

Tridentine Community News

September 17, 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Dominican Rite Peculiarities

During the August 23 Tridentine Mass celebrant training session with Fr. Corwin Low, OP mentioned in our August 27, 2023 column, Fr. Corwin explained four interesting differences in the traditional Dominican Rite of Mass versus our familiar Traditional Latin Rite Mass:

1. There are no genuflections of the celebrant except at the beginning and end of Mass.

2. At Solemn High Masses on Ferias outside of Paschaltide, Dominican friars – but not the sacred ministers (celebrant, deacon, and subdeacon) at Mass – prostrate themselves by kneeling on the ground and bowing low during the Opening Collect and the Postcommunion Collect. During Lent (except Sundays) and on all vigils except those of Christmas and Epiphany, Dominicans in choir also prostrate themselves from the completion of the Sanctus until the Agnus Dei.



3. As explained in a post on the Dominican Province of St. Joseph Vocations Facebook page: “Before receiving Communion, the brothers perform the ‘*vénia*’ [pictured], a prostration on the side. This act of self-abasement before receiving the sublime Gift of Our Lord’s Body and Blood is a moving sign that we truly ‘are not worthy’ to receive Him.” As with the prostrations describe above, this is only done

by the Dominicans who are communicants at the Mass, and not by the sacred ministers of the Mass. The *Vénia* is also done by Dominicans at other times in their religious lives when seeking forgiveness.

4. The Third *Confiteor*, which formerly was in the Tridentine Mass right before Holy Communion but which was removed from the Mass in 1960, is still in the Dominican Rite Mass, but only for the clergy to say and only in a Solemn High Mass. The servers do not say it. [However, note that Dominican Rite scholar Fr. Augustine Thompson, OP maintains that this *Confiteor* was dropped from the Dominican Rite in 1959.]

Formerly Reserved Blessings and Mass Propers

Two of the more sensible and beneficial liturgical reforms made to the Traditional Latin Mass and the Traditional Roman Ritual over the past several decades are those which expanded the availability of several blessings and Feast Days to more of the faithful:

Some liturgical feast days used to be restricted to members of certain religious orders or dioceses. Many of them are found in the second section of Propers in the Tridentine Altar Missal, called *Prórium Sanctórum Pro Aliquibus Locis* (Proper of the Saints for Certain Locations).

Paragraph 305a of the 1960 Code of Rubrics released these restrictions, and now any priest may celebrate these Feast Days, provided they are listed in the universal Ordo. If you are a priest or altar server trying to find a set of Feast Day Propers in the missal, be sure to check out the *Aliquibus Locis* section, as well as any appendices that a given missal might contain, if the Feast you are looking for is not found in the main section of Saints’ Propers.

Many of the blessings in the Traditional Roman Ritual were similarly reserved to members of certain religious orders. Only Dominican priests were allowed to bless rosaries. Only Carmelites could bless Brown Scapulars. Only members of the Congregation for Missions could bless Miraculous Medals, and so forth. In 1965, paragraph 77 of the document *Inter Eecuménici* released these restrictions. Now any priest may confer most of the blessings in the *Rituále*. A few blessings, however, remain under restriction, for example only a bishop may bless Stations of the Cross that have been installed in a church.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 09/19 6:00 PM: High Mass at *St. John Resort Chapel, Plymouth* (St. Januarius, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs) – Celebrant: Fr. Thai Nguyen

PROPRIUM SANCTORUM

PRO ALIQUIBUS LOCIS

Infrascripte Misse de Mystero vel Sancto elogium in Martyrologio eo die habente, dici possunt ut festivè ubicumque, ad libitum sacerdotis, iuxta Rubricas. Similiter, huiusmodi Misse: dici possunt etiam ut votivæ, nisi aliqua expresse excipiatur.

FESTA DECEMBRIS

Die 7 decembris

S. AMBROSII

EP., CONF. ET ECCL. DOCT.

Antiphona ad Introitum

Sap. 7, 7-8

Optávi, et datus est mihi sensus: et invocávi, et venit in me spiritus sapiéntiæ: et præposúv illam regnis et scédis, et divitiis nihil esse duxi in comparatione illius. Ps. 85, 1 Inclina, Dómine, aurem tuam, et exáudi me, quóniam inops et pauper sum ego. V. Glória Patri.

Oratio

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui hodiérnam festivitatem beáti Ambrosii Sacerdotis electione consecrásti: presta pópulo tuo; ut cuius annua celebratúe devotio exsultat obsequiis, eius patrocinio tue pietatis consequatur auxilia. Per Dóminum.

Lectio Epístolæ beáti Pauli Apóstoli ad Ephésios.

Eph. 3, 2-11

Fratres: Audistis dispensationem grátie Dei, quæ data est mihi in vobis, quóniam secundum revelationem notum mihi factum est sacramentum sicut supra scripsi in

brevis; prout potéstis legéntes intelligere prudéntiam meam in mysterio Christi, quod áliis generationibus non est agnítum filiius hóminum, sicuti nunc revelátum est sanctis apóstolis eius et prophétis in Spiritu, gentes esse coheredes et concorporales et comparticipes promissionis eius in Christo Iesu per evangélium, cuius factus sum minister secundum donum grátie Dei, quæ data est mihi secundum operatiónem virtutis eius. Mihi ómnium sanctórum mínimo data est grátia hæc, in géntibus evangelizare investigabiles divitiis Christi et illuminare omnes quæ sit dispensatio sacramenti absconditi a scéulis in Deo, qui ómnia creávit, ut innotescat principatibus et potestatibus in cælestibus per ecclésiám multiformis sapiéntia Dei; secundum præfinitionem scéulorum quam fecit in Christo Iesu Dómino nostro.

Graduale Gen. 12, 1 Egréderet de terra tua, et de domo patris tui, et veni in terram, quam monstrábo tibi. V. Ps. 20, 3 Desiderium cordis eius tribuisti ei, et voluntate labiorum eius non fraudásti eum.

Allelúia, allelúia. V. Diréctus est vir inclitus ut Aríum destrúeret, splendor Ecclésiæ, cláritas vatium, infulus dum gerit scéculi, acquisivit Paradisi. Allelúia.