church before and after the Latin Mass each week. Barry Rafferty refurbishes our thuribles and other metalwork. Barry also just built a platform for St. Theresa Church to allow Mass to be celebrated *ad orientem*. And, of course, Barry is a key altar server, along with James LaSorda, James Murphy, and Barry Waddell, who allow us to offer a Solemn Missa Cantata every week.

Sharon Moody handles the bookkeeping, tax reporting, and correspondence duties of the Windsor Tridentine Mass Association with aplomb, accuracy, and timeliness.

Man-of-many-talents Michel Ozorak can be found in the choir loft some weeks and serving at the altar on other weeks. His most important work of 2009 is, of course, creating the Chant Sheets

for celebrants posted at www.windsorlatinmass.org. Priests from Singapore to England use his sheets at the altar every week.

At St. Josaphat: Peter Gulewich, Bob Haak, Ishmael Lebron, Bob Treusch, and Bill Wilson are our vestibule organizers and ushers. Ishmael also serves as an usher at the Tridentine Masses at St. Albertus Church and is our one-man welcoming committee at the Monday evening Masses. Peter Gulewich also organizes and teaches our Sunday Latin Class after Mass.

Diane Begin, Anita Carey, and Rose and Bob Treusch lead our post-Mass receptions. Most of the food items are homemade, which helps the reception run as a break-even operation paid for by voluntary "bucks in the pot." Significant hours are invested each week in baking the cakes and sweets we enjoy. This team also sets up and cleans up the hall before and after the receptions.

Rosemarie "Busia" Iwan, a member of Sweetest Heart of Mary Parish, handles the liturgical laundering. Every Holy Mass requires a freshly washed purificator, amice, and often a new corporal. Altar cloths, Communion Rail cloths, and priests' albs need regular cleaning. Busia handles it all with style and grace, elevating a duty to an art form.

Edgar Din and his son Christopher are the photographers and maintainers of the St. Josaphat Blog. Make it a point to visit their work regularly, which now features photos of Archbishop Vigneron's memorable visit. Chris Stuckey maintains the St. Josaphat web site, www.detroitlatinmass.org, which links to the blog and has archives of our music schedules and handouts.

Regular Sunday Mass altar servers Christopher Din, Matthew Hill, Edward Kotulski, David Schmick, Paul Strickler, Francesco von Buelow, Johannes von Buelow, Joseph von Buelow, and Stefan von Buelow have mastered their responsibilities and often join us on the road at special Tridentine Masses elsewhere.

Special thanks must go to our lead altar servers: Jim Eatmon, Mariusz Szczepaniak, and Joe Tuskiewicz, who assist at the majority of our Masses, weekday as well as Sunday. They arrive early to set up, and stay late to take down Assumption-Windsor, St. Josaphat, St. Joseph, and St. Albertus Churches. Handling two and sometimes three Masses per Sunday, in two countries, these individuals have been particularly selfless with their time.

Most importantly, our thanks and prayers go to our priests who have dedicated themselves to making the Extraordinary Form of Holy Mass available to our congregations: Fr. Peter Hrytsyk at Assumption-Windsor and Fr. Mark Borkowski at St. Josaphat, along with celebrants Fr. Lee Acervo, Msgr. George Browne, Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny, Fr. Matthew Hincks, Fr. John Johnson, Fr. Louis Madey, Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, and Fr. Charles White.

Finally, may God bless all who attend our Tridentine Masses, as it is your prayers and support that encourage them to continue.

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