

Tridentine Community News

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Treasure of the Patrimony: Divine Worship Daily: Daily Office

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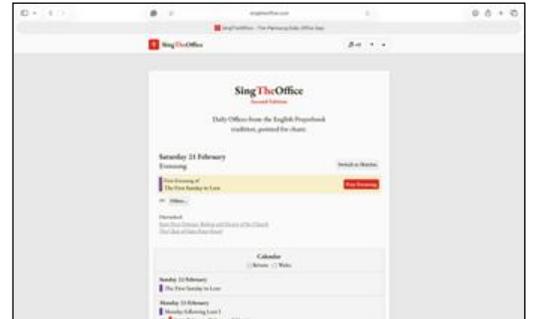
Much publicity was made by the Personal Ordinariates (quasi-diocese for former Anglicans and Methodists) in 2015 when they debuted *Divine Worship: The Missal*, a modified version of the Ordinary Form that contained many shared characteristics with the Tridentine Mass. This was featured in a December 13th, 2015 edition of this newsletter. To summarize, *Divine Worship: The Missal* includes the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, traditional Offertory prayers, and the Last Gospel found in the Tridentine Mass. The Rubrics encourage use of the Roman Canon, which has been rendered in traditional English, and celebration of the Mass *ad orientem*. The Ordinariates follow a liturgical calendar that is similar to the 1962 Missal, including the season of Septuagesima before Lent and the Sundays after Epiphany/Trinity instead of Ordinary Time. Unfortunately, parishes in the U.S.-based Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter are relatively rare to find, so rare that they are absent in the state of Michigan. Catholics wishing to attend Mass according to *Divine Worship: The Missal* must go as far as Indianapolis or Toronto. The author is unsure if during the eleven years of this Missal's existence, Mass using it has ever been celebrated in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

However, in December of 2021, the three Personal Ordinariates released *Divine Worship: Daily Office*, a version of the Divine Office meant to be prayed by clergy of the Personal Ordinariates. Similarly to how *Divine Worship: The Missal* is a combination of various Catholic and Anglican liturgies, *Divine Worship: Daily Office (DW:DO)*, is based off of the Book of Common Prayer. Confusingly, the Ordinariates released two editions of DW:DO, one for North America and one for the Commonwealth. Even more confusingly, Canada follows the North American edition even though it is in the Commonwealth. The North American edition was out of print for some time, and thus very rare. The Commonwealth edition was published by the Catholic Truth Society and is thus more widely available, although you will have to order it from the UK. The official online versions of DW:DO only use the Commonwealth Edition, and subsequent printing have included Propers specific for the United States and Canada, a subtle acknowledgment of the difficulty for Americans to acquire the North American Edition. This author owns the Commonwealth Edition, thus all descriptions are of the Commonwealth Edition, and may be inaccurate when it comes to the North American Edition.

In 2025 this newsletter ran a series outlining the history and current usage of the Roman Breviary and the Liturgy of the Hours. It is the opinion of this author that DW:DO makes for an excellent option for those seeking a beautiful and traditional method of praying the Divine Office but whose Latin is not good enough to pray the *Breviárum Románum* or cannot afford to buy the three volume Baronius Press edition that has an English translation. DW:DO, much like *Divine Worship: The Missal*, is rendered in beautiful sacral English. The Offices are traditionally titled, with Matins, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Evensong, and Compline. It

follows the Ordinariate calendar, which, as mentioned before, is very similar to the 1962 Calendar. The only major difference is the Anglican custom of the Sundays after Trinity instead of the Roman Sundays after Pentecost. Modern Saints' feast days, like St. John Paul II and St. Maximilian Kolbe, are included with their own Propers. The Antiphons correspond to the lectionary of the 1962 Missal. For example, the Antiphon for Matins of the First Sunday of Lent is the beginning of the Gospel passage in which Jesus is tempted by Satan, which is also the Gospel read during the Tridentine Mass for that Sunday. One finds themselves reflecting texts that they will then hear at the Traditional Mass. This is made all the more intriguing when considering that the official lectionary of the Ordinariates is the new three-year lectionary, meaning that this connection is only really apparent to those who attend the Tridentine Mass. The Psalter of DW:DO is the thirty day psalter employed by the Book of Common Prayer, meaning that unlike the Liturgy of the Hours, one will pray the entire psalter throughout the month. The Lessons from DW:DO are taken from the RSV:CE2E, the same translation used by Fr. Mike Schmitz in his "Bible in a Year Podcast". The Commonwealth Edition includes the Lessons in the physical book itself, whereas the North American Edition requires a separate Bible, thus limiting its portability.

For those who are intrigued at the thought of praying *Divine Worship: Daily Office*, yet do not have access to the physical books themselves, there are two wonderful online alternatives. The first is *Sing the Office* (<https://singtheoffice.com>). This website has the entirety of *Divine Worship: Daily Office*



Commonwealth Edition in chant notation, with options to export to Word for printing and other uses. The second option is an official website from the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, which is the Ordinariate for Australasia and Japan. It can be found at <https://dailyoffice.online>. This website is more readable due to the lack of Gregorian notation, however the lack of the ability to export to other formats means you will have to use a phone or computer to pray.

For those still struggling to find a Lent sacrifice, picking up the habit of praying the Divine Office according to *Divine Worship: Daily Office* on Sundays is a terrific idea, especially if you attend the Traditional Latin Mass. Much praise should be lauded upon the Personal Ordinariates for the gift of such a magnificent liturgical treasure.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 03/17 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Tuesday in the Fourth Week in Lent)

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