

Tridentine Community News

February 2, 2020 – Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Traditional Blessing of a Home

The Traditional Roman Ritual provides four versions of the Blessing of a Home, for use at various times of the year: 1) On the Feast of the Epiphany [longest version, uses incense], 2) On Holy Saturday and in Paschaltide [incorporates the *Vidi Aquam*], 3) Outside of Paschaltide, version 1 [incorporates the *Aspérges*], and 4) Outside of Paschaltide, version 2 [a slightly less formal version]. Like most of the blessings in the *Rituale*, these blessings must be done in Latin. All of the blessings require the use of Holy Water exorcized and blessed according to the traditional formula. Sometimes the *Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart*, explained in the January 7, 2018 edition of this column, is performed in conjunction with this blessing. Please note the intentional use of the term *home*, not house: the blessing may be used for any dwelling, for example an apartment. Our local TLM celebrants will be happy to visit your home to perform this blessing. Here are English translations of the three main versions:

Outside of Paschaltide, version 1

A pastor or any priest, when he blesses a home outside of Paschaltide, says upon entering it:

☩. Peace be unto this home.
℟. And unto all who dwell herein.

As he sprinkles the principal room, he prays:
Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Psalm 50.3* Be merciful to me, O God, for great is Thy goodness. ☩. Glory be to the Father, etc. Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord...

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
℟. Who made heaven and earth.
☩. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
Hear us, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God! And deign to send Thy holy Angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this home. Though Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Outside of Paschaltide, version 2

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
℟. Who made heaven and earth.
☩. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
Thee, God the Father Almighty, we fervently implore for the sake of this home, and its occupants and possessions, that Thou wouldst

bless ☩ and sanctify ☩ it, enriching it with every good. Pour out on them, O Lord, heavenly dew in good measure, as well as the fatness of earthly needs. Mercifully hear and grant the fulfillment of their prayers. And at our lowly coming, deign to bless ☩ and sanctify ☩ this home, as Thou didst bless the homes of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Within these walls let Thine Angels of light preside and stand watch over them that dwell here. Though Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

It is sprinkled with Holy Water.

On Holy Saturday and in Paschaltide

The parish priest (or a priest having his permission), vested in surplice and white stole, assisted by a server who carries a vessel containing blessed water, entering the home says:

☩. Peace be unto this home.
℟. And unto all who dwell herein.

Then he sprinkles the dwelling's main room and the occupants, saying:
I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia: and all to whom this water came were saved, and they shall say: alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 117. 1* Let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness: for His mercy endureth forever. ☩. Glory be to the Father, etc. I saw water...

☩. Show us Thy mercy, Lord, alleluia.
℟. And grant us Thy salvation, alleluia.
☩. O Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.
☩. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
Hear us, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God! And as in their departure from Egypt Thou didst guard the homes of the Isrealites from the avenging Angel if they were smeared with blood (prefiguring our Pasch in which Christ is slain), so likewise send Thy holy Angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this house. Though the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 02/04 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor)

Fri. 02/07 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Romuald, Abbot) – Celebrant: Fr. David Bechill. Choir will sing *Missa Æterna Christi Múnera* by Palestina. Confessions & devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass. Reception in the parish hall after Mass.

Sat. 02/08 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. John of Matha, Confessor)

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