

Tridentine Community News

August 24, 2025 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

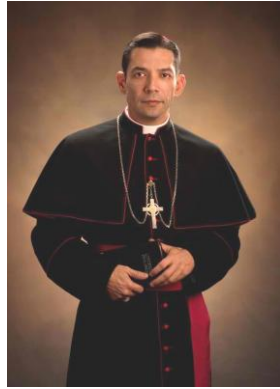
The Divine Office – Part 3

Books – Ordinary Form

The official Latin edition of the Ordinary Form Liturgy of the Hours, the *Liturgia Horarum*, is published by Libreria Editrice Vaticana, the Vatican publishing house. As is often the case with books published by the Vatican, the complete set is currently out of print, and only Volume II can be purchased at the official seller:

<https://www.vaticanum.com/it/liturgia-a-horarum-volume-ii-cei-conferenza-episcopale-italiana>

This book gained some fame several years ago when former Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Flores' official photo showed His Excellency holding a copy, the title clearly visible in larger image views.



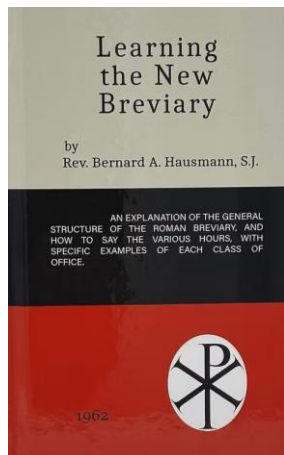
Midwest Theological Forum published, with Vatican approval, a Latin edition in 2009 based upon the Vatican's 2000 edition, but including saints that had been added to the calendar over the preceding nine years. See:

<https://theologicalforum.org/books/liturgia-horarum-hardcover-edition/>

The official English-only Liturgy of the Hours is available at: <https://catholicbookpublishing.com/collections/liturgy-of-the-hours>

As with many Ordinary Form materials, the current Vatican Latin edition was published in 2000, but this English edition is based upon the earlier 1971 Latin edition. An intervening 1985 Latin edition was never translated. There is no English edition yet available based on the 2000 Latin edition.

Also available on the above Catholic Book Publishing site is the book *Christian Prayer*. A subset of the above Liturgy of the Hours, it is a one-volume book containing Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer. Some churches, including the Rosary Chapel at Assumption Church in Windsor, make this book available to allow the faithful to pray Morning Prayer.



Tutorial Books

PCP Books has republished 1961's *Learning the New Breviary* from Benzinger and 1960's *Rubrics of the Roman Breviary and Missal* from The Liturgical Press, two guides to using the 1961 Breviary that will be of interest to those starting to pray the traditional Divine Office. Do not be dissuaded by the word "new" in the first title; it refers to the rubrics that

were new when the book was originally published. See:

<https://www.pcpbooks.net/prestashop/i-books-in-print/55663-learning-the-new-breviary.html>

and

<https://www.pcpbooks.net/prestashop/sacred-liturgy/2534-rubrics-of-the-roman-breviary-and-missal.html>

The first book is also available at:

<https://www.churchlatin.com/product-page/learning-the-new-breviary-1962>

On-Line Resources

www.divinumofficium.com, pictured below, is the most comprehensive web site for the Traditional Office. It contains parallel Latin and (hieratic) English, in either mobile or desktop screen views. It even gives you the choice of viewing the Hours in one of several Breviary Editions, including *Divino Afflātu*, 1955, 1960, and the "active" 1960/61 with modified calendar.



A downloadable book-format 1961 Latin/English *Diurnale Romanum* is available at:

<http://www.musicasacra.com/books/breviarium5x8.pdf>

www.ibreviary.com offers a free app for iOS and Android. Endorsed by the Vatican, it includes the Extraordinary Form and Ordinary Form Breviaries in Latin, English, and other languages. Unlike Breviary books, this app assumes no expertise on the part of the user and displays the entire Office as it should be prayed.

Vatican Radio offers on-demand recordings of the day's Lauds, Vespers, and Compline in Latin in the Ordinary Form at:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers.html>

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/26 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Zehphyrinus, Pope & Martyr)