

Tridentine Community News

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Liturgical Scholar Dom Alcuin Reid Visits Detroit

Arguably the greatest living scholar of the Traditional Mass of our time, Dom Alcuin Reid, paid a quick visit to Detroit the week of February 18. Dom Alcuin is prior of a monastery in France, organizer of the Sacra Liturgia conferences, and current editor of the principal rubrics reference book for the Extraordinary Form, Fortescue's *Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described*. Dom Alcuin toured some of our historic churches and met up with a small group of TLM enthusiasts. Visits such as this help to connect our local Latin Mass scene with the grand global picture.

Dominican Rite Differences



On Monday, February 25, this writer had the privilege of serving at the altar for the second time for a Dominican Rite Low Mass, celebrated by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP at the Rosary Shrine in

London, England. The Mass was held in the Assumption Chapel [pictured], one of the 15 side chapels at the Rosary Shrine dedicated to the mysteries of the Rosary. Most readers of this column rarely if ever get to experience the Dominican Rite, so it might be of interest to note some of the differences between the Traditional Latin Roman Rite Mass and the Traditional Dominican Rite, which are actually quite similar. These comments are purely observational and are not meant to be complete or authoritative.

The server carries in the altar missal during the entrance procession and sets it on the missal stand. He carries it out at the end of Mass. At the beginning of Mass, the server administers the water and wine cruets to the celebrant, who prepares the chalice. At the Offertory, the server only performs the *Lavábo*.

The Prayers at the Foot of the Altar are different and shorter. There is a different *Confiteor* which mentions St. Dominic.

The server does not make responses after the Epistle and Gospel, nor does he say the *Suscípiat* after the *Oráte Fratres*.

There is a shorter version of Prayers after Low Mass, including only the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and a prayer to our Lady.

At some sites but not at the Rosary Shine, the server wears an alb instead of the cassock and surplice.

Options for Holy Communion for Those with Celiac Disease

Those suffering from celiac disease have a cross to bear with regards to receiving Holy Communion. They are unable to tolerate the gluten which is found in ordinary altar breads.

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Since the Ecclesia Dei office at the Vatican has not yet ruled on this situation with specific regards to the Extraordinary Form, we must look to other authorities for guidance. Around 2005, while still an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit, Bishop Earl Boyea made a determination which several local Latin Mass communities still follow, because it makes eminent sense:

First, for those who can tolerate small amounts of gluten, arrangements can be made for the celebrant to consecrate a separate ciborium of low-gluten hosts. While some church supply stores carry them, no-gluten hosts are not an option for Catholic Masses, because they do not qualify as true bread.

For those who cannot tolerate any gluten at all, we refer to a 2002 document written by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger while in his post as Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. Recognizing the then still somewhat new understanding of celiac disease, he established norms for those who cannot tolerate even low-gluten hosts: "A layperson affected by celiac disease, who is not able to receive Communion under the species of bread, including low-gluten hosts, may receive Communion under the species of wine only." The full text of the document may be read at:

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20030724_pane-senza-glutine_en.html

This policy was affirmed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2012 and again in 2016, with the full text of their document available here: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/ceeliac-disease-and-alcohol-intolerance.cfm>

Bishop Boyea's contribution was to acknowledge that while the above documents make no explicit reference to the Extraordinary Form, celiac disease was not a widely-known affliction in 1962. Providing the Precious Blood is today's only sensible option, given modern medical knowledge, for those who cannot tolerate gluten at all, until Rome advises otherwise.

If you have celiac disease and wish to receive either low-gluten hosts or the Precious Blood, the Tridentine Masses at the OCLMA/Academy, St. Benedict (St. Alphonsus & Holy Name of Mary Churches), and Old St. Mary's can accommodate you. Please see an altar server, usher, or priest before Mass.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 03/05 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Feria)

Wed. 03/06: 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM Masses at *Assumption Grotto* (Ash Wednesday)

Wed. 03/06: 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon Low Masses, 7:00 PM High Mass at *St. Joseph* (Ash Wednesday)

Wed. 03/06 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Alphonsus, Windsor* (Ash Wednesday)

Sat. 03/09 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Saturday After Ash Wednesday)