

Tridentine Community News

January 8, 2017 – The Holy Family

Chicago Church Bus Tour 2016 Report

Prayer Pilgrimages' annual bus tour of historic churches in Chicago always contains some pleasant surprises. The first stop of the tour was the chapel at Mundelein Seminary, where we were delighted to see that a new High Altar had been installed, one that matches the stonework of the original Side Altars, no less. Previously when Tridentine Masses had been celebrated in this chapel, the freestanding altar had to be lifted and moved to the then-empty platform. Interestingly, the steps to the sanctuary and High Altar are inscribed with the Latin names of the minor and major orders, literally steps to the sacred priesthood.



The second day began with a visit to St. James Chapel, a hidden gem located on Rush Street, right off the Magnificent Mile. This ornate worship space was originally a part of the Quigley Preparatory Seminary. When that institution closed in 2007, the building was repurposed as the chancery offices for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the chapel and its stunning High Altar were preserved for future generations.



Peripatetic Michigan Tridentine Mass celebrant Fr. Louis Madey offered a High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at perennial favorite, St. Mary of the Angels Church. The artistic and architectural perfection of this sacred edifice is simply breathtaking. Approximately 25 locals joined our tour group for this Mass. One of those, Scott Agulo, introduced himself as the organizer of *Véritas, Bónitas, Púlchritas Chicago*, a new young adults' group which has organized Tridentine Masses at several notable Chicago churches, including St. Adalbert and St. Mary of

Perpetual Help. Scott also took the photo of the Mass at St. Mary of the Angels, below.



On the third day, pilgrims were blessed to be part of an historic event: Fr. Madey celebrated the first Traditional Latin Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica to be held in over 40 years. Our Lady of Sorrows is an enormous church, with a gallery of Side Altar chapels lining the left and right aisles. It is known for being the site of a film narrated by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *The Immemorial Tridentine Mass*, which can be viewed on YouTube. Fr. Madey used the same High Altar and High Pulpit that were featured in that film, likely the first time either had been utilized in decades. Approximately 50 Chicagoans who also realized the precedent-setting significance of this Mass turned out to boost the attendance. The best part? The priest in charge of the basilica invited our tour group to return next Christmas.



Altar servers from Windsor's St. Benedict Tridentine Community were privileged to serve the Masses in this majestic edifices, and choir members from St. Joseph Oratory provided the music. We hope you'll be able to join us for the 2017 edition of this tour, next Christmas week.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 01/09 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Feria After the Epiphany [Mass of the First Sunday After Epiphany])

Tue. 01/10 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Feria After the Epiphany [Mass of the First Sunday After Epiphany])

Sat. 01/14 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Hilary, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)