

Dayton Latin Mass Community Newsletter

Month of Immaculate Heart of Mary

August, 2007

Traditional Tridentine Latin Mass



Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Hart St. & Notre Dame Ave
Dayton, Oh 45404

Time: 8:45 AM each Sunday

Confessions & Rosary every Sunday

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Attendance

Let us give thanks that with the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum* the door to the Traditional Latin Mass has been opened for all Catholics. Let us work together to step through this opening to let people know the Mass exists here in Dayton.

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Choir Members

To provide quality music for the Mass we welcome new members for both the mixed voice choir and the men's *Schola Cantorum Daytoniensis*. You may join even if you unable to sing every Sunday. The choir is open to everyone ages 14 and up. For more information contact our choir director, Lynn McCaw at: 937-879-5497

Prayers for Vocations

All parishioners are invited to join the Mothers Group in praying for vocations after Mass on the last Sunday of each month. Prayers booklets are provided. This takes only a few minutes as we pray for all religious vocations but especially to those of the priesthood. Please join them in the pews in front of the Marian altar.

Sunday Socials

Coffee and donuts are served in the church basement after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. All are invited to join us for refreshments and a bit of friendly chat.

First Friday Devotions

Beginning Friday, August 3 and continuing each First Friday of the month Fr. Wojdelski will have First Friday Devotions at 7 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. These devotions will consist of a traditional Latin Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Holy Hour. There will be confessions before Mass beginning at 6:00 pm (*If because of your work schedule you can not be there for the Mass, come for the Holy Hour.*)

August 14 -Day of Fast & Abstinence

Tuesday, August 14 is the vigil of the feast of the Assumption and is a day of fast and abstinence.

Feast of the Assumption

Wednesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption and a holy day of obligation. Traditional Latin Mass will be at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church..

Confessions

Fr Wojdelski starts confessions on Sundays at 8 am. So far there have been very few people who are there at the 8 o'clock hour. If you want to get to confession, please be there as early as possible. Also, Fr. Wojdelski and Fr. Holloran are available for confessions on Saturday afternoons, from 4:00 to 4:30. There are no long lines on Saturday. So if you live in a relatively short distance from church, you might consider coming to Saturday afternoon to go to confession.

Volunteers for Donut Sundays

With three small children the Peytons can no longer host the two donut socials each month. For the time being, until we get some volunteers, we will be having our donut socials only on the first Sunday of the month. We are still in need of some generous people to host the donut socials on the third Sunday of the month. (*If we had several families who would volunteer each family would only have to take care of the donuts every 2 or 3 or 4 months.*) If you can help please call Peggy Peyton at 297-1489.

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Sacred Heart Devotions--Nine First Fridays

St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Apostle of the Sacred Heart, received the unique favor of being visited by the Lord himself, who asked her to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. This she most humbly did, once she had received the permission and approbation of her superiors, especially her spiritual director and confessor, St Claude la Columbiere.

For all Catholic men and women, families and young people troubled by the many afflictions of modern life here is the greatest source of spiritual and temporal help. Graces and blessings for those who truly love the Sacred Heart of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and practice His requested Devotion with the essential prayers and acts including the First Fridays. The motive for nine First Fridays must be to honor and make reparation to His Sacred Heart on nine consecutive months and communion must be received.

Our Lord made twelve promises to St Margaret Mary. The twelfth is as follows: I promise you in the excess mercy of My Heart that My powerful love will grant all those who communicate on the first Fridays of every month the grace of final perseverance; they will not die in My disgrace, nor without the Sacraments and My Heart shall be a safe refuge in this last moment.

Talks on the Mass

SECRET PRAYER

"Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." St. Matthew, 7 :7.

In ancient Greece there lived a young man who was very talkative. He always had something to say, and cared not where or when he said it. His parents wanted him to learn oratory and become a famous public speaker. They sent him to Socrates, the Greek thinker and teacher.

When presented to Socrates the youth spoke so much and

so often that the philosopher was very much out of patience with him. Nevertheless, he took the young man in hand and put him through the exercises and training necessary for an orator of that day.

When the course was completed and payment was to be made, Socrates demanded double the usual price.

"Why charge me double?" asked the young man.

"Because," replied Socrates slowly, "I had to teach you two sciences: the one to hold your tongue, and the other how to speak."

There is one part of the Mass which demands both silence and speech. It is the prayer which immediately follows the Orate Fratres, or Pray, brethren; it is called the Silent or Secret Prayer.

