

Tridentine Community News

August 14, 2016 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Paul Albanian Church to Debut Mass in the Extraordinary Form on October 2

Our region is about to experience its largest-ever Tridentine Mass: After several months of discussions and planning, St. Paul Albanian Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan is moving forward with plans to commence holding occasional Masses in the Extraordinary Form. Unusual for the suburbs, St. Paul's is built in a semi-traditional style, with dual steeples outside and three historic altars transplanted from a closed Chicago church inside. The High Altar and the platform before it is intact, making for an appropriate setting for the Traditional Mass.



The first Mass will be held on Sunday, October 2 at 10:00 AM. The prime-time hour is expected to bring 700-800 faithful to this Mass, which will make it the best-attended Tridentine Mass in the post-Vatican II era in the Archdiocese of Detroit, surpassing even the 650 in attendance at the 2009 Mass at the Shrine of the Little Flower. Most, of course, will be regular parishioners.

While St. Paul pastor Fr. Fred Kalaj will be taking advantage of *Extraordinary Faith's* priest training program and will be the long-term celebrant of the parish's Masses, the first Mass will be celebrated by another priest yet to be selected. Wassim Sarweh and the St. Benedict Choir from Windsor will provide the music, and altar servers from St. Benedict and the Oakland County Latin Mass Association will assist.

As is typical in such situations, much of the impetus to undertake this effort was the work of a handful of motivated parishioners, in this case attorney Peter Gojcaj and parish Business Manager Nik Gjonaj. We commend them for working with Fr. Fred to make this project to bring sacred tradition to their faithful a reality.

The parish invites all Tridentine Mass goers from the region to their debut Mass on October 2 and has a special request: Experienced Latin Mass goers are asked to sit in the front rows of the church, to provide guidance to the congregation on when to sit, stand, and kneel.

Bishop Hanchon to Celebrate Mass at OCLMA

In two weeks, on Sunday, August 28 Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Donald Hanchon will return to the Academy of the Sacred Heart

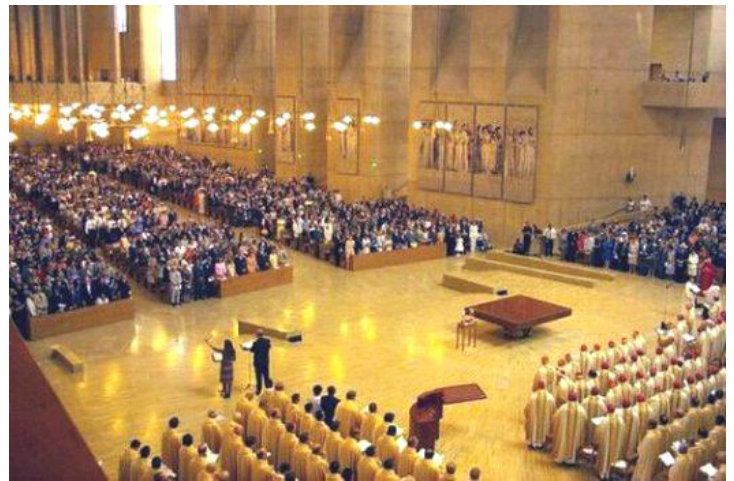
Chapel to celebrate Mass for the Oakland County Latin Mass Association at 9:45 AM. In recent years Bishop Hanchon has become a fairly regular celebrant of the Extraordinary Form in the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Vigneron Confirmations in Lakeport

Last Sunday, August 7, Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation according to the Extraordinary Form at Lakeport, Michigan's St. Edward on the Lake Parish. It was the second time His Excellency did this at St. Edward's, and the third time he has done so in the Archdiocese.

Los Angeles Cathedral to Host Tridentine Mass

It is generally agreed that one of the most unattractive cathedrals in North America is Los Angeles, California's Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. With concrete parking structure-style walls, a tabernacle hidden inside a pillar along the side of the church, a prominent sound mixing board near the main altar, no demarcation between sanctuary and nave, and few traditional Christian symbols, the L.A. cathedral is one of the least recognizably Catholic and most formless churches built in recent decades.



Nevertheless, on Saturday, October 1 at 8:00 AM, the first Tridentine Mass will be held at the Los Angeles Cathedral, as part of the Society for Catholic Liturgy's annual conference. It just goes to show you that even the most egregious buildings are not necessarily obstacles to hosting good liturgy.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 08/15 9:30 AM & 12:00 Noon: Outdoor Mass at *Assumption Grotto, Detroit* (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Mon. 08/15 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Tue. 08/16 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary* (St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Sat. 08/20 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Doctor)