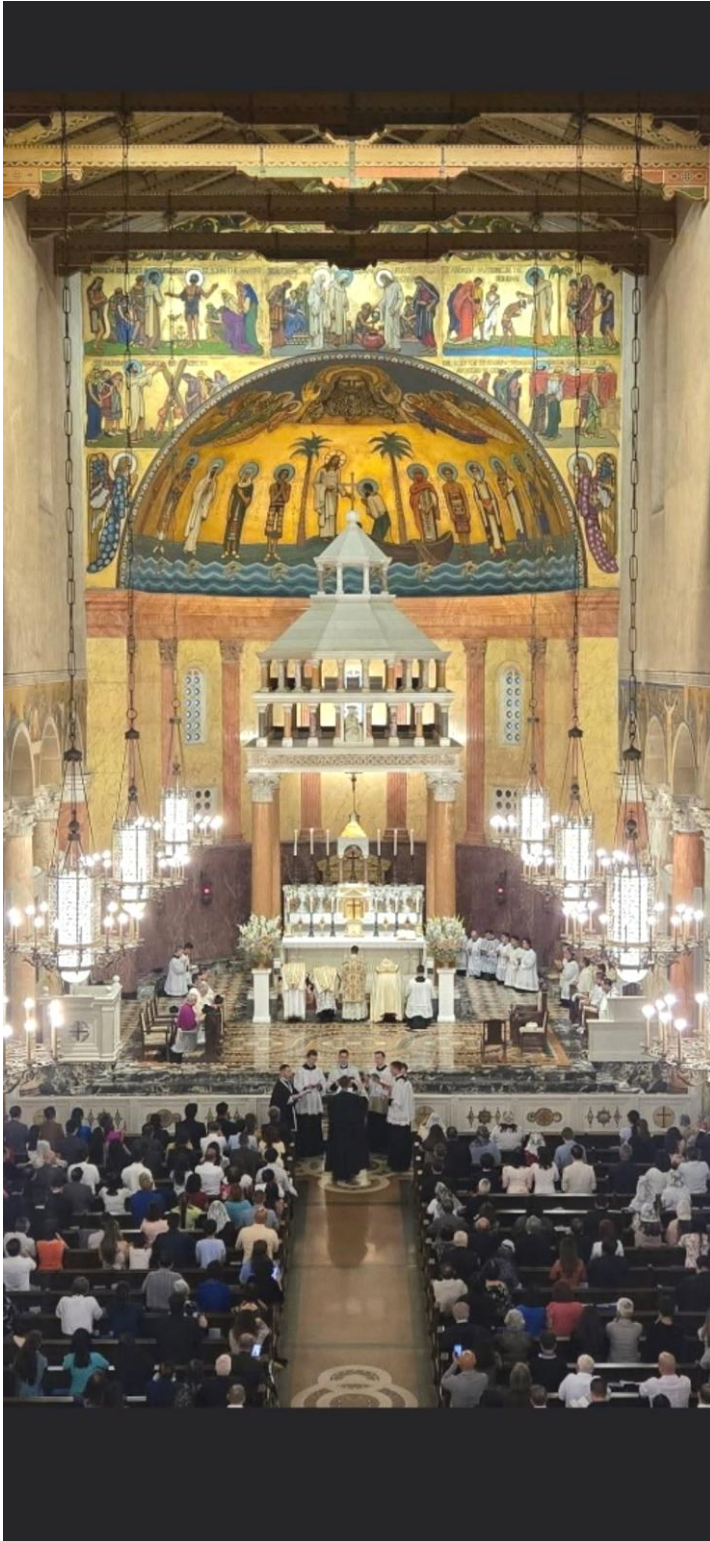


Tridentine Community News

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*A Parish Crying Out for a Regular Sunday TLM:
St. Andrew, Pasadena, California*



While metro Detroit and Windsor have no shortage of parish churches which have in the past and once again should host the Traditional Latin Mass, it's worth considering the situation of one particular parish church in North America that just screams out its suitability to host regular Tridentine Masses but...doesn't yet: St.

Andrew Church in Pasadena, California, part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Pasadena itself is an upscale suburb with a walkable downtown, not unlike Birmingham, Michigan. The church is immense and traditionally outfitted, with a High Altar, Side Altars, a Communion Rail, and beautiful sacred art. This is a busy parish: seven Novus Ordo Masses are offered each Sunday, many filling the church, which seats over 1,000.

The music program is arguably the best in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Led by music director, composer, and hymnal author Steve Ottomanyi and supported on special occasions by roving L.A. TLM organist Justin Senneff, St. Andrew's large choir boasts numerous professional singers as members. They already sing for the Novus Ordo the classical repertoire that a top-level Latin Mass site would be expected to offer. This writer attended a choir rehearsal there in 2025 that was surreal in its auditory beauty. An upgraded pipe organ has also been ordered to improve the instrumental aspects of the music program's offerings. Listen to recordings of the choir at: <https://tinyurl.com/SA-MUSIC>

The pastor, Fr. Marcos Gonzalez, has moved the parish in a liturgically traditional direction. The TLM would be a natural next step in this evolution.

It's not as though TLMs have never been held there. Beginning with a high-profile High Mass held around the year 2008, organized by musician George Sarah and notably attended by actress Sigourney Weaver, St. Andrew has held numerous non-public Masses such as weddings in the Traditional Rite throughout the years. As recently as Saturday, July 25, 2026, newly ordained priest for the Institute of Christ the King, Canon Tommy Nguyen, who grew up in the area, offered a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew [adjacent photo by Steve Ottomanyi]. Despite there having been no publicity for this Mass outside of the parish bulletin, the church was filled.

What's glaringly missing in all this is a weekly public TLM. But even that has been planned for several years: not one but two Sunday Missa Cantatas, one with an English homily, and one with a Spanish homily. So what's preventing this from debuting? *Traditionis Custodes*, of course, whose prohibition on TLMs in parish churches hangs as a potential threat that makes such an undertaking just too risky, despite its obvious fittingness.

There are no alternative non-parish churches or chapels in the area with sufficient seating capacity to accommodate the anticipated attendance for such a music-centric Mass. A solution to host this Mass at St. Andrew is needed that puts parish leadership at ease, and that, given the current political atmosphere, really needs to come from Pope Leo. Please, Your Holiness, consider the spiritual benefit the Traditional Mass would offer the faithful in this remarkable parish.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/18 7:00 PM: Low Requiem Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Daily Mass for the Dead)

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