

Tridentine Community News

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Catholic Church Tours at Open House Chicago

Long-time readers of this column are well aware of the beautiful Catholic churches one can visit in Chicago. Almost every year Prayer Pilgrimages (www.prayerpilgrimages.com) offers a bus tour of those churches, usually with Traditional Latin Masses offered in at least two of them. There is also Catholic Church Tours (www.catholicchurchtours.com), a Chicago-based organization with its own periodic tour offerings. We're delighted to discover yet another opportunity to explore these impressive sacred edifices:

Every year, usually in October, the Chicago Architecture Center offers Open House Chicago, part of a global Open House movement, where cities open buildings that are usually closed to the public for tours. Most cities primarily focus on government and office buildings of architectural significance. This year's event in Chicago, however, offered a significant number of Catholic churches and chapels, many more than other cities offer. This writer attended and was delighted to learn of several churches not normally included on other tours.

In addition to the usual suspects such as St. John Cantius Church and Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, less well-known yet still beautiful sites were open, including the St. Louise de Marillac Chapel inside the former orphanage that currently serves as the home of Catholic Charities of Chicago; St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church; and St. Ita Church (photo below by Gerald Ritchie, Open House Chicago). St. Ita recently hosted a Tridentine Mass organized by the young adults' group VBP Chicago.



Keep an eye on their web site to see which churches will be open during the 2020 event. For now you can see which ones were on offer in 2019 at www.openhousechicago.org

Heaven's Frequent Flyer Miles

One of this writer's interests outside of the Church is the world of frequent flyer miles and hotel points. By expending a modicum of effort, you can earn miles and points that can be redeemed for free flights and hotel stays. Another key benefit these programs provide is *upgrades*: Spacious hotel suites, being driven in a

private car from the terminal to your plane, access to expansive buffets at international first class airport lounges, all can be yours for free if you learn how to play the game. You'll never have to sit in coach again.

The ultimate "upgrade", however, is from Purgatory to Heaven. Centuries before American Airlines invented the first frequent flyer program in 1981, Holy Mother Church outlined the practice of indulgences, whereby the Church dispenses Christ's infinite treasury of graces to the faithful. Just expend a small amount of effort, and you can gain for yourself or for the Souls in Purgatory complete remission of the punishment due for forgiven sins, and therefore entrance to Heaven. The Poor Souls experience horrible suffering during their purgation, yet you can relieve them of their trials by performing simple tasks that gain graces for yourself as well. Over the next several weeks, this column will feature a number of ways in which the faithful can gain indulgences for the Poor Souls, beginning with the below two simple methods.

All Souls Week Plenary Indulgences

Two of the easiest ways to gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls (and only for the Poor Souls; you may not apply these indulgences to yourself) are available this coming week: On All Souls Day, November 2nd, you can gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory by visiting a church and praying an Our Father and the Creed.

On each of the days from November 1 through November 8, a simple, devout visit to a cemetery, where you pray, even if only mentally, for the dead, will gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory. The usual conditions apply for all Plenary Indulgences: Confession within 20 days, reception of Holy Communion once per Plenary Indulgence sought, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and freedom from attachment to sin.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 10/29 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Feria of the Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost)

Fri. 11/01: 8:00 AM Low Mass & 7:00 PM High Mass at *St. Joseph* (All Saints)

Fri. 11/01 5:30 PM: High Mass at *St. Matthew, Flint* (All Saints)

Fri. 11/01 7:00 PM: Solemn High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (All Saints) – Celebrant: Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt, FHS; Deacon: Deacon David Pellican; Subdeacon: Br. John of the Cross Costantino, FHS. Confessions and devotions to the Sacred Heart precede Mass. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after Mass. Reception after Mass.

Sat. 11/02 8:00 AM: Low Mass at *St. Mary of Redford* (All Souls)

Sat. 11/02 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (All Souls)

Sat. 11/02: 9:00 AM Low Mass & 11:00 AM Solemn High Mass at *St. Joseph* (All Souls)

Sat. 11/02 10:00 AM: High Mass at *St. Matthew, Flint* (All Souls)

Sat. 11/02 12:00 Noon: Solemn High Mass at *St. Alphonsus, Windsor* (All Souls) – Deacon: Fr. David Johnston

Sat. 11/02 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor* (All Souls) – Celebrant: Fr. Clint McDonnell

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