

Tridentine Community News

December 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Lady's Prayer: The Magnificat

One of the Church's most important prayers is that which our Blessed Mother prayed at the Visitation: The *Magnificat*. Also known as the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this prayer is taken from the Gospel of St. Luke 1. 46-55. It is prayed as part of Vespers in the Divine Office. Praying the *Magnificat* is enriched with a Partial Indulgence.

In a memorable music appreciation course this writer took in college, the professor opined that one of the most perfect pieces of music ever composed was the *Deposuit potentes* and *Esuriētes* from C.P.E. Bach's *Magnificat*. He knew of what he spoke – take a listen to the recording he recommended here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpxY3SDryPo>

Magnificat [Original Latin]

Magnificat: ánima mea Dóminum.

Et exultávit spíritus meus in Deo salutári meo.

Quia respéxit humilitátem ancillæ suæ:

ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est:

et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericórdia ejus a progénie in progénies:

timéntibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo:

dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui.

Depósuit poténtes de sede:

et exaltávit húmiles.

Esuriētes implévit bonis:

et dívites dimisit inánes.

Suscépit Israël púerum suum:

recordátus misericórdiæ suæ.

Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros:

Ábraham, et sémini ejus in sæcula.

Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spíritui Sancto:

sicut erat in princípium, et nunc, et semper,

et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Magnificat [1913 Blessed Sacrament Prayerbook translation]

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid:

for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things unto me,

and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation:

unto them that fear Him.

He hath shewed strength with His arm:

He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,

and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath upholden His servant Israel:

being mindful of His mercy.

As He spoke unto our fathers:

to Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

The Magnificat at Old St. Mary's



Speaking of the *Magnificat*, on Friday, December 12 approximately 35 singers and 12 orchestra members sang J.S. Bach's *Magnificat* at Old St. Mary's Church in Detroit for an audience of about 425. The concert began with an organ solo by Wassim Sarweh, and metro Detroit and Windsor stalwart Latin Mass singers Mary Grivas, Francesco von Buelow, Joe Moss, and Patrick Braga were among those who performed under the direction of fellow singer and Old St. Mary's music director My-Hoa Steger.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 12/23 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Feria)

Thu. 12/25 9:00 AM: High Mass at *OCLMA/Orchard Lake Shrine Chapel* (Christmas Day)

Thu. 12/25 11:00 AM: High Mass at *St. Matthew, Flint* (Christmas Day)

Thu. 12/25 11:30 AM: High Mass at *St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor* (Christmas Day)

Thu. 12/25 2:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Christmas Day)

Thu. 12/25: 12:00 Midnight & 11:00 AM High Masses; 9:00 AM Low Mass at *St. Joseph Shrine* (Christmas Day)

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