

Tridentine Community News

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Temporary Altars of Old

Are you familiar with the temporary altars used nowadays at major outdoor Masses? The ones built in public parks for Eucharistic Congresses, World Youth Day, and Papal Masses? Most are modern, forgettably simple, and uninspiring. Not that long ago, such temporary altars were grand affairs, as architecturally significant and seemingly permanent as those inside churches. Consider these photos of an outdoor Mass at Chicago's Soldier Field in the 1920s posted by architect Erik Bootsma on Twitter on January 3. What do they say about our belief in the reality of the Sacrifice of the Altar? Surely with the high-tech design and construction tools at our disposal, we can do at least as good as our forefathers did, can't we?



Kinds of Vestment Sets

In the world of the Ordinary Form, a priest's chasuble and stole are often the only garments necessary to form a complete vestment set. For the Extraordinary Form, however, more items are needed.

A **Low Mass set** is comprised of a chasuble (priest's outer garment), stole (worn around the neck), maniple (worn over the left arm), chalice veil, and matching burse (envelope for the top of the chalice, holding the corporal cloth). Ideally the set would also include a chalice pall (square cover for the chalice) and missal stand veil.

A **High Mass set** adds a matching cope to the above.

A **Solemn High Mass set** adds to a High Mass set a dalmatic (deacon's outer garment) and tunicle (subdeacon's outer garment), deacon's stole for the deacon only, maniples for deacon and subdeacon, and a humeral veil (worn around the shoulders of the subdeacon at the foot of the altar).

New Violet Solemn High Vestment Set at the OCLMA

In metro Detroit we are blessed to enjoy a cooperative relationship between many of the Latin Mass groups serving our region. The various groups borrow and lend one another supplies when needed for special events. This is most evident with vestments, and particularly so with Solemn High vestment sets. Windsor's St. Benedict Tridentine Community is known for lending its white/gold and black Solemn High sets to others in need, as few Solemn High vestment sets of good quality are available.



The Oakland County Latin Mass Association has just obtained a violet Solemn High vestment set. This is a welcome addition to our local inventory, as while gold can be substituted for green, white, and red, on days when violet, rose, and black are specified, gold may not be used. Hopefully we will be able to put the new set to use soon, with Solemn High Mass(es) at the OCLMA during Septuagésima and Lent.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 02/12 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Seven Holy Servite Founders, Confessors)

Sat. 02/16 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Saturday of Our Lady)