

# Tridentine Community News

December 3, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent

## *Second Jesuit Priest Joins Roster of Local Extraordinary Form Celebrants*

In recent weeks, Fr. Stephen Wolfe, SJ has become a regular sight at Tridentine Masses around our region. Ordained to the priesthood earlier this year, and having served his diaconal term at Boston's Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish, a thriving center of traditional liturgy, Fr. Wolfe dispels the stereotype that Jesuits don't care for the Extraordinary Form.

Fr. Wolfe has invited a Jesuit colleague, Fr. Cy Whitaker, to join our roster of celebrants. Next Sunday, December 10, Fr. Cy will celebrate his first local Missa Cantata, the 9:45 AM Mass of the Oakland County Latin Mass Association at the Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel in Bloomfield Hills.

It's worth noting some other Jesuits who celebrate the Traditional Mass: Fr. Joseph Fessio, the Editor of Ignatius Press; Fr. Kenneth Baker, who for 40 years served as editor of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*; various young Jesuits at Miami's historic Gesu Church; and at least until a few years ago, one or two Jesuits at the chapel of London, England's Farm Street Church, where even the Novus Ordo Mass is done in Latin and with a professional choir. Let us pray that these priests' enthusiasm catches on with their peers.

## *St. Anthony, Temperance, MI Adds Tridentine Masses*

St. Anthony Church in Temperance, Michigan, will be expanding its Tridentine Mass offerings: Low Masses began to be held every Thursday at 7:00 PM on November 30, and Low Masses are debuting every Sunday at 12:30 PM beginning today. These Masses join the existing 9:00 AM High Masses held on First Saturdays.

## *Next OCLMA Talk & Reception on December 10*

Next Sunday, December 10, Erik Coules, Regional Coordinator with the Archdiocese of Detroit Department of Parish Life & Services, will give a talk, "Sharing Your Joyful Faith", at the reception following the 9:45 AM Oakland County Latin Mass Association Mass at the Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel in Bloomfield Hills.

## *Rorate Masses During Advent*

The tradition of Rorate Masses continues in our region this year. Rorate Masses are Saturday Masses of Our Lady celebrated at dawn, illuminated ideally only by candlelight. They are so named because the first words of the Introit of the seasonal Advent Saturday Mass of our Lady are *Rorate caeli*. These Masses are permitted on Saturdays of Advent of Third Class, which in 2017 means December 9 and 16. Variants of Rorate Masses are similarly candlelit Masses celebrated on other Feast Days of Advent, using the Propers of that day. This year there will be from one to three "variant" Rorate Masses:

Saturday, December 23 at 7:00 AM at St. Matthew, Flint

Juventútem Michigan reports that Our Lady of the Scapular, Wyandotte is considering Masses on Tuesday, December 19 and Saturday, December 23, but plans have not yet been finalized.

## *Forms of the Tridentine Mass*

An interesting graphic excerpted from the book, *Treasure and Tradition: The Ultimate Guide to the Latin Mass*, has been published on-line. It explains the three basic forms of the Traditional

### FORMS OF CELEBRATION OF THE TRIDENTINE MASS

There are different ways of celebrating the Mass, which differ mainly in the elaborateness of the ceremonies used. If you are new to the Latin Mass, Low Mass is often the best choice, as the music of High Mass can make it difficult to discern the cues that can tell you what is happening on the altar.

*Missa Solemnis*  
SOLEMN HIGH MASS



- Celebrant is assisted by a deacon and subdeacon.
- All parts of the Mass which are said aloud are chanted.
- All sung parts of the Mass are sung by the choir.
- Incense is used.
- 6 or more candles are lit.

*Missa Cantata*  
HIGH MASS



- Celebrant is not assisted by a deacon or subdeacon.
- Some parts of the Mass which are said aloud are chanted.
- All sung parts of the Mass are sung by the choir or a cantor.
- Incense may be used.
- 6 or more candles are lit.

*Missa Privata*  
LOW MASS



- Celebrant is not assisted.
- No part of the Mass is sung, but hymns may be sung while the Priest enters and exits the Sanctuary, and during the Offertory and Communion.
- Incense is not used.
- Only two candles are lit.

There is also a PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS, which is Solemn High Mass, celebrated by a Bishop. In this case, a seventh candle is lit to indicate the Bishop's office.

Mass: Low, High / Missa Cantata, and Solemn High. One minor technical correction: At a Missa Cantata, four candles are permitted as well as six. Indeed, some churches, including St. Hyacinth, only possess four candles on their High Altar, and so one must make due.

## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

Mon. 12/04 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)

Tue. 12/05 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Feria)

Fri. 12/08 7:30 AM: Low Mass at *Assumption Grotto* (Immaculate Conception)

Fri. 12/08: 8:00 AM Low Mass and 7:00 PM Solemn High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Immaculate Conception)

Fri. 12/08 12:00 Noon: High Mass at *St. Edward on the Lake, Lakeport* (Immaculate Conception)

Sat. 12/09 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Feria)