

Tridentine Community News

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The Divine Office – Part 5

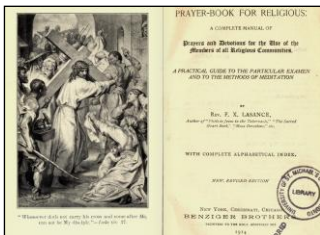
Additional Little Offices

In the last edition of this series of articles on the Divine Office, we discussed the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, an abbreviated version of the Divine Office that has been popular among laymen and religious orders alike. The Church enriches the recitation of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin with a Partial Indulgence. It is logical to conclude that one may gain an Indulgence by praying any hour in that Little Office. Interestingly, the 2006 *Manual of Indulgences* offers no similar Indulgence for the praying of the full Office. It is possible that since the Divine Office is an official prayer of the Church, like the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it would be overstating the obvious to enrich praying the full Office with an Indulgence.

The Church also grants a Partial Indulgence for the recitation of any “approved” Little Office. Four additional Little Offices, interesting prayers in their own right, are listed in the *Manual of Indulgences* as examples.

Actual and Downloadable Books

Downloadable books have become ubiquitous on the Internet. These include either new books that are specifically intended to be downloaded as PDF files and printed; books that can be read on the Amazon Kindle app; and out-of-print books that have been scanned in. This last category is of particular relevance to this discussion because so many of the Little Office books are out of print. Some scans are better than others, and some, especially many done by Google Books, are even searchable by text. If you access the PDF version of this column at the web site at the bottom of this page, you can click on the below links to save yourself the trouble of typing in the web addresses.



A good source for the English texts of these Little Offices – and a remarkably beautiful scan job, as you can see from the adjacent image – is Fr. F.X. Lasance’s 1914 *Prayer Book for Religious*, available at:

<http://www.archive.org/stream/prayerbookreligi00lasaoft#page/n1/mode/2up>

One book that is both downloadable and in-print is Fr. F.X. Lasance’s *Blessed Sacrament Prayerbook*, available for sale from <https://loretopubs.org/blessed-sacrament-prayerbook.html> and downloadable at: https://books.google.com/books?id=IWFDAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

Four Additional Indulged Little Offices

Little Office of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: A version of this Little Office is on page 761 of the *Blessed Sacrament*

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Prayerbook, however it appears that this is not the version of this Little Office which is indulged. That version, composed by the Passionist Fr. Aloysius of St. Charles, only appeared in a 1953 book entitled *Little Office of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, which is neither downloadable, nor available used, nor available on-line. One cannot consider any other version of the Little Office of the Passion to be an approved one, though there are certainly graces to be had by reciting such sound prayers.

Little Office of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: The English text is on page 761 of the *Blessed Sacrament Prayerbook* and on page 652 of the *Prayer Book for Religious*. The Latin and English texts are available at:

<http://www.preces-latinae.org/thesaurus/Filius/OPSCI.html>

and the English texts (only) are also at:

<https://www.littleofficeofthesacredheartofjesus.com/>

Little Office of the Immaculate Conception: This Little Office is shorter than the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The English text begins on page 771 of the *Blessed Sacrament Prayerbook* and on page 735 of the *Prayer Book for Religious*.

A booklet is available for sale at:

<https://miqcenter.com/products/little-office-of-the-immaculate-conception-ph6260?variant=39002500039>

Downloadable booklets are available at:

<https://littleoffice.brandt.id.au/immac/>

and Latin and English texts are at:

<http://www.preces-latinae.org/thesaurus/BVM/OPConImm.html>

Little Office of St. Joseph: No books are still in print. The Latin text begins on page 195 of the 1782 *Parvum Caeléste Palmétum*, available on Google Books at:

http://books.google.com/books?id=gwNBAAAACAAJ&source=gbs_navlinks_s.

The English text begins on page 591 of the *Prayer Book for Religious*.

A web page with the text is available at:

<http://www.preces-latinae.org/thesaurus/Ioseph/OPSI.html>

A downloadable booklet is at:

http://indulgencescooperative.org/media/littleoffice_stjoseph.pdf

These other Little Offices have not been revised post-Vatican II, thus only the existing (Extraordinary Form) versions are licit to use for public prayer. It is rare indeed that the 2006, pre-Summórum Pontificum, *Manual of Indulgences* makes reference to a pre-Vatican II prayer.

There are yet more Little Offices, though only those which have received ecclesiastical approval are explicitly enriched with Indulgences. Some which might have been approved at some point in time are the Little Offices of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, of the Blessed Sacrament, and of the Angels.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 09/23 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Linus, Pope & Martyr)