1. The Secret Prayers are said silently by the priest at the altar. The reason, for reciting them in inaudible voice was a practical one in the beginning: the Offertory Chant was not yet finished, so the priest went on with the prayers in a quiet tone as the choir completed its singing. That is often the case today.

They have received the name Secret Prayers from the Latin word "Secreta" which means things selected or set aside, because these prayers are said over the offerings which were formerly selected from the offerings of the people.

Like the pupil of Socrates, we children of Mother Church must learn a twofold science, the science of silence and the science of speech. We must learn to follow in silence what the priest is saying at the altar; we must speak along with him as he talks to God.

2. With regard to construction, number, succession and concluding phrases, the Secret Prayers run side by side with the Collects or Proper Prayers, said at the beginning before the Epistle. In other words, if there are three Proper Prayers, there will be three Secret Prayers, and they are arranged in the order of importance of the mystery or feast being celebrated. Their make-up and concluding words are very much alike.

3. In their contents the Proper Prayers and the Secret Prayers are quite distinct. The Collects ask some special grace connected with the mystery or feast. The Secret Prayers, on the contrary, are Offertory prayers, containing almost the same ideas as those expressed in the proper Offertory prayer. They are additional prayers over the offerings. As the priest offers the bread and wine and as he says the Secret Prayer, you will notice two closely connected thoughts:

A. We ask Almighty God to accept, to bless, dedicate, sanctify and consecrate the sacrificial gifts prepared on the altar.

B. Then we ask that the varied and abundant benefits of the

Holy Sacrifice be bestowed on us.

At times both prayers are united. At other times each is said separately. Often there is a note of sorrow for sin in them. We beg God to be reconciled to His grace and divine life.

4. The Secret Prayers do more. Closely connected with the celebration of that day, their thoughts are suggested and influenced by the mystery being honored and the person being remembered. Throughout the year the Secret Prayer always has the idea of asking God to accept the offerings. But on almost every day there is some added note referring to the feast or season or mystery. In a word, they are very much alike and they are very much different. They are uniform in their general plan, but attractively and agreeably varied in their arrangement and contents. Here is an example, from Pentecost :

“Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, these oblations, and purify our hearts by the light of the Holy Ghost.”
Another from the Feast of Corpus Christi:

“Mercifully grant Thy Church, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the gifts of unity and peace, which are mystically represented in these offerings.”

Read the Secret Prayer for today and on every Sunday and see how it is related to the Gospel and the spirit of the Lord's day and each Lord's day. Here is literature of the highest type. Here is literature with the richest range of matter and the most pleasing variety of manner. From that angle alone they are worthwhile, let alone their sublime religious wealth.

5. At the end of the last Secret Prayer the priest prays aloud: “World without end.” In a High Mass the choir sings, and in a low Mass the servers answer: “Amen,” or “So be it.” The choir and servers speak in the name of the people. All of us want what the priest has just begged from God.

In that one word, “Amen” the people mean to give approval to what the priest has said.

“Amen” may mean something like this :

Even though we do not know exactly what the priest has said nor exactly what he has prayed for, we do know he is praying for us and for our best benefits. We do not know what is best for us, but God knows, and God's Church knows. The priest prays in the name of God's Church. The blessings for which we pray are the best and most needed blessings for us. We want them. We say “Amen” to his Secret Prayers. May we learn the meaning and value of this “prayerful silence.” May we appreciate the beauty and the

benefit of these petitions said in a quiet tone by the representative of God at the altar. May we catch their spirit and may we follow them in our Missal, and may we breath the “Amen” with intelligence and fervor. May the Holy Spirit teach us the science of silence and the science of speech. Amen.

Fr. Authur Tonne
Sept, 1950



“The Mass will rise again!”

So many great names of the past deserve to be remembered! So many great men and women who shaped the debate in their nations and throughout the world.

As we remembered a great Briton, Michael Davies, we now honor the memory of a great Italian, poet and essayist Tito Casini (1897 -1987). After a lifetime dedicated to literature, his last years were filled with his concern for the crisis of the Church, particularly the liturgical crisis. In the Italian-speaking world, Casini and another layman, Romano Amerio were the most prominent voices against the wholesale demolition of the Roman liturgy.

Already in 1967, before the full replacement of the traditional rites had taken place, his book of protest “*La Tunica Stracciata*”, prefaced by Cardinal Bacca, stirred the Church in Italy. Nearly 10 years later, in 1976, Casini published “*Nel fume di Satana: Verso l'ultimo scontro*”, with scathing criticism of the post-Conciliar reformers (he was also the first to publicly denounce Bugnini for strange connections, starting the process which would cause the latter's downfall).

His criticism was, nevertheless, filled with hope, as in one of his most beautiful texts, an article published in the aforementioned 1976 volume, an ode to the resurgence of the Traditional Mass, as seen from his abode in Tuscany. A small excerpt follows:

It will rise again, I tell you, the Mass will rise again, as I tell so many who come to me to complain (and they do it, at times, crying); and to him who asks me how I can be so sure of it, I answer (as a “poet”, if you would like) bringing him to my balcony and showing him the sun... It will be evening soon and there, in the church of *San Domenico* (in Fiesole), the friars will sing, at Vespers: *lam sol recedit igneus*; but, in a few hours, those same Dominicans, my friends, will sing, at Prime: *lam lucis orlo sidere*--and thus every day.

The sun, I mean, will rise again, it will shine again after the night, to brighten up the earth from the sky, because...because it is the sun, and God thus established it for our life and comfort. Thus, I add, it is and thus it will be with the Mass--the Mass which is “ours”, Catholic, of all times, and of all people:

our spiritual sun, so beautiful, so saintly, and so sanctifying-- against the delusions of the bats, driven out (of their hiding places) by the Reform, who believe that their hour, the hour of darkness, will not end.

And, I recall: on this large balcony of mine we were several, in a past year, watching the total solar eclipse. I remember, and I almost seem to feel it again, the feeling of coldness, of sadness, and almost of disillusion in watching, in feeling the air darken and freeze, little by little. I remember the silence in the city, while the swallows... while the birds disappeared, frightened, and the repugnant chiropters appeared, flying in the sky.

To him who said, when the sun was entirely covered:-- "What if it were not visible anymore?" -- a thought to which none answered, almost as if not realizing the joke in it... The sun is visible anew, in fact, the sun rises again, after a brief daytime night, as beautiful as before and, as it seems, more than before, while the air is filled again by swallows and the bats back to hide.

As before, luminous and beautiful, and yet being the same, the sun seems greater than it was before, as in the Leopardian law of "pleasure as fruit of abandonment", or the Gospel lesson of the lost and found drachma.

As it was before, and greater than it was before: thus it will happen with the Mass, thus the Mass will seem to our eyes, guilty of not having esteemed it worthily, before the eclipse; our hearts guilty, for not having loved it enough.

Rorate Caeli
7/3/07



Ani Ma'amin
(I Believe)

I believe in the sun
Even when it is not shining.

I believe in love
Even when feeling it not.

I believe in GOD
Even when God is silent.

This text was found by Allied troops in 1945. It was written on the wall of abasement in Cologne, Germany, presumably by someone hiding from the Gestapo. In its simplicity, it is a profound statement of faith in the midst of adversity

Feast of the Assumption

The most ancient and solemn feast of Our Lady, which appears quite definitely in the 6th century, as a celebration of her death and of her very special glorification that followed it. The Assumption of most holy Mary into heaven

was defined as a dogma of faith by Pope Pius XII on November 1st of the Holy Year 1950.

Why was Mary's body received into heaven instead of remaining in the earth, like the rest of mankind? The grave had no power over one who was immaculate. Her flesh could not see corruption. Her body had been overshadowed by the Holy Ghost; it had been the sacred temple in which had dwelt God Incarnate, and so it had a claim to ascend whither the Body of her Son had already gone before. But the chief reason was that as she had shared in each detail in the sorrows and agony of her Son, so it was right that she should take part in His triumph.

Novena Prayer in Honor of the Assumption of Mary-- Aug 7-15

Majestic Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the Angels, Thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech Thee, send forth the legions of heaven, that under Thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence and hurl them back into the pit of hell. "Who is like unto God?"

Most High Queen of the Universe, Mary ever Virgin, make intercession for (mention your requests), Thou who; dist., bear Christ the Lord, the Savior of all mankind.

O Good and Tender Mother, Thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. ,

O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe.

Holy Angles and Archangels, defend us and keep us; Amen.

Pray for Our Holy Mother Church.

Pray for the Holy Father.

Prayer our Beloved Bishop & Pastor.

Pray for Priests.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Pray for our Latin Mass Community

Newsletter - Announcements & Mistakes

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