

Tridentine Community News

October 7, 2012 – External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

The Prayers After Low Mass

In 1884 Pope Leo XIII ordered a set of prayers that came to be known as the “Leonine Prayers” to be said after every Low Mass. There are varying accounts regarding the actual reasons that prompted the requirement for these prayers, ranging from praying for the sovereignty of the Holy See prior to the creation of the Vatican City State, to the conversion of Russia. We suggest that Catholics today simply take the prayers at face value: Prayers to St. Michael and to our Lady for ourselves and for the defense of Holy Mother Church are eminently appropriate.

The 1962 Missal no longer includes these prayers, thus they are technically optional since 1962 rubrics are currently in force. However, the Leonine Prayers are not like other parts of the Mass; indeed, they are not even a part of the Mass. They take place *after* Mass, and like any other popular devotion are left entirely to custom. Most every Low Mass site in the English speaking world continues to say the Leonine Prayers after ordinary Low Masses. They tend only to be omitted after Requiems, Bishops’ Masses, and when time is tight.

In our region, the Prayers After Low Mass are currently prayed in English, largely because only the English version is included in the ubiquitous Red Missals. However, elsewhere, and particularly in Europe, they are often if not usually prayed in Latin. In the interest of exposing our readers to the text of those original Latin prayers, we present them below. Something for our communities to consider is whether to pray them in Latin ourselves from time to time, of course only when a handout containing them is provided.

Ave María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum. Benedicta tu in muliéribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta María, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatóribus, nunc, et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen. (*three times*)

Salve Regina

Salve Regina, Mater misericórdiæ, vita, dulcêdo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamâmus, éxsules filii Evæ. Ad te suspirâmus, geméntes et flentes in hac lacrimárum valle. Eia ergo, Advocâta nostra, illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos convérte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis, post hoc exílium, osténde. O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo María.

✠ Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Génitrix.

✠ Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

Orémus. Deus, refúgium nostrum et virtus, pópulum ad te clamântem propítius respice; et intercedénte gloriósa et immaculáta Virgine Dei Genitrice María, cum beáto Joséph, ejus Sponso, ac beátis Apóstolis tuis Petro et Paulo, et

ómnibus Sanctis, quas pro conversióne peccatórum, pro libertáte et exaltatióne sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ, preces effúndimus, miséricors et benígnus exáudi. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

✠ Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Sancte Míchaël Archángele, defénde nos in prælio. Contra nequítiam et insídias diabóli esto præsidium. Ímperet illi Deus, súpplices deprecámur: tuque, Princeps militiæ cæléstis, Sátanam aliósque spíritus malignos, qui ad perditionem animárum pervagántur in mundo, divína virtúte, in inférnum detrúde.

✠ Amen.

✠ Cor Jesu sacratíssimum,

✠ Miserére nobis. (*three times*)

Next St. Albertus Mass

The next Tridentine Mass at St. Albertus Church will be in two weeks, on Sunday, October 21 at noon. As usual, a reception will follow the Mass in the rectory.

Flint Anniversary Mass

The Tridentine Community at All Saints Church in Flint will celebrate its 24th Anniversary with a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 PM. The celebrant will be Fr. Joseph Lee, FSSP. A dinner will follow the Mass at the Social Hall of nearby Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 10/08 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow)

Tue. 10/09 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (St. John Leonardi, Confessor)

Thu. 10/11 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Alphonsus-Windsor* (Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) First Mass in the Extraordinary Form in over 40 years.

Thu. 10/11 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Sun. 10/14 Noon: Pontifical Mass at *Assumption Grotto* (Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost) Celebrant: Bishop Alexander Sample

Sun. 10/14 2:00 PM: Pontifical Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost) Celebrant: Bishop Eugene LaRocque