

# Dayton Latin Mass Community Newsletter

Month of Divine Infancy

December, 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  
First Friday Devotions:

Confessions 6:15  
Mass followed by  
Benediction and Holy Hour 7 PM

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## Attendance

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| 11-1-07  | ..... | All Saints Day | ..... | 136 |
| 11-4-07  | ..... |                | ..... | 194 |
| 11-11-07 | ..... |                | ..... | 170 |
| 11-18-07 | ..... |                | ..... | 195 |
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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 or 937-904-0413

## Prayers for Vocations

All parishioners are invited to join the Mothers Group in praying for vocations after the last Sunday Mass 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. All are invited to join us for refreshments and a bit of friendly chat.

## St Nicholas Party-Dec. 2

There will be a St Nicholas Day party for the children on the first Sunday of December in conjunction with Donut Sunday

## First Friday- Dec. 7

December 7 is the First Friday of the month. The traditional Mass and Sacred Heart Devotions will begin at 7 PM.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception--Dec. 8

The feast of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday December 8 is a Holy Day of obligation. Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day.

## Adult Ed--Dec. 15

Fr Wojdelski will be continuing the series of Adult Education classes on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1PM in the church basement of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

## Christmas Schedule

Mass on Christmas day will be at 8:45 AM. There will be a fifteen minute music interlude of Christmas Carols before Mass beginning at 8:30.

## Fast Days

December 7 the vigil of the Immaculate Conception and December 24, the vigil of Christmas are traditionally days of fast and abstinence. Although not currently required by the church fasting on these days is recommended.

## Ember Days

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday December 19, 21, and 22 are the Winter Ember Days, days of fast & abstinence, instituted in order to consecrate by penance each of the four seasons of the year: and also that every individual amongst us may, from time to time, remember that he should pass his life in the practice of penance. Although fasting on these days is no longer mandatory, as traditional Catholics it is strongly recommended that we observe on these days.

The Church has established the fast of the Ember Days. - 1st to beg pardon of God for the sins committed during the past season; 2nd to thank Him for the graces received during that time; 3rd to ask His blessing on the fruits of the earth, and the assistance necessary to enable us to make a holy use of the season which is about to begin.

This is also the time when the Church ordains her ministers. in union with her, beg of Jesus Christ to give her holy priests.

endued with grace and knowledge, who will edify the faithful by the purity of their conduct. and by the efficacy of their exhortations.

### **Pray for our Latin Mass Community**

Please continue to pray the Memorare each day for a suitable priest to serve for our Latin Mass Community. If we continue to pray to Our Lady she will surely help us.

### **Addresses for Christmas Cards**

The following are the addresses for the priests that serve or have served us. Also are the addresses of the Bp. Pilarczyk, Pope Benedict XVI, and Cardinal Hoyos. With your card you may want to send a Mass, rosary or spiritual bouquet for their intentions. In addition it may be good to indicate that you are a member of the Dayton Latin Mass Community.

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## **Talks on the Mass**

### **Remembrance of the Living**

*"Remember us, O Lord, in the favor of Thy people, visit us with Thy salvation."* Psalm 105 :4.

One day in the late 1890's a young minister, wearing clerical black and a clerical collar, got off the train at Plattsburg, Missouri. As he stepped to the platform a man jostled by him, noticed the clerical collar. and thinking he was a Catholic priest. shoved a \$5 bill into the hand of the man in black shouting:

"Say a Mass for my intention, will you, Father?"

The "father" happened to be an Episcopalian minister. a conscientious fellow, who felt he now had a responsibility which he could not fulfil. He later described what he felt and what he did.

"What was I to do? I finally took the money to the pastor of a nearby. Catholic church and told him the story. The pastor agreed to say the Mass for the unidentified man's intention. Then he asked. with deep meaning:

" 'Why don't you say the Mass yourself, young man?' "

That set the minister thinking. He analyzed the claims of his Anglican Church, compared them with the Catholic teachings. and began to realize that the Mother Church was the only institution with authority to teach.

In 1901 this young man joined the Church and later became the well-known Monsignor Stephen Wilson, pastor for many years of Blessed Sacrament Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Later his father and mother followed. all because of a hurrying Catholic's request to have a Mass said.

What did that Catholic mean when he asked that a Mass be said for his intention? He wanted the Mass offered for some spiritual or material favor. He wanted his favor to be mentioned at the Memento or Remembrance of the Living. Read that prayer in your Missal with special thoughtfulness:

"Remember, O Lord, Thy servants and handmaids (here the priest pauses and mentions the intentions and persons he wishes to recall) and all here present, whose faith and devotion are known to Thee, for whom we offer up, or who offer up to Thee this sacrifice of praise. for themselves and all pertaining to them. for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and well-being, and who pay their vows to Thee, the eternal God, living and true."

1. Here is one place where remembrance is sure and remembrance is precious. Here the priest prays for those for whom the Holy Sacrifice is especially offered. 87 times a year your pastor offers Mass for all the people of this parish; at other times he prays for those who have given the stipend and have requested that the Mass be offered for their intention, as did the Catholic in our story. The priest also prays here for those whom he wishes to remember, like parents and relatives, and for those who have recommended themselves to his prayers. In a word he prays for all to whom he is bound by ties of justice. charity, or gratitude. How often the priest receives requests like this :

"Father, my mother is to be operated on tomorrow; please remember her at Mass."

Usually the priest makes a detailed remembrance before Mass, and then at this point recalls briefly, fervently and in general all

the persons and intentions he wishes to include.

2. The priest goes on to remember "All here present," that is, all who are present at the Mass, and especially those who are attending Mass with "faith and devotion." This means those who are on time, those who follow the Mass with eyes and heart and mind, those who give all their attention to what is going on at the altar. The more attentive, the more fruit.

3. The words "for whom we offer up and who offer up to Thee," refer in a special way to the people at Mass. The Holy Sacrifice is of more benefit to those present than to those absent. Furthermore, those present in a way help the priest to offer up the sacrifice; they assist him by their prayer and devotion. Hence they share more fully in the fruits and benefits.

4. Priest and people offer the Lord "this sacrifice of praise." Mass is the perfect prayer of praise and adoration. Through Mass man gives God the greatest and most pleasing glory, a praise worthy of God's greatness, for it is the sacrifice of God's own Son, an infinite and divine service.

5. At the same time the Mass is the supreme source of spiritual assistance for us. That is why we add "for themselves and those pertaining to them, for the redemption of their souls and for the hope of their salvation and safety." These words remind us that before the altar we pray not only for ourselves but for all our relatives and friends for those near and dear to us, that we may draw down God's blessing upon them.

"Redemption" here refers not only to the salvation and sanctification of the soul, but also to the sanctification of the body, so that it too may one day enjoy a state of glory.

6. The word "salvation" includes all spiritual and supernatural gifts both in time and eternity. The word "safety" begs not only for bodily health but also for success and joy in material goods.

7. The word "vow" has a very wide meaning here. In the Mass it often refers to the offerings of bread and wine. It also means prayer, petition, beseeching, resolution. Really it means that we offer ourselves completely to God at and through the Mass.

A prayer so rich in meaning deserves our special attention. May I suggest that just as the priest has some special, definite intention for every Mass he offers, so you should have some special intention for every Mass you attend. It will add interest, zest and variety to your devotion. It will make the Mass much more meaningful.

As you see the priest raise, join and lower his hands before his breast, and bow in suppliant prayer, you must remember that he is praying for your intentions, he is praying for you, he is praying for all the things of soul and body which you need. Amen.

Fr. Tonne  
September, 1950

## Advent

Starting on St. Andrew's Feast Day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited until

Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real meaning of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [hear mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.*

## Christmas Shopping

This morning I heard a story on the radio of a woman who was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After two hours of looking at row after row of toys and hearing them ask for everything they saw on those many shelves, She was feeling the overwhelming pressure that so many of us feel during the holiday season, and was relieved when she made it to the elevator.

When the elevator doors opened, there was already a crowd in the car. Determined, she pushed her way into the car dragging her kids and packages. When the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up, and shot."

From the back of the elevator everyone heard a quiet calm voice respond, "Don't worry, we already crucified him."

For the rest of the trip down, the elevator was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all did it, just think of how different this whole world would be.

## Origin of Midnight Mass

Like many liturgical practices the origin of the three Christmas Masses (midnight, dawn and during the day) is not totally certain.

Christmas as a liturgical feast falling on Dec. 25 originated at Rome, in or around the year 330. It is very likely that the feast was first celebrated in the newly completed basilica of St. Peter.

From Rome the celebration of Christmas then slowly spread eastward and little by little was incorporated into the liturgical calendar of the principal Churches. Some of these Churches had celebrated Christ's birth on Jan. 6 and they have continued to give more importance to this date even after accepting Dec. 25. During this period the Church at Jerusalem had established some particular customs.

Egeria, a woman who made a long pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 381 to 384, described how the Christians of Jerusalem commemorated the Christmas mystery on Jan. 6 with a midnight vigil at Bethlehem, followed by a torchlight procession to Jerusalem arriving at dawn to the Church of the Resurrection (Anastasia in Greek).

Fifty years later at Rome, Pope Sixtus III (432-440) decided to honor the proclamation of Mary's divine maternity at the Council of Ephesus (431) by building the great basilica of St. Mary Major on the Esquiline hill.

Among other elements Sