

# Tridentine Community News

May 8, 2016 – Sunday After the Ascension

## *The Doctors of the Church*

Have you ever wondered just who are the “Doctors of the Church”? We’re not talking about the Vatican Physician Corps here. The term may be casually used, but it actually refers to a very specific set of individuals, known for the depth of their grasp of the faith and the orthodoxy of their teaching. Interestingly, there are some relatively recent additions to the list. The below table, taken from catholic.org, provides the complete list, showing name, lifespan, and the date of designation by a Pope.

St. Athanasius, 296 – 373, 1568 by Pius V  
St. Ephraem the Syrian, 306 – 373, October 5, 1920 by Benedict XV  
St. Hilary of Poitiers, 315 – 367, May 13, 1851 by Pius IX  
St. Cyril of Jerusalem, 315 – 386, July 28, 1882 by Leo XIII  
St. Gregory of Nazianzus, 325 – 389, 1568 by Pius V  
St. Basil the Great, 329 – 379, 1568 by Pius V  
St. Ambrose, 339 – 397, September 20, 1295 by Boniface VIII  
St. John Chrysostom, 347 – 407, 1568 by Pius V  
St. Jerome, 347 – 419, September 20, 1295 by Boniface XIII  
St. Augustine, 354 – 430, September 20, 1295 by Boniface XIII  
St. Cyril of Alexandria, 376 – 444, July 28, 1882 by Leo XIII  
St. Peter Chrysologous, 400 – 450, February 10, 1729 by Benedict XIII  
St. Leo the Great, 400 – 461, October 15, 1754 by Benedict XIV  
St. Gregory the Great, 540 – 604, September 20, 1295 by Boniface XIII  
St. Isidore of Seville, 560 – 636, April 25, 1722 by Innocent XIII  
St. John of Damascus, 645 – 749, August 19, 1890 by Leo XIII  
St. Bede the Venerable, 672 – 735, November 13, 1899 by Leo XIII  
St. Gregory of Narek, 951 – 1003, February 21, 2015 by Francis  
St. Peter Damian, 1007 – 1072, September 27, 1828 by Leo XII  
St. Anselm, 1033 – 1109, February 3, 1720 by Clement XI  
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1090 – 1153, August 20, 1830 by Pius VIII  
St. Hildegard of Bingen, 1098 – 1179, October 7, 2012 by Benedict XVI  
St. Anthony of Padua, 1195 – 1231, January 16, 1946 by Pius XII  
St. Albert the Great, 1206 – 1280, December 16, 1931 by Pius XI  
St. Bonaventure, 1221 – 1274, March 14, 1588 by Sixtus V  
St. Thomas Aquinas, 1226 – 1274, April 11, 1567 by Pius V  
St. Catherine of Siena, 1347 – 1380, October 4, 1970 by Paul VI  
St. John of Avila, 1500 – 1569, October 7, 2012 by Benedict XVI  
St. Teresa of Avila, 1515 – 1582, September 27, 1970 by Paul VI  
St. Peter Canisius, 1521 – 1597, May 21, 1925 by Pius XI  
St. John of the Cross, 1542 – 1591, August 24, 1926 by Pius XI  
St. Robert Bellarmine, 1542 – 1621, September 17, 1931 by Pius XI  
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, 1559 – 1619, March 19, 1959 by John XXIII

St. Francis de Sales, 1567 – 1622, November 16, 1871 by Pius IX  
St. Alphonsus Ligouri, 1696 – 1787, July 7, 1871 by Pius IX  
St. Therese of Lisieux, 1873 – 1897, October 19, 1997 by John Paul II

## *Book Review: The Wonders of the Mass*

Reader James Murphy follows up on our April 17 book reviews with a recommendation of a third book by Fr. Paul O’Sullivan, OP: *The Wonders of the Mass*. While most of us are familiar with the great benefits of attending Holy Mass, this brief 42-page book enumerates the graces that come from the Mass in great detail. One excerpt: “By the Mass we offer to God the greatest praise, the greatest glory He could possibly desire. We give Him most perfect thanks for all the benefits He has bestowed on us. We make more reparation for our faults than by the severest penances.”

As with Fr. O’Sullivan’s other books, this one is filled with anecdotes of how Saints and ordinary people alike have benefitted from devotion to the Mass. He also points out that reverently celebrated Masses will attract more converts to the Faith. The book concludes with a list of practical recommendations in a chapter entitled, “How to Hear Mass with Profit”.

Fair warning: You will want to go to Mass more often after reading this book.

## *Miles Christi Mass Format*

We have received many expressions of concern about the format of Mass being employed at the Miles Christi Family Center on Saturdays. They have chosen a format which is not supported by mainstream liturgical authorities, that of a Low Mass with sung Introit and Mass Ordinary, in essence a hybrid between a Low Mass and High Mass. This is an innovation this author has not seen in 30+ years of visiting Tridentine Mass sites across the globe, and is most definitely odd. Occasionally one sees practices in the Extraordinary Form that are out of the norm, but which circumstances make necessary, for example a priest with mobility problems omitting genuflections. However, this particular innovation has thin justification. Several people including this writer have explained to the regional superior that official references do not permit this particular format, but so far he has been unwilling to make a change.

Let us be grateful that the majority of local Extraordinary Form Mass sites faithfully follow the rubrics.

## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

Mon. 05/09 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)

Tue. 05/10 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary* (St. Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor)

Sat. 05/14 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Vigil of Pentecost)