

Tridentine Community News

December 24, 2023 – Vigil of Christmas

Gregorian Chant Program Attracts Over 1,000 Students in Sydney, Australia

On December 15, 2023, the Detroit Catholic web site reported on a program in the Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia named *Jubiláte Deo*, after Pope St. Paul VI's booklet of Gregorian Chants meant to be known by all the faithful. The Sydney program introduces Catholic schoolchildren across the archdiocese to Gregorian Chant. On November 23, 2023, a choir consisting of an amazing 1,100 students sang the chants for a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral. At that Mass, Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers encouraged all present to sing for a Corpus Christi procession during the upcoming International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, much as 100 years earlier, in 1928, 500,000 people in Sydney took part in a procession that was part of an earlier Eucharistic Congress.

The Australian Sacred Music Association made a short video about the *Jubiláte Deo* program, including short interviews with some of the students. If you're looking for something uplifting to watch during this Christmas season, this is it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhefDvqmY0U&t=2s>



For more information about Paul VI's *Jubiláte Deo* booklet, read our August 7, 2022 column here:

<http://www.windsorlatinmass.org/wtnews/220807.pdf>

The whole news report is at:

<https://www.detroitcatholic.com/news/jubiláte-deo-program-brings-gregorian-chant-to-thousands-of-sydney-catholic-students>

Two New Local Plenary Indulgence Opportunities

On December 6, 2023 the Detroit Catholic reported on two new and not well-publicized opportunities to gain a Plenary Indulgence in our region, under the usual conditions of reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions once per Plenary Indulgence sought, Confession within 20 days, and freedom from attachment to sin. The first opportunity is by devoutly visiting our local Shrine of Divine Mercy:

"Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence during the [Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception] feast day by 'visiting devoutly' the Shrine of Jesus the Divine Mercy in Clinton Township and taking part 'in the solemn rites there, or at least spend a suitable period of time in pious meditations, concluding with the Lord's prayer, the Creed

and the invocations of the Blessed Virgin Mary,' according to a decree issued by the Holy See on Nov. 30, 2022."

"In addition, the Holy See's decree also offers three other occasions throughout the year when Catholics may receive the indulgence at the Clinton Township shrine: Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter), the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15), and the feast of St. Faustina (Oct. 5)."

The second is by visiting a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church:

"To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the modern Nativity scene and the birth of the Franciscan order, earlier this year the Holy See approved a plenary indulgence for Catholics who pray before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church between Dec. 8, 2023, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and Feb. 2, 2024, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, the indulgence may be obtained at the Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield, which is under the care of the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist, as well as St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, which is run by the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, and St. Joseph Chapel and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Pontiac, under the care of Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM."

The entire article may be read here:

<https://www.detroitcatholic.com/news/how-to-get-a-plenary-indulgence-dec-8-solemnity-of-the-immaculate-conception>

Christmas Octave Tridentine Masses

Mon. 12/25 12:00 Midnight: High Mass at *St. Priscilla, Livonia*

Mon. 12/25 12:00 Midnight: High Mass at *Ss. Peter & Paul Westside*

Mon. 12/25 12:00 Midnight: High Mass at *St. Joseph Shrine*

Mon. 12/25 9:00 AM: High Mass at *OCLMA/Orchard Lake Shrine Chapel* – Choir will sing Hassler's *Missa Secúnda*, and Victoria's *O Magnum Mystérium*

Mon. 12/25: 9:00 AM Low Mass, 11:00 AM High Mass at *St. Joseph Shrine*

Mon. 12/25 11:30 AM: High Mass at *St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor* – Orchestral Mass: Schubert's Mass in G

Mon. 12/25 12:30 PM: High Mass at *St. Matthew, Flint*

Mon. 12/25 2:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* – Choir will sing Hassler's *Missa Secúnda*, and Victoria's *O Magnum Mystérium*

Mon. 12/25 2:00 PM: High Mass at *Ss. Peter & Paul Westside*

Tue. 12/26 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr)

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