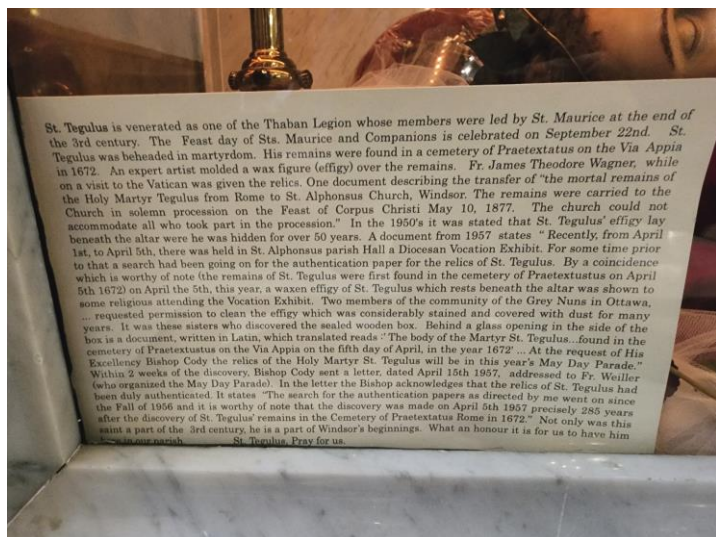


Tridentine Community News

August 28, 2022 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Tegulus Altar at St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor



Visitors to St. Alphonsus Church in Windsor cannot help but notice the left Side Altar, which contains an effigy of the Roman Martyr St. Tegulus. Massgoers have to walk around and behind this altar to reach the washrooms in the hall behind the back wall of the church. Readers may recall that the St. Benedict Tridentine Community has used the St. Tegulus Side Altar for the celebration of one of the Low Masses on All Souls Day.

A sign on the lower left portion of the glass front provides some history on this saint. The text from the sign is reproduced here:

St. Tegulus is venerated as one of the Thaban Legion whose members were led by St. Maurice at the end of the 3rd century. The Feast Day of Sts. Maurice and Companions is celebrated on September 22nd. St. Tegulus was beheaded in martyrdom. His remains were found in a cemetery of Praetextatus on the Via Appia in 1672. An expert artist molded a wax figure (effigy) over the remains. Fr. James Theodore Wagner, while on a visit to the Vatican was given the relics. One document describing the transfer of “the mortal remains of the Holy Martyr Tegulus from Rome to

St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor. The remains were carried to the Church in solemn procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi May 10, 1877. The church could not accommodate all who took part in the procession.” In the 1950’s it was stated that St. Tegulus’ effigy lay beneath the altar where he was hidden for over 50 years. A document from 1957 states “Recently, from April 1st, to April 5th, there was held in St. Alphonsus parish Hall a Diocesan Vocation Exhibit. For some time prior to that a search had been going on for the authentication paper for the relics of St. Tegulus. By a coincidence which is worthy of note (the remains of St. Tegulus were first found in the cemetery of Praetextatus on April 5th 1672) on April the 5th, this year, a waxen effigy of St. Tegulus which rests beneath the altar was shown to some religious attending the Vocation Exhibit. Two members of the community of the Grey Nuns in Ottawa, ...requested permission to clean the effigy which was considerably stained and covered with dust for many years. It was these sisters who discovered the sealed wooden box. Behind a glass opening in the side of the box is a document, written in Latin, which translated reads: ‘The body of the Martyr St. Tegulus...found in the cemetery of Praetextatus on the Via Appia of the fifth day of April, in the year 1672’...At the request of His Excellency Bishop Cody the relics of the Holy Martyr St. Tegulus will be in this year’s May Day Parade.” Within 2 weeks of the discovery, Bishop Cody sent a letter, dated April 15th 1957, addressed to Fr. Weiller (who organized the May Day Parade). In the letter the Bishop acknowledges that the relics of St. Tegulus had been duly authenticated. It states “The search for the authentication papers as directed by me and went on since the Fall of 1956 and it is worthy of note that the discovery was made on April 5th 1957 precisely 285 years after the discovery of St. Tegulus’ remains in the Cemetery of Praetextatus Rome in 1672.” Not only was this saint a part of the 3rd century, he is a part of Windsor’s beginnings. What an honour it is for us to have him here in our parish. St. Tegulus, Pray for us.

Old St. Mary’s Monthly Sunday Mass on Third Sunday

The monthly Sunday 10:00 AM Tridentine High Mass at Old St. Mary’s in Detroit will henceforth be held on the Third Sunday of every month. That had been the case on most but not all months; henceforth parish leadership would like to make that a predictable, standard date each month. This consistency should make it easier for everyone to remember when Sunday TLMs will occur.

First Friday High Masses continue at Old St. Mary’s as well, every month at 7:00 PM.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 09/02 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary’s* (St. Stephen of Hungary, King & Confessor) – Celebrant: Fr. David Bechill. Devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass. Reception in the parish hall afterwards.