

# Tridentine Community News

September 30, 2012 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## *Windsor's St. Alphonsus Church to Hold Tridentine Mass on Thursday, October 11*

Readers on the U.S. side of the river can become somewhat jaded by the plethora of beautiful historic churches in the Archdiocese of Detroit. It seems we never run out of more to explore. One key reason why these churches survive is because many parishes were too poor during the frenzied post-Vatican II decades to afford architectural re-dos. Windsor, however, has had a different history: Most of metropolitan Windsor's historic churches underwent major architectural changes, in large part because those parishes had sufficient funds to undertake such projects.

Only three architecturally intact churches survive in Windsor: St. Michael, the 1950s era German church which hosted the Tridentine Mass from 2003-2007; Our Lady of the Assumption, the grand French Gothic church on the campus of the University of Windsor that is the current home for the Extraordinary Form; and St. Alphonsus Church, located immediately to the east of the exit from the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel.



We have written about St. Alphonsus before. It was restored, and not reordered, in recent decades by former pastor, the late Fr. Ulysse Lefave, who went on to serve as Chaplain for the Windsor Tridentine Mass Community for many years. St. Alphonsus is most notable for the dramatic oil paintings on the ceiling and wall

behind its high altar, its recently expanded pipe organ, and...its air conditioning.

In what seems like the inevitable finally coming to pass after 40+ years, there will be a special Tridentine High Mass at St. Alphonsus Church on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 PM for the Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is being held to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both Vatican II and the 1962 *Missale Romanum*.

### *Flint Mass Photos*

Aaron Harburg generously uploaded a beautiful set of photos from last Friday's special Tridentine Mass at Flint's St. Matthew Church. One example is here; the complete set is available on Juventutem Michigan's Facebook page. The pictures do an excellent job of conveying the immaculately clean and well-maintained condition of the church.



Approximately 100 people attended this Mass, and we have reason to believe there will be more Holy Masses in the Extraordinary Form in St. Matthew's future.

### *Dueling Pontifical Masses on October 14*

In yet another sign of the times, on Sunday, October 14, there will be two successive simultaneous Holy Masses in the Extraordinary Form in our region celebrated by bishops: At Noon, Bishop Alexander Sample will celebrate a Pontifical Solemn Mass at Assumption Grotto Church in conjunction with the Call to Holiness conference. Fr. Charles White, one of Detroit's ambassadors of the Extraordinary Form, is coordinating this Mass. At 2:00 PM, Bishop Eugene LaRocque will celebrate a Pontifical Mass at Windsor's Assumption Church. Pioneering bishops such as these are making it easier for other bishops to celebrate similar Masses in the future. They deserve our prayers and thanks.

### *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

Mon. 10/01 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Remigius, Bishop & Confessor)

Tue. 10/02 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (Holy Guardian Angels)

Fri. 10/05 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Sacred Heart of Jesus) [First Friday]

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