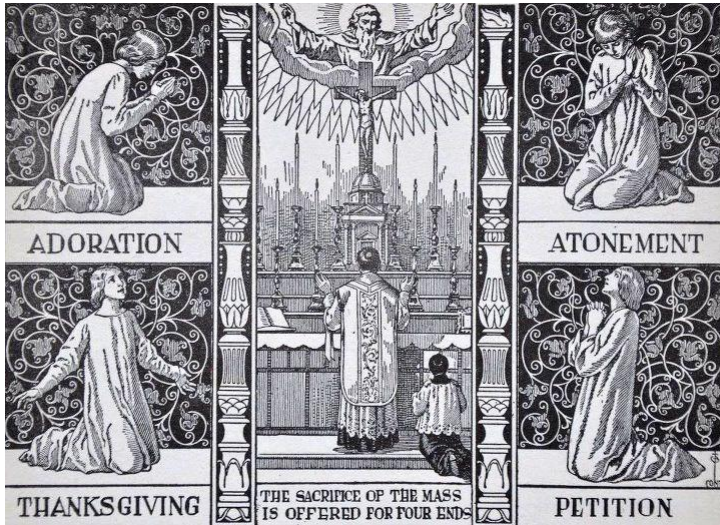


Tridentine Community News

August 27, 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Four Ends of Holy Mass

Holy Mother Church teaches that the Mass has four ends: 1) Adoration of God, 2) Atonement for sins committed, 3) Thanksgiving for favors received, and 4) Petition for favors to be granted. This is made amply evident in the precise form and prayers of the Traditional Latin Mass. For example, the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar at the beginning of Mass and the detailed Offertory prayers make quite clear the role of priest and faithful in the Holy Sacrifice, and what they are offering to and asking of Almighty God.



The Church provides a (formerly indulgenced) Prayer Before Mass which addresses all four of these ends and provides an eminently suitable preparation. As with so many of the best prayers, it condenses many theological concepts into just a few words. The translation from the 1963 Marian Missal is as follows:

“Eternal Father, I unite myself with the intentions and affections of our Lady of Sorrows on Calvary, and I offer Thee the Sacrifice which Thy beloved Son Jesus made of Himself on the Cross and which He now renews on this holy altar: 1. To adore Thee and give Thee the honor which is due to Thee, confessing Thy supreme dominion over all things, and the absolute dependence of everything upon Thee, Who art our one and last end. 2. To thank Thee for innumerable benefits received. 3. To appease Thy justice, aroused against us by so many sins, and to make satisfaction for them. 4. To implore grace and mercy for myself, for..., for all afflicted and sorrowing, for poor sinners, for all the world, and for the holy souls in purgatory.”

It is worth mentioning that the above prayer before Mass addresses different concepts than, and is not to be confused with, most Prayers Before Receiving Holy Communion. The above prayer is suitable and commendable even if you will not be receiving Communion at a given Mass. Every Mass has infinite value, and assisting at Mass is the source of countless graces, whether or not one receives Holy Communion.

Grammatical Note

You will occasionally see the expression “assisting at” Mass. This term refers to prayerfully attending Holy Mass. It does not mean physically doing something at Mass, such as singing or serving at the altar. Everyone who attends Mass with devotion is considered to “assist at” Holy Mass, even if you are simply silently following along in a back corner of the church.

Tech Entrepreneur Turned Priest Learns the TLM



Thanks to Fr. Corwin Low, OP for spending Wednesday, August 23, 2023 with Extraordinary Faith at the Orchard Lake, Michigan Shrine Chapel of St. John Paul II learning the differences between the Traditional Roman Rite Latin Mass and the Traditional Dominican Rite Mass with which he is familiar. A former computer industry entrepreneur, Fr. Corwin has been assigned by his superiors to evangelize business leaders in Silicon Valley. He hopes to make himself available to groups in the Bay Area who need a celebrant for the TLM. Read more about Fr. Corwin's vocation story here:

<https://www.ncregister.com/interview/dominican-father-corwin-low>

The Musical Place to Be on First Fridays

It was recently brought to our attention that over the past few months, the First Friday Tridentine Mass choir at Old St. Mary's has included the music directors of as many as *six other churches* in the Archdiocese of Detroit. This is how the next generation of Latin Mass singers is trained. Come to the 7:00 PM First Friday Mass at Old St. Mary's and hear why the professionals go out of their way to sing there.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 09/01 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Giles, Confessor) – Celebrant: Fr. Thai Nguyen. Devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass. Reception follows in the parish hall.