

Tridentine Community News

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TLM Celebrant Training in the Virgin Islands

Dennis Taubitz had a real challenge on his hands. His recently formed Virgin Islands Tridentine Latin Mass Association was blossoming: Using Facebook and newspaper ads to get the word out, the former Detroitier was attracting congregations to Latin Masses being held at Holy Cross Church in St. Croix and at the chapel at the Cathedral in St. Thomas. And then...his celebrant, Fr. John Fewel, had to leave the Virgin Islands for San Francisco, to attend to his ailing mother.

The faithful were hooked and demanding more Latin Masses. But how to accommodate them? Dennis found a solution in the *Extraordinary Faith* celebrant training program and rounded up a noteworthy liturgical team as students:

On the island of St. Croix, Fr. John Mark, Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of St. Thomas and Pastor of St. Joseph Church; Fr. Patrick Lynch, Pastor of Holy Cross Church; and seminarian Andrew Lesko signed up for the lesson. The photo below was taken at Holy Cross Church after Fr. John's first Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form; Dennis is pictured at left.



On the island of St. Thomas, Fr. Eduardo Ortiz-Santiago, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, and altar server Timothy Olive, co-editor of the diocesan magazine, *The Catholic Islander*, took the training. Dennis himself learned how to serve for Fr. Eduardo's first Mass. Timothy promises an article in his magazine about their experience.



All three priests expressed appreciation for how learning the Traditional Mass has been beneficial for their vocations. The level of enthusiasm to offer Latin Mass apostolates on both islands is high.

Fun fact 1: Fr. Eduardo was Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz's suite-mate at Boston's Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. Neither knew the other was interested in the Latin Mass at the time.

Fun fact 2: Last year's hurricane inflicted serious damage on the islands, and tourism is way down. This writer had the somewhat spooky experience of being seemingly the only guest at an expansive beachfront resort hotel in St. Thomas that was operating in scaled-down mode because of damage suffered from the storm. It makes our region's winter inconveniences seem relatively insignificant.

Orchard Lake Seminary Mass on September 8

On Saturday, September 8 at 11:00 AM, there will be a special Tridentine High Mass at the main chapel at Orchard Lake's Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. It is being offered as part of a bus tour that Prayer Pilgrimages is organizing for that day, but all are invited to the Mass, even if you are not on the bus tour. Fr. Louis Madey, who teaches theology and liturgy at the seminary, will be the celebrant.



Seminarians at Orchard Lake have requested that Fr. Madey offer more frequent Latin Masses there. When details are worked out, we will of course inform you about the schedule.

All Invited to Jackson Wedding Mass

Sipkje Pesnichak and Bill Price, Jr. requested that the *Tridentine Community News* publish an open invitation to all of our readers to attend their Solemn High Nuptial Mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Jackson, Michigan on Friday, August 31 at 3:00 PM. St. Mary Pastor Fr. Tim Nelson will be the celebrant, Fr. José Haro from Battle Creek will be the Deacon, and Fr. David Bechill will be Subdeacon. The St. Mary Star of the Sea Latin Mass Schola will provide the music.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/21 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow)

Sat. 08/25 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Louis IX, King & Confessor)