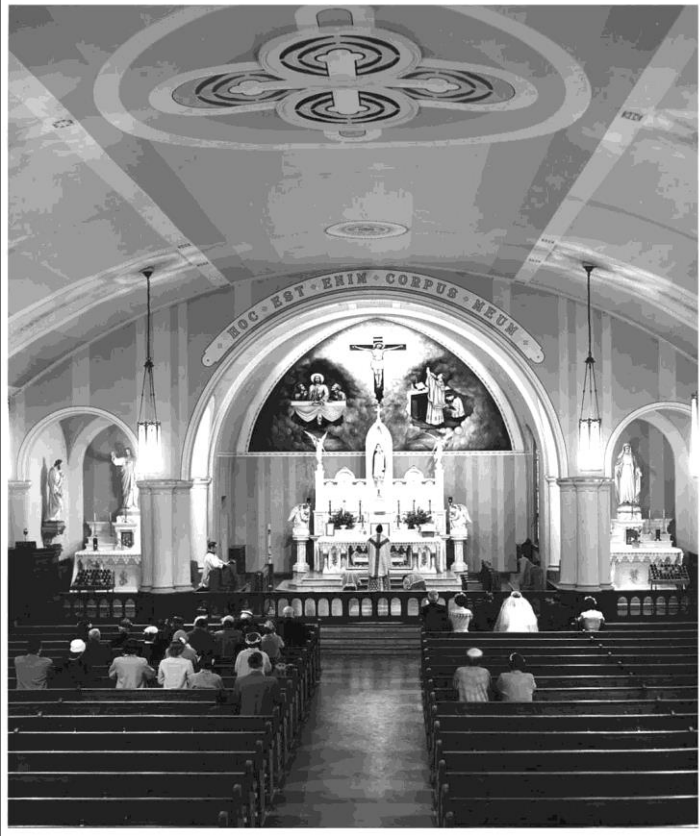


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The Glorious Past of St. Rose Church, Windsor

A LOOK INSIDE ST. ROSE CHURCH - 1953



Several recent columns told of the glory days of early to mid 20th century Catholicism in Detroit. A reader of this column suggested that we cover a similar history on the Canadian side of the Detroit River, with a focus on a now-closed church on the east side of Windsor, St. Rose. Opened in 1924, St. Rose represented such a growing part of Catholic Windsor that a real estate developer proposed building a subdivision next to the church to accommodate the expected influx of parishioners.

Though modest in size, St. Rose was nonetheless ornately outfitted with Side Altars and sacred art. A photo on its former web site depicted an army of altar servers assembled to serve its Tridentine Masses.

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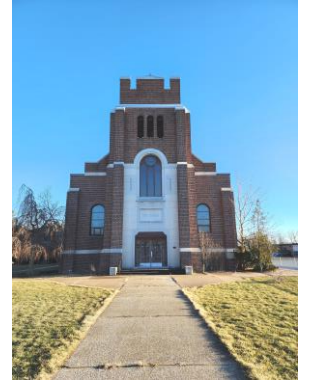
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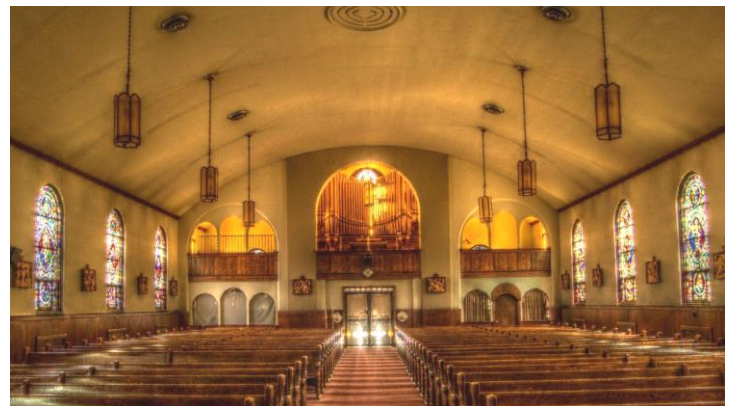
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Community music director, and later Phoenix, Arizona Cathedral music director Matthew Meloche got some of his early experience playing the organ at St. Rose.



After Vatican II the murals were whitewashed, and the High Altar, Side Altars, and Communion Rail were removed, but otherwise the church was intact and theoretically restorable to its original condition.

Sadly in 2009 the church closed. A plan to lease it to the Melkites fizzled. The Diocese of London reportedly sold St. Rose to a developer who intended to convert the former parish center into housing, but with no clear plan for the church. Today it sits clean and well-maintained but unused, wondering what its next chapter will be.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 02/21 6:00 PM: High Mass at *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth (Feria)*

Wed. 02/22 12:00 Noon: High Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit (Ash Wednesday)*

Wed. 02/22 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Alphonsus, Windsor (Ash Wednesday)*

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