

Tridentine Community News

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“Indulgence Run” at Our Lady of the Scapular

It’s the analogy that keeps on giving: Readers of this column have heard many times that “Indulgences are heaven’s frequent flyer miles.” Pioneering metro Detroit Tridentine Mass celebrant Fr. Mark Borkowski has gone out of his way to prove that point at his New Year’s Day Midnight Mass.

In the parlance of those who make a hobby of following frequent flyer and hotel programs, there are “mileage runs” and “mattress



runs”. Both refer to technically unnecessary flights or hotel stays booked for the sole purpose of gaining points and/or elevating

one’s elite status with the program. There are many benefits associated with, for example, Delta’s Diamond level or Hyatt’s Globalist level, so it may very well behoove one to take that extra trip or two or three to achieve a higher status tier.

On the Indulgences side of the equation, current regulations limit the faithful to gaining a maximum of one Plenary Indulgence per day. Enter Fr. Borkowski.

On New Year’s Eve, the Church grants a Plenary Indulgence to those who publicly pray the *Te Deum*. On New Year’s Day, one can gain a Plenary Indulgence by publicly praying the *Veni Creator*. For the first time in this writer’s memory, a church, in this case Wyandotte’s Our Lady of the Scapular, provided an opportunity to perform an “Indulgence run.” At 11:50 PM on New Year’s Eve, the *Te Deum* was publicly prayed. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and a Tridentine High Mass were held starting at midnight. Then the *Veni Creator* was publicly prayed. As a result, the faithful could gain an extraordinary *two* Plenary Indulgences within the span of about two hours, of course under the usual conditions of Confession within 20 days, freedom from attachment to sin, and reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions once per Plenary Indulgence sought.

Blessed Sacrament Chapels at Highway Gas Stations in Brazil

This column has written before about chapels in unusual locations: Chapels in airports (May 3, 2015 & August 23, 2020), office buildings (April 26, 2015), and rail cars (August 21, 2016) have been covered. We can now add to this list chapels in gas stations along highways in Brazil. A September 21, 2022 article by Catholic News Agency explained that Rede Marajó, a chain of highway service stations in Brazil, has built seven chapels – with two more expected to open soon and still more planned – in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, with permission of the local dioceses.

Each chapel is named after one of Our Lady’s Marian titles. Each one offers Mass weekly; some offer Confessions. Even the company’s gas stations that do not yet have chapels nevertheless host a monthly Mass. In the Chapel of Our Lady of Nazareth along the Belém-Brasília Highway [photo by Rede Marajó], weddings are even celebrated.



Members of the family that owns the stations point to two suicides prevented after troubled truck drivers paid visits to the chapels.

Read the entire article here:

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2022/09/21/blessed-sacrament-chapels-at-gas-stations-along-highway-are-oasis-for-brazil-travelers/>

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Thu. 01/05 2:00 PM: High Mass at *Ss. Peter & Paul Westside* (St. Telesphorus, Pope & Martyr) – Blessing of Epiphany Water after Mass. Bring bottles if you would like to take some home.

Fri. 01/06 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary’s* (Epiphany) – Celebrant: Fr. Derik Peterman. Devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass. Reception afterwards.

Fri. 01/06 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Our Lady of the Scapular, Wyandotte* (Epiphany)

Sun 01/08 9:00 AM: High Mass at *OCLMA/Orchard Lake Shrine Chapel* (Holy Family) – Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after Mass. Blessing of Epiphany Water at 8:20 AM. Bring bottles if you would like to take some home. A limited number of small bottles will be available.

Sun 01/08 3:00 PM: Solemn High Mass at *Holy Family, Saginaw* (Holy Family) – Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Coman, Deacon: Fr. Thai Nguyen, Subdeacon: Fr. Marcel Portelli. Potluck reception after Mass.