

# Tridentine Community News

October 22, 2023 – Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

## *The Three Masses of All Souls Day To Be Held at St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor*



Continuing an annual tradition first established by Fr. Mark Borkowski at St. Josaphat Church in Detroit in 2007, once again this year we will be offering the Three Masses of All Souls Day, on Thursday, November 3. Holy Mother Church provides three sets of Mass Propers for that day: the First Mass must be used for the principal sung Mass of the day, leaving the Second and Third Masses to be usable for additional Low Masses.

We were invited to return to St. Alphonsus Church in Windsor, whose administrator, Fr. Steven Huber, C.S.B., offered to assist St. Benedict Tridentine Community Chaplain Fr. Peter Hrytsyk with this event.

As in previous years, two simultaneous Low Masses will be offered on the Side Altars of the church at 6:00 PM. A Solemn High Mass with Deacon and Subdeacon will be held at the High Altar at 7:00 PM. The ceremony of Absolution at the Catafalque will follow the Solemn High Mass. Holy Communion will be distributed at all three Masses; Catholics may receive Holy Communion up to two times in one day, provided that the second time is at a full Mass and not just a Communion service.

### *Different Kinds of Requiem Masses*

The Church provides four versions of the Requiem Mass: The first is/are the Three Masses of All Souls Day, explained above. The second is the Funeral Mass. The third is the Anniversary Requiem Mass, used on annual anniversaries of the death. The fourth is the Daily Mass for the Dead, used on all other occasions and permitted on almost any Fourth Class day in the liturgical

calendar. All of them share the distinctive Sequence, Dies Iræ, and the Communion Antiphon, Lux Æterna.

The Daily Mass for the Dead is the one we experience most commonly in metro Detroit and Windsor. Almost every Fourth Class Tuesday, a Requiem Mass is offered by the St. Benedict Tridentine Community at the weekly 7:00 PM Tuesday Mass at Holy Name of Mary Church. Because we have been blessed with the talents of volunteer woodworkers, most of our regional Requiem Masses are followed by the [optional] ceremony of Absolution at the Catafalque, a wooden box that stands in for a casket and represents the soul(s) of the departed.



### *November 3 Requiem Mass at Old St. Mary's*

Holy Mother Church allows for the Daily Mass for the Dead to be offered on days other than Sunday from November 3 – November 8. As with the Plenary Indulgence offered under the usual conditions for visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead each day from November 1 – 8, the idea is to dedicate these days to praying for the Souls in Purgatory.

The 7:00 PM First Friday Mass at Old St. Mary's on November 3 will be a Daily Mass for the Dead. Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ will be the celebrant. Fr. Cy is Spiritual Director at Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and he is inviting seminarians to attend this Mass and experience the Church's traditional form of praying for the dead.

### *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

**Sun. 10/29 3:00 PM:** Solemn High Mass at *Holy Family, Saginaw* (Christ the King) – Celebrant: Fr. Thai Nguyen, Deacon: Fr. Marcel Portelli, Subdeacon: Fr. Christopher Coman. Potluck reception in the parish hall follows the Mass.

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