

Tridentine Community News

May 5, 2019 – Second Sunday After Easter

Vidi Wars

(With tongue planted firmly in cheek.)

There's a great divide in Latin Mass land. One which shows no sign of ending. One which separates people of good will, causing them to take sides. We're talking about the *Vidi Aquam*, the music that accompanies the sprinkling rite during the Easter season.

Choirs will fight to the death for their right to sing Vidi I, as proof of their command of complicated chant. Yet it's too difficult for many in the congregation to sing along. And oh boy, is it long. The priest is back up at the altar before it's even half over. Even more insidious, hymnal editors – who *as it turns out* tend also to be choir directors themselves – have sought to *block* the only alternative by not including it in their hymn books. *They don't want you to know there's another option.* Yes, the Latin Mass world has a Big State, a Music Mafia, if you will.

Well, the *Trid News* is here to pull back the curtain and tell you what the Music Establishment will not: You have an alternative in the mellifluous, catchy Vidi II. Once you hear it, you'll be humming it all day. Congregations love it, while choir members look down their noses at its simplistic chant. In Detroit, we've known about this setting for decades: it was the *only* Vidi sung at St. Joseph Church's Sunday Novus Ordo Latin Mass during the long tenure of former music director, the late Thomas Kuras. It was published in their proprietary *St. Joseph Hymnal*. It also appears in the Solesmes *Liber Cantuális* [version pictured below], and an organ accompaniment appears in the *Collegetville Hymnal*.



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I-di aquam egredi-entem de templo, a lá-te-re
dextro, alle-lú-ia: et omnes, ad quos pervénit aqua is-
ta, sálvi facti sunt, et di-cent: alle- lú- ia, alle-lú- ia.
Psalmus ut supra.

Following the model of North and South Korea, the two sides of the Vidi War have not signed a peace treaty. Instead, they've agreed to a long-term compromise. That's why you'll hear our choirs sing Vidi I for the first half of Paschaltide, and Vidi II for the second half. It's a truce we can all live with.

Reminder: St. Francis d'Assisi Mass on May 19

On Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 AM, there will be a special High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at St. Francis d'Assisi Church, 4500 Wesson St., at Michigan Avenue in Detroit. The celebrant

will be Fr. José Haro of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The music will be led by Wassim Sarweh, and altar servers from the Oakland County Latin Mass Association and the St. Benedict Tridentine Community



will assist. St. Francis d'Assisi is one of Detroit's largest and most ornate historic churches. We hope you will be able to attend and demonstrate our gratefulness to the parish for hosting this special Mass. Facebook event page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/312538589422446/>

Fort Leavenworth Army Chaplain Learns the Traditional Mass

Congratulations to Fr. Jeff Whorton, Catholic Chaplain at the U.S. Army post at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, who celebrated his first Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form after taking training from Extraordinary Faith. A convert from Anglicanism, Fr. Whorton already has been offering the Ordinary Form *ad orientem*. He and his team are hoping to offer Traditional Latin High Masses for the faithful on the base.

Fort Leavenworth follows in the footsteps of the Fort Hood Army post, whose TLM effort will be the subject of an upcoming episode of *Extraordinary Faith*.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 05/07 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr)

Fri. 05/10 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor) – Reception & talk by Dr. Peter Kwasniewski follows Mass: “Liturgical Obedience, the Imitation of Christ, and the Seductions of Autonomy”

Sat. 05/11 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Ss. Philip & James, Apostles)

Sun. 05/12 2:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Alphonsus, Windsor* (Third Sunday After Easter) – Reception & talk by Dr. Peter Kwasniewski follows Mass: “Laws of Organic Liturgical Development and Ruptures of Reform”

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