

Tridentine Community News

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Historic Photo of Holy Name of Mary Church Exterior

Our June 25, 2023 column featured historic, pre-renovation photos of the interior of Windsor's Holy Name of Mary Church. Today we present an historic photo of the exterior. Most notable aspects are the since-removed steeple atop the still-extant bell tower, and the since-demolished rectory. We understand the rectory was torn down because it was structurally unsound. In its place today stands the garage out of which the Society of St. Vincent de Paul runs their food donation program.



Latin Instruction from the Véterum Sapiéntia Institute



We occasionally hear from readers interested in learning or improving their Latin skills. We have recently learned about an institution that

offers instruction in Ecclesiastical Latin via on-line courses. Named after Pope St. John XXIII's 1962 Apostolic Constitution encouraging the study of Latin, the Véterum Sapiéntia Institute offers several specializations, including Canon Law and Liturgy. A Teaching License in Ecclesiastical Latin is also available after an extensive program. For more information, see:

<https://veterumsapientia.org/academics/>

Ferías

When perusing the Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass, you'll see some weekdays designated as Ferías. What does that mean exactly?

For most of the year, a Feria is a Fourth Class weekday whose default Mass is that of the preceding Sunday. So, for example, if we were in the week following the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost, a Feria would employ the Mass of the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost, with no Gloria or Creed, and with the

Common Preface used instead of the Preface of the Holy Trinity which is used on Sundays. Occasionally it may be specified to add a Commemoration of a Fourth Class Saint whose Feast Day is on the same day. The priest could also choose to do the Mass of that Fourth Class Saint instead of repeating the Sunday Mass.

On all Fourth Class Ferías of the year, the celebrant can also choose to do a Votive Mass, either one of the Votive Masses from the Altar Missal, such as the Votive Mass for the Defense of the Church, or the Mass of any Saint or concept (e.g. Immaculate Conception). On any Fourth Class Feria outside of the Octaves of Christmas and Epiphany, the celebrant can also choose to do a Requiem Mass, specifically the Daily Mass for the Dead.

In Advent, Ferías are raised to Third Class, and even Second Class in the week preceding Christmas. The Alleluia is omitted in weekday Advent Feria Masses.

In Lent, rather than repeating the previous Sunday's Mass, weekday Ferías each have their own unique set of Mass Propers. A large part of the Altar Missal is taken up with these Masses, e.g.: Tuesday in the Second Week in Lent. Lenten Ferías are Third Class, and most take precedence over the Feast of the Saint of the day; the Saint is relegated only to a Commemoration, unless he or she is the Patron Saint of the parish, diocese, or country.

For liturgical nerds out there, there are two weeks in the year in which the Mass of the Feria is not that of the preceding Sunday:

First, during the week after the Feast of the Holy Family, in January, Ferías employ the Mass of the First Sunday After Epiphany. Despite its name, that Mass is never celebrated on the Sunday, as it has been superseded by the Feast of the Holy Family.

Similarly, weekday Ferías following the Feast of the Holy Trinity employ the Mass of the First Sunday After Pentecost, which is also never done on the Sunday, as the Feast of the Holy Trinity supersedes it.

Now here's the cool part: Let's say that a priest forgets this rule and accidentally celebrates the Mass of the Holy Family on a weekday following the First Sunday After Epiphany, or the Mass of the Holy Trinity on a weekday following the First Sunday After Pentecost. Is this a problem? The answer is...no! Why? Because according to the above rules, on a Fourth Class Feria, a priest has the right to choose any Mass he wants to celebrate, and that would include a Votive Mass of the Holy Family or a Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity. While those are not the default options, they are certainly permissible and just fine to do.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 02/02 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary) – Celebrant: Fr. Derik Peterman. Blessing of Candles and Procession at the beginning of Mass. Veneration of visiting relic of Blessed Solanus Casey after Mass. Reception follows in the Parish Center.