

Tridentine Community News

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Historic Photos of JFK Airport Chapel

Three previous editions of this column have discussed chapels at various airports where Mass is celebrated and/or the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for private prayer. Perhaps the largest airport chapel ever built existed for a while at New York's JFK Airport. A benefactor built the first version of Our Lady of the Skies Chapel in 1955.



That first edifice did not last long. To make room for the construction of a new BOAC (British Airways) terminal in 1966, a second chapel was built. It retained traditional architectural elements, despite being constructed in a liturgically tumultuous

era. It was a busy place: As the JFK chapel web site puts it, “The full Mass schedule—Saturday at 5 & 8 PM, 12 midnight, and Sunday at 7, 9 and 11 AM, 12 noon, 5 & 8 PM—continued, with a total weekend Mass attendance of more than 1,000 people.” Sadly, this chapel was closed in 1988 to make way for parking. It was replaced by a bland and relatively small chapel inside a terminal, hosting only two Masses per weekend (plus weekday Mass).

Mission Chapel on Wheels in China

Una Voce Sevilla (Spain) posted this image of a chapel in a trailer from a Catholic Mission to China. Though we now have superior automotive and manufacturing technology, it's hard to imagine anyone thinking that such a portable chapel would have value today in any land, domestic or foreign.



Historic Photo of St. Mary Magdalen, Melvindale

This historic photo of Melvindale, Michigan's St. Mary Magdalen Church, built in 1955, reveals how some of the last churches built prior to Vatican II attempted to integrate a mid-century modern appearance with the traditional design of a Catholic sanctuary.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Sun. 11/19 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Resumed Sixth Sunday After Epiphany) – Celebrant: Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ

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