

Tridentine Community News

August 2, 2020 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

First Traditional Mass at Detroit's Tri-Level St. Aloysius Church To Be Held on August 28



Untouched, unmodernized, and apparently not used for Mass in over 50 years, the amazingly intact lower level crypt church at St. Aloysius Church in downtown Detroit will host a Traditional Mass for the first time since the reforms of Vatican II on Friday, August 28 at 7:00 PM. The music will be directed by Wassim Sarweh.

St. Aloysius, located on Washington Boulevard near the Book Cadillac Hotel, is a unique tri-level structure: The second floor has a U-shaped balcony containing the pipe organ and overflow seating. The main floor contains the main sanctuary, framed in a theatre-like proscenium. The real gem is a lower-level church visible through a cutout inside the Communion Rail, reminiscent of the *confessio* at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. With a High Altar, two Side Altars, a Communion Rail, and two confessionals, the lower level church is a perfect setting for the Extraordinary Form.

Fr. John McKenzie, a former monk of the Benedictine monastery in Norcia, Italy which celebrates the Traditional Mass exclusively, will be the celebrant. He is now a diocesan priest assigned to the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak. It will be a High Votive Mass for Any Necessity, with the specific intention of ending racism. Fr. McKenzie works with the Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Black Catholic Ministries and believes the Traditional Mass has a key role to play now, as it has historically, in uniting Catholics of all races.

Juventútem Michigan will offer a social event for young adults age 18-35 afterwards. Many thanks to St. Aloysius Administrator Fr. Mario Amore for welcoming this special Mass.

Tridentine Mass Temporarily Returns to St. Josaphat

Last Sunday, July 26 at 2:00 PM, Detroit's St. Josaphat Church offered its first Traditional Mass in several years for the Feast of St. Anne. This currently underutilized grand edifice was home to the Archdiocese's first and only indult Mass starting in October, 2004. Tridentine Masses ended there after the Institute of Christ the King took over nearby St. Joseph Shrine.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 08/03 12:00 Noon: Low Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit* (Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, Protomartyr) – Debut of Monday, Wednesday, & Friday Low Masses at 12:00 Noon. Confessions are offered at 11:30 AM.

Tue. 08/04 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Dominic, Confessor)

Fri. 08/07 7:00 PM: High Requiem Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Requiem After the Announcement of a Death) – For the repose of the soul of recently deceased Pastor of Old St. Mary's, Fr. Wayne Epperley, C.S.Sp. Celebrant: Msgr. Ronald Browne, Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Choir will sing *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* by Tomás Luis de Victoria, *Dies Ira* by Louis Homet, and *Lux Aeterna* by Maurice Duruflé.

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