

# Tridentine Community News

June 11, 2023 – External Solemnity of Corpus Christi

## Rubrics for Clergy in Choir

Over the years we've had many clergy attend Tridentine Masses who are new to the scene and not familiar enough with the rubrics to want to celebrate the Mass, but who don't want to sit in the congregation, either. The solution has been for these priests to sit "in choir," which means to sit in the sanctuary, usually on the Gospel (left) side. If possible, an experienced altar server will sit with these priest(s) and help guide them through the Mass. However, the rules for what clergy in choir are supposed to do differ somewhat from those for servers in choir.

A priest who wishes to remain nameless, who recently took Extraordinary Faith's TLM celebrant training, provided a solution: A guide for clergy and seminarians in choir. Of significant interest is where this document came from: This priest was a student at the Pontifical North American College, America's seminary in Rome. Prior to the publication of *Traditionis Custodes* in 2021, the NAC offered the Traditional Mass for its seminarians. A training course on how to celebrate the TLM was also offered. Some enterprising seminarians of that era assembled this document.

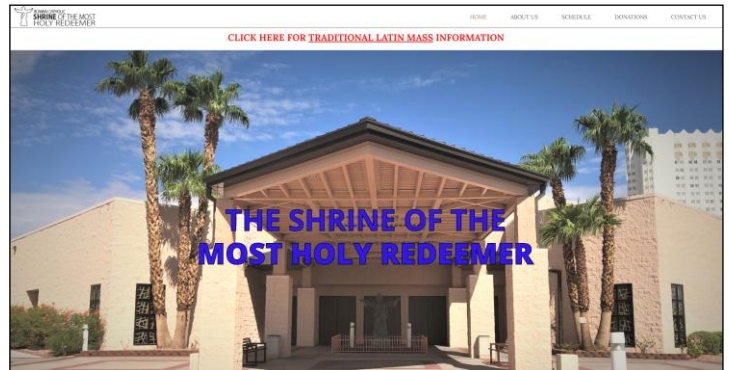
### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLERGY AND SEMINARIANS IN CHOIR

Choir dress consists of cassock, collar, surplice and biretta. Deacons and priests who wish to receive or distribute holy communion should also bring a stole of the color of the day, which is worn *only* when receiving/distributing. Please line up in pairs, lowest ranking first, highest ranking last. If an odd number, the final three walk abreast. Birettas are worn *only outside* the church, and later when *sitting* inside the church.

- I. Entrance
  - a. Upon entering the church, remove birettas and carry them w/ hands joined before the breast
  - b. Process to high altar, genuflect, and stand at your place in choir.
- II. Mass of the Catechumens
  - a. Prayers at the Foot of the Altar..... *kneel*
  - b. When Celebrant (C) ascends the altar..... *stand*
  - c. When C sits (after Kyrie and/or Gloria)..... *sit*
  - d. When C stands to return to altar (Collect)..... *stand*
  - e. When C sits (Epistle)..... *sit*
  - f. When Gospel Procession Begins ..... *stand*
  - g. During the homily..... *sit*
  - h. When C goes from pulpit to throne ..... *stand*
- III. Mass of the Faithful
  - a. If there is a Creed, sit after the C sits
  - b. When C says *Oremus* (Offertory)..... *sit*
  - c. When Deacon comes to incense the choir..... *stand, returning bows*
  - d. When AB finishes *reciting* the Sanctus..... *kneel*
  - e. After the Elevation of the Chalice ..... *stand*
  - f. During AB's recitation of the Agnus Dei..... *bow*
  - g. Kiss of Peace: the one *receiving* the Pax bows, and then places hands under the elbows of the one *giving* it (left cheeks nearly touching), responding *Et cum spiritu tuo* to the salutation *Pax tecum*. Mutual bow, then repeat down the line—highest to lowest.
  - h. When the Deacon sings the Confiteor..... *kneel*
  - i. Reception of Holy Communion: approach the throne 2 x 2 (highest to lowest), genuflect, ascend, kneel, receive; stand, descend obliquely, genuflect w/ next pair, return to place in choir, kneel.
  - j. During distribution of Holy Communion ..... *kneel*
  - k. Just before C sings *Dominus vobiscum* (Postcommunion)..... *stand*

- l. When C gives final blessing..... *kneel*
- m. When C reads Last Gospel..... *stand*
- n. At the *Et verbum caro factum est*..... *genuflect*
- o. Recessional: file out two by two (lowest first, then highest), genuflect to altar, then follow the Thurifer
- p. When all have recessed and are standing outside, turn to the Cross, bow at MC's signal, then kneel for C's blessing.

## Detroit – Las Vegas TLM Cooperation



If you're planning on visiting Las Vegas next Sunday, June 18 or Sunday, June 25, you might see a familiar face: Roving Latin Mass celebrant Fr. Thai Nguyen from the Diocese of Saginaw will be substituting for the regular celebrant of the Las Vegas Tridentine Mass. Many of our regional priest celebrants are happy to apply for faculties in neighboring dioceses so that they can fill in as celebrants when and where needed, but Fr. Thai is taking the notion of cross-diocese cooperation to a new level.

It's worth noting that the Las Vegas Tridentine Mass has grown dramatically in recent years, with as many as 600 attending on Sundays. Known for its exceptional music program led by Andrea Leal, the Mass recently relocated from its longtime home at St. Bridget Church to the more centrally located Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer. Right off the Strip near the Excalibur Hotel, the Shrine is the largest church in Las Vegas. The Latin Mass is held there each Sunday at 2:00 PM, as well as on certain Feast Days of significance. Archbishop George Leo Thomas also expanded permissions for the Las Vegas TLM community, allowing for additional Sacraments to be provided for its members in their new location.

More information about the Las Vegas TLM is here: <https://theshrine.lv.org/> and <http://extraordinaryvegas.com/>

Videos of the Schola Cantorum Glorïe Dei, the Las Vegas Latin Mass choir, are here: <https://www.youtube.com/@scholacantorumgloriaedeica3149>

## Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

**Sun. 06/18 10:00 AM:** High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* – (External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart) – Celebrant: Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ

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