

# Tridentine Community News

December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

## *Traditional Church Music Composition Competitions*

Frustrated with the state of church music in many Ordinary Form parishes? You're not alone. The British Twitter personality Eccles recently held a poll to determine the worst modern hymn. As of press time the winner had not yet been chosen, however this writer was sad to see his candidate, the infuriatingly ambiguous *Gift of Finest Wheat*, outvoted by other selections.

You might be interested to know that an increasing number of competitions are being held to encourage the composition of new sacred music in accordance with timeless Latin choral standards. Not surprisingly, the Catholic mecca of London, England has been leading the way with at least two such contests:

Westminster Cathedral is presently holding its first Composition Competition, with the winner's work to be sung at Palm Sunday Mass:

<http://westminstercathedralchoir.com/news-and-events-detail.php?Composition-Competition-2018-2019-113>

Composer Matthew Schellhorn in conjunction with the Latin Mass Society of England and Wales has sponsored the Schellhorn Prize for Sacred Music Composition in certain recent years. For information on a previous competition and its young winner, see:

[http://www.newliturgicalmovement.org/2015/03/winner-of-schellhorn-prize-for-sacred.html#.XAB-huhKg\\_k](http://www.newliturgicalmovement.org/2015/03/winner-of-schellhorn-prize-for-sacred.html#.XAB-huhKg_k)

## *St. Paul on the Lake Ad Oriëntem Mass*

Several of our readers have expressed their wish that the Traditional Latin Mass be offered at the historic church of St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, or at the beautiful chapel at its neighboring institution, the Grosse Pointe Academy (which had been originally built as the Academy of the Sacred Heart, the east side sister to the Oakland County Latin Mass Association host site in Bloomfield Hills). Several years ago, a funeral in the Extraordinary Form was held at St. Paul on the Lake, a lovely, historically intact setting with High Altar and Communion Rail. More recently, permission had been granted to hold a Juventútem Mass in the Extraordinary Form there, but a last-minute roof problem in the church forced its relocation. St. Paul's longtime pastor, Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny, had been one of the original celebrants of the Tridentine Mass at St. Josaphat Church.

Out of the blue, this week St. Paul announced that this Tuesday, December 4 at 7:35 PM, they would hold an *Ad Oriëntem* Mass in the Ordinary Form with Gregorian Chant. It's not clear who the celebrant will be or who will lead the music, but it's an encouraging step in the right direction for this east side gem.

Comments? Ideas for a future column? Please e-mail [info@windsorlatinmass.org](mailto:info@windsorlatinmass.org). Previous columns are available at [www.windsorlatinmass.org](http://www.windsorlatinmass.org).

## *Flint Mass Moves Back to St. Matthew Church*

Today the Flint Tridentine Mass returns to St. Matthew Church, still at 3:00 PM on Sundays, following a construction project that installed a new marble floor in the church.

## *Special TLM at St. Patrick, Brighton on December 14*

On Friday, December 14 at 7:30 PM, Fr. Joe Campbell will celebrate a special Tridentine Low Mass at St. Patrick Church in Brighton. This parish has previously hosted a Traditional Mass or two for Juventútem Michigan.

## *Ferías on Weekdays*

When the Ordo specifies a Feria for a weekday Mass, one of the following is generally permitted: 1) Repetition of the preceding Sunday's Mass Propers, without *Aspérges*, *Glória*, and *Credo*. The Common Preface is substituted for the Preface of the Holy Trinity. During Advent, the Alleluia is omitted in Ferial Masses; 2) A Votive Mass; 3) The Daily Mass for the Dead; 4) The Mass of any Saint.

## *Elizabeth Salas Talk at OCLMA*

Dr. Elizabeth Salas, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will give a presentation

on *Theological Virtues of St. John of the Cross* at a reception following the 9:45 AM Tridentine Mass for the Oakland County Latin Mass Association at the Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel in Bloomfield Hills on Sunday, December 16. The Salas family are members of the OCLMA community.

## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

**Tue. 12/04 7:00 PM:** Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)

**Fri. 12/07 7:00 PM:** High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor) – First Public Tridentine Mass of Fr. Pierre Ingram, CC. Reception after Mass.

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

**Sat. 12/08 8:30 AM:** Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Immaculate Conception)

**Sat. 12/08 8:45 AM:** High Mass at *Immaculate Conception, Lapeer* (Immaculate Conception)

**Sat. 12/08: 9:00 AM Low Mass & 11:00 AM Solemn High Mass** at *St. Joseph* (Immaculate Conception)

**Sat. 12/08 12:00 Noon:** High Mass at *St. Matthew, Flint* (Immaculate Conception)

**Sat. 12/08 7:00 PM:** High Mass at *St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson* (Immaculate Conception)



"Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God!" (Bar 4:36)

**What is an *Ad Oriëntem* Mass?**  
*Ad Oriëntem* literally means "to the east". The time honored tradition of the *Ad Oriëntem* Mass is one celebrated with both the priest and the people facing the same direction, symbolically "to the east", for certain parts of the Mass.

The *Ad Oriëntem* Mass is the Ordinary Form of the Mass using English. The difference is that during certain parts of the Mass, the priest and the people face the same direction. Also, certain parts of the Mass are sung using Gregorian chant.

**Why doesn't the priest face the people?**  
The priest offers Mass facing the same direction as the people, symbolizing that he and the people look toward the Coming of the Lord. The priest is not turning his back on the people to exclude them. Rather, as a Christian community, all are facing *ad orientem* (i.e. toward the east) symbolically (not geographically) waiting in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will return at the second coming.

### **Why Advent?**

In the season of Advent, we are reminded to be prepared for Christ's coming. Facing the east together is witness to Christ's imminent return. In modern times, when it is easy to forget that Christ is coming—and easy to be complacent in our spiritual lives and in the work of evangelization—we need reminders to keep our focus on Christ, the King that is to come.