

Tridentine Community News

May 18, 2025 – Fourth Sunday After Easter

The Connection Between Pope Leo XIV and the Flint Latin Mass

Pope Leo XIV is a member of the Augustinian Order of priests and brothers, identifiable by the letters OSA after a priest's name. When the Flint Tridentine Mass commenced back in 1989, it was based at the now-closed All Saints Church. In the early 2010s two individuals started pushing for the Flint Mass to relocate to the more centrally-located and far more grand St. Matthew Church in downtown Flint (photo below). One of those people was longtime Flint TLM member Roger Wilberding. The other – who had far more influence in such a matter – was the then-pastor of St. Matthew Parish, Fr. Frederick Taggart, OSA. Fr. Taggart believed that the historic liturgy belonged in Flint's most ornate church. Eventually the two of them succeeded in relocating the Mass to St. Matthew, and history proved their intuitions right: When the Flint TLM was at All Saints, attendance hovered at around 60 people, but after it moved to St. Matthew, attendance soared to as high as 300 on some Sundays. We have an Augustinian priest to thank for that move.



But that's not all. On Sunday, May 11, St. Matthew Parish posted onto Facebook the below photo of the future pope (at left) visiting the Augustinians' St. Matthew Parish on an unidentified date.



Prayer for the Pope

Longtime Cincinnati-based TLM organizer (Mr.) Ashley Paver posted the below chant setting of the Prayer for the Pope, updated with the name of our new Holy Father:

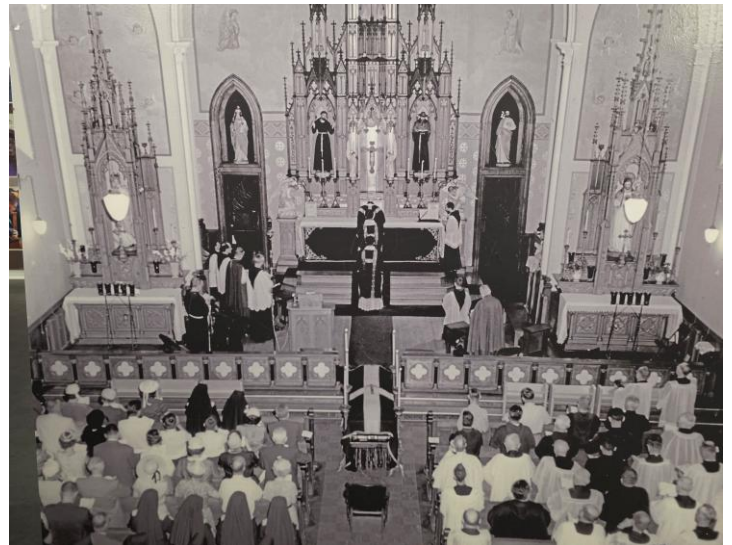


Let us pray for Leo, our Pope. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

A recording of a more elaborate, polyphonic setting of this prayer by Adamo Volpi was posted by the London Oratory Schola here: <https://www.facebook.com/londonoratoryscholacantorum/videos/539738865682742>

Solanus Center Chapel Historic Photo

The recently updated museum section at the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit, a.k.a. St. Bonaventure Monastery, has put on display this historic photo of a Solemn High Requiem Mass at the main chapel there. While this chapel has undergone a recent restoration to a more traditional arrangement, its original configuration was even more impressive.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 05/20 6:00 PM: High Mass at *St. John Resort Chapel, Plymouth* (St. Bernardine of Siena, Confessor)

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