

# Tridentine Community News

November 14, 2021 – Resumed Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

## *Ad Oriéntem Masses at St. Aloysius Church*



Because the floor and pews of the upper church are being restored in a multi-week project, all [Ordinary Form] Masses at St. Aloysius Church in downtown Detroit have been moved to the lower level church through Thanksgiving. Apart from the two special Tridentine Masses that have been held down there over the past year and a half, this marks the first time that the lower level church has been used regularly in over 50 years.

The sanctuary is too shallow to accommodate a freestanding altar, so all Masses are being celebrated at the High Altar *ad oriéntem*. Pastor Fr. Mario Amore and parish life coordinator Beth Allison have done a splendid job decorating that sanctuary with statues, candles, and relics. It all looks so Catholic and appropriate, a beautiful sight to behold. Consider visiting for a weekday Mass, held Monday-Friday at 12:15 PM.

## *Vatican Extends November Plenary Indulgences*

This year, like last year, per special Vatican ruling, for the entire month of November, a Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, may be gained each day by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, even if only mentally. The one Plenary Indulgence traditionally offered only on November 2 for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed can be gained, one time only, but on any day in November. The usual conditions apply for Plenary Indulgences: Confession within 20 days, reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions (traditionally one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be) once per Plenary Indulgence sought, and freedom from attachment to sin. A maximum of one Plenary Indulgence may be gained per day.

## *The Rarely Heard Aspérge Me II & III*

Most readers of this column will be quite familiar with the first setting of the *Aspérge Me*, the sprinkling rite before the Sunday High Mass. Many will also be familiar with the two versions of the *Vidi Aquam*, which is used for the sprinkling rite from Easter

Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. Vidi #1 is the more complicated version that choirs enjoy singing, while Vidi #2 is the simpler, arguably catchier version that congregations find easier to sing.

Did you know that there are also two additional, rarely heard settings of the *Aspérge Me*? *Aspérge* #2 is found in the Solesmes *Liber Cantuális*, the thin book of chants useful to a priest celebrant, as well as in the *Liber Usuális*, the thick book used by the choir to chant the full Gregorian Propers. A recording can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdYMf9S04xw>.

A commenter on this recording stated that this is the semifestival version, intended for Gaudéte and Lætáre Sundays.

Ant. 7. X. s.  
A - SPERGES me, \* Dó-mi-ne, hyssó-po, et mundá-bor: la-vá-bis me, et super ni-vem de- albábor.

*Aspérge* #3 is found only in the *Liber Usuális*. A recording can be found here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRhIGUbjn\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRhIGUbjn_U)

III XII. s.  
IV A -spérge me, \* Dómi-ne, hyssó-po, et mundá-bor : la-vá-bis me, et super ni-vem de- albá-bor. P's. 50. Mi-se-ré-re me- i De- us, secúndum magnam mi-se-ri-córdi- am tu- am.

These two settings are rarely sung. So rarely that this writer has never heard them used at Mass.

## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

**Tue. 11/16 6:00 PM:** High Mass at *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth* (St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin) – Celebrant: Fr. Lukasz Iwanczuk

**Tue. 11/16 7:00 PM:** High Requiem Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Daily Mass for the Dead) – Requiem Mass for recently deceased choir member Chris Sayers.

**Sun. 11/21 10:00 AM:** High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Last Sunday After Pentecost) – Celebrant: Msgr. Ronald Browne