

Tridentine Community News

March 4, 2012 – Second Sunday of Lent

A Lenten Reflection: The Tremendous Value of Holy Mass

In this holy season of Lent, it does us well to reflect upon the immeasurable graces that flow from each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We must never take the Mass for granted. This text, originally attributed to St. Leonard of Port Maurice and found on a 1923 holy card with an Imprimatur by Archbishop Henry Moeller of Cincinnati, gives us much to ponder:

At the hour of death the Holy Masses you have heard devoutly will be your greatest consolation.

Every Mass will go with you to Judgment and will plead for pardon for you.

By every Mass you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins, more or less, according to your fervor.

By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord.

Through the Holy Sacrifice, Our Lord Jesus Christ supplies for many of your negligences and omissions. He forgives you all the venial sins which you are determined to avoid. The power of Satan over you is diminished.

By piously hearing Holy Mass you afford the Souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief.

One Holy Mass, heard during your life, will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death.

Through Holy Mass you are preserved from many dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass.

During Holy Mass you kneel amid a multitude of holy Angels, who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe.

Through Holy Mass you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs.

When you hear Holy Mass devoutly, offering it to Almighty God in honor of any particular Saint or Angel, thanking God for the favors bestowed on him, etc., you afford that Saint or Angel a new degree of honor, joy, and happiness, and draw his special love and protection on yourself.

Every time you assist at Holy Mass, besides other intentions, you should offer it in honor of the Saint of the day.

St. Issac Jogues & St. Angela OF Latin Masses

Ordinarily this column tries to keep its ears to the railroad tracks, but news of a few particular developments managed to escape us until now. For several months in late 2011, St. Isaac Jogues Parish in St. Clair Shores offered Holy Mass in the Latin in the Ordinary Form on the Second Sunday of the month at 7:30 AM. The idea was to expose parishioners to the Church's Sacred Language on a trial basis.



When a new administrator was assigned to St. Isaac, it was decided to move the Latin Mass to St. Angela Parish in Roseville. St. Angela's Mass will debut on the Sunday, March 4 at 7:30 AM and will continue on the First Sunday of each subsequent month.

While not in the Extraordinary Form, it is still newsworthy to note this and similar unpublicized efforts. For example, we recently learned that in 2009, Dearborn's Divine Child High School Latin Class held a "traditional Latin Mass", celebrated by Fr. Clint McDonell. It is not clear whether it was in the Ordinary or Extraordinary Form, but what really matters is that Latin in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass continues to make inroads into parish life. Each such exposure can inspire souls to learn more about the great treasures available in the Church's traditional liturgy.

Special Upcoming Masses

Sun. 03/11 2:00 PM: High Mass at *Sacred Heart-Yale* (Third Sunday of Lent): Have you ever thought about visiting Yale? A Solemn Missa Cantata will be held at Sacred Heart Church this day – more solemn than their usual Masses.

Sun. 03/18 Noon: High Mass at *St. Albertus* (Fourth Sunday of Lent – Lætäre Sunday)

Mon. 03/19 6:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Feast of St. Joseph – no Mass at St. Josaphat that Monday)

Sun. 03/25 12:15 PM: High Mass at *Ss. Peter & Paul (west side)* (Passion Sunday)

Weekday Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 03/05 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Feria of Lent)

Tue. 03/06 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (Feria of Lent)