

Tridentine Community News

May 27, 2018 – Trinity Sunday

A Novena to the Holy Ghost

It is traditional for the faithful to pray a Novena to the Holy Ghost over the nine days starting on the Friday after Ascension Thursday and ending on Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. Such a Novena, of course, may be prayed at any time. The Holy Ghost stands ready to assist us in our needs, though relative to the other Persons of the Holy Trinity and even relative to many Saints, He is not as often invoked.

While the Church does not prescribe any particular prayer to be used for this Novena, a number of traditional prayers have been composed for this purpose. The below Novena prayer is taken from the *Blessed Sacrament Prayerbook*:

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore Thee, and acknowledge, here in Thy divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without Thee. Come, great Paraclete, Thou Father of the poor, Thou Comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Thy poor unworthy creature, as Thou didst descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which Thou didst communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to Thee, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Thyself. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of Thee, that it may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that it may be made conformable to Thy divine will, and be guided by Thy holy inspirations. Aid me by Thy grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life.

Oh, rend the heavens, and come down, consoling Spirit! that inspired and encouraged by Thee, I may faithfully comply with the duties of my state, carry my daily cross most patiently, and endeavor to accomplish the divine will with the utmost perfection. Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify my soul more and more, and give me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. Bless our Holy Father, the Pope, bless the Church, bless our bishops, our priests, all Religious Orders, our relatives, friends, benefactors, and all the faithful, that they may be filled with the spirit of Christ and labor earnestly for the spread of His kingdom.

O Holy Spirit, Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant me, I beseech Thee, the intentions of this novena. May Thy will be done in me and through me. Mayest Thou be praised and glorified for evermore! Amen.

Plenary Indulgence for Corpus Christi

A reminder that Holy Mother Church grants a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who participate in a Eucharistic Procession on

Corpus Christi, under the usual conditions of Confession within 20 days, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and freedom from attachment to sin.

The Traditional Mass at St. Joseph College Seminary

It is always encouraging to learn of the ever-increasing number of seminaries which integrate the Extraordinary Form into their curricula. St. Joseph College Seminary, the minor seminary opened (yes, *opened*) in 2016 in Charlotte, North Carolina, this week posted the adjacent photo of a Tridentine Mass on their Facebook page, with no mention of the fact that it was the Extraordinary Form. The caption explained that a false fire alarm was triggered during the Mass by too much smoke from the incense. It is a satisfying sign of the times that an occurrence which would only recently have been considered...extraordinary...namely to have the Traditional Mass offered in a seminary chapel, was not even worthy of elaboration.



The seminary's founding rector, Fr. Matthew Kauth, is a proponent of the Extraordinary Form and has assisted at Traditional Masses at St. Ann Church, a prominent local TLM site. He also has St. Joseph's seminarians wear the cassock, uncommon for diocesan seminaries.

As a side note, Charlotte has a unique parallel to Windsor/Detroit: A Ukrainian rite priest there, Fr. Joseph Matlak, also offers the Extraordinary Form, like a certain familiar cleric from these parts.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 05/29 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin)

Thu. 06/01 8:45 AM: High Mass at *Immaculate Conception, Lapeer* (Corpus Christi) – Procession with the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass.

Thu. 06/01 7:00 PM: Solemn High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Corpus Christi) – Procession with the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass.

Thu. 06/01 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor* (Corpus Christi) – Procession with the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass.

Fri. 06/02 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Angela Merici, Virgin) – Celebrant: Fr. Mark Borkowski. Choir will sing Mass of the Holy Cross by Alois Bartschmid. Devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass; a reception will be held afterwards.

Sat. 06/02 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Ss. Marcellinus, Peter, & Erasmus, Martyrs)

Sun. 06/03 9:45 AM: Solemn High Mass at *OCLMA/Academy of the Sacred Heart* (External Solemnity of Corpus Christi) – One of the first Masses of newly ordained Fr. Graham Latimer, FSSP. First Blessings and a reception will follow the Mass. Procession with the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass.