

Tridentine Community News

April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

Audio Meditations for Holy Week

A reader brought to our attention an audio recording on YouTube, which itself suggested two additional shorter recordings. We pass along all three as appropriate meditations for Holy Week. All are on the subject of Purgatory: the reasons a soul is sent there and the possible means to avoid it. These somber yet inspiring presentations may be listened to while driving or performing chores. During Holy Week in particular, they can help us reflect upon our obligation to lead a moral, virtuous, Catholic life. Our sufferings, of course, are a pittance in comparison to those which our innocent Lord had to endure during His Passion.

The first recording, *Purgatory: An Unpublished Manuscript*, lasts almost three hours. It documents the private revelations of a soul from Purgatory who appeared many times to a nun. A main theme is that priests and religious are held to higher standards than laypeople. While full of thought-provoking content, it is worth noting that this is an automated reading of a document, done by a robotic British female voice that does not pause in appropriate places. That can make it challenging to parse out, as subject and paragraph breaks are not obvious. Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHL2KWN6WeQ&t>

The second recording, *Purgatory: Pay Now or Pay Later* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFNntL843tw>) and the third, *Purgatory: Why and How Long* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRW1DpNILjg>), are short sermons with practical suggestions on leading a life that will take one directly to heaven.

Vatican Recommends Use of Tridentine Vesting Prayers Before the Ordinary Form Mass

On February 16, 2010, the Vatican's Office for the Liturgical Celebrations of the Roman Pontiff issued a document entitled "Liturgical Vestments and the Vesting Prayers," which elaborates upon the value of the traditional vesting prayers and their continued usefulness, even before the celebration of the Novus Ordo. Interesting excerpted paragraphs are below. [Thanks to New Liturgical Movement blog founder Shawn Tribe for reminding us of this document.]

"In the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite (the so-called Mass of Pius V), the putting on of the liturgical vestments is accompanied by prayers for each garment, prayers whose text one still finds in many sacristies. Even if these prayers are no longer obligatory (but neither are they prohibited) by the Missal of the ordinary form promulgated by Paul VI, their use is recommended since they help in the priest's preparation and recollection before the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice. As a confirmation of the utility of these prayers it must be noted that they are included in the "Compendium Eucharisticum," recently published by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. ...

Over the alb and around the waist is placed the girdle or cincture, a cord made of wool or other suitable material that is used as a belt. All those who wear albs must also wear the cincture (frequently today this traditional custom is not followed). ...

The maniple is an article of liturgical dress used in the celebration of the extraordinary form of the Holy Mass of the Roman Rite. It fell into disuse in the years of the post-conciliar reform, even though it was never abrogated.

...one hopes that the rediscovery of the symbolism of the liturgical vestments and the vesting prayers will encourage priests to take up again the practice of praying as they are dressing for the liturgy so as to prepare themselves for the celebration with the necessary recollection.

While it is possible to use different prayers, or simply to lift one's mind up to God, nevertheless the texts of the vesting prayers are brief, precise in their language, inspired by a biblical spirituality and have been prayed for centuries by countless sacred ministers. These prayers thus recommend themselves still today for the preparation for the liturgical celebration, even for the liturgy according to the ordinary form of the Roman Rite."

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 04/10 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Monday in Holy Week)

Tue. 04/11 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Tuesday in Holy Week)

Thu. 04/13 7:00 PM: High Mass at *OCLMA/Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills* (Holy Thursday) -

Thu. 04/13 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Holy Thursday)

Fri. 04/14 1:30 PM: Good Friday Service at *OCLMA/Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills*

Fri. 04/14 3:00 PM: Good Friday Service at *St. Joseph*

Fri. 04/14 5:30 PM: Good Friday Service at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor*

Sat. 04/15 8:00 PM: High Mass at *OCLMA/Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills* (Easter Vigil)

Sat. 04/15 9:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Easter Vigil)

Sun. 04/16: No Mass at *OCLMA/Academy of the Sacred Heart*

