

Tridentine Community News

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Detroit's Recently Ordained Fr. Adam Nowak Celebrates First Traditional Latin Mass



Congratulations to Fr. Adam Nowak, Associate Pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Allen Park, Michigan, who celebrated his first Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Thursday, August 22, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, after training from Extraordinary Faith. Fr. Adam is the third of three young priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit this June who have learned and celebrated the Traditional Mass. His first public High Mass will be on Friday, October 4 at 7:00 PM at Old St. Mary's Church in Detroit.

First Traditional Mass at St. Mary of Redford



On Thursday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt, FHS celebrated the first Traditional Mass at St. Mary of Redford Church in many years. His order, the Franciscans of the Holy Spirit, were given charge of the parish on July 1, and the brothers of the order who study at Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary now reside there. Designed by famed Boston architect Ralph Adams Cram, whose firm still designs traditional churches today, St. Mary of Redford was once the Archdiocese of Detroit's largest parish, with 4,100 registered families, 10,000 attending Masses each Sunday, and satellite chapels in the neighborhood. Today the parish only has around 100 attending on Sunday.

In the 1980s St. Mary of Redford was the site of a clandestine weekday 6:00 AM Low Mass celebrated by its retired pastor,

Msgr. Edward Hickey. After he passed away, the beautiful High Altar where his Mass had been celebrated was broken up in a quasi-wreckovation. The Side Altars survived intact and have been the site of sporadic private Traditional Masses in the years since. Fr. Athanasius' Side Altar Mass last Thursday was the first fully public Tridentine Mass offered at St. Mary of Redford in almost 50 years, and, based on the impressive turnout, promises to be the first of more in the months to come.

The *Detroit Catholic* published a story about the Friars this week and even mentioned their Traditional Mass: <https://detroitcatholic.com/news/laura-brestovansky/franciscan-friars-of-the-holy-spirit-hope-to-revitalize-historic-st-mary-of-redford-parish>

Votive Masses for Vocations

Fr. Gustavo Serpa of Miles Christi inadvertently raised a fascinating question this week: He asked for a Latin/English Propers Handout for an obscure Mass: The Votive Mass for Seeking and Fostering Religious Vocations. The ordinarily routine and mechanical process of assembling a Propers Handout turned out to be quite the challenge this time. Why? It turns out this Mass was only added to the Roman Missal in 1962, along with four related Masses:

- Votive Mass on the Day of Profession of Men Religious
- Votive Mass on the Day of Profession of Women Religious
- Votive Mass for Seeking Religious Vocations [yes, this is different from the original one]
- Votive Mass for the Preservation of Religious Vocations

The Latin Propers can be found in any of the popular 1962 altar missals, such as the ubiquitous one published by Roman Catholic Books. However, the majority of 1962 and 1963 hand missals do not include these Masses. Some sleuthing turned up two sources for the English translations: 1) The 1962 *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph* [hand] *Missal*, and 2) The 1965 transitional altar missal. Both of these use the Confraternity translations, the English biblical translation briefly used in the 1960s between the Douay-Rheims texts long standard in hand missals and the New American Bible texts that became the norm in U.S. Ordinary Form missals.

A lesson we can learn from the discovery of these rarely used Mass Propers is that it was indeed possible to compose useful and theologically sound Mass texts as late as the 1960s, in conformity with the thinking of the Traditional Missal over the centuries. Likewise, additional Masses can be composed in the future for more recently canonized Saints, as well as additional Votive Masses, as long as the authors respect the form, style, and traditional wording used in the past.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/27 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Joseph Calasanticus, Confessor)

Sat. 08/31 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor)

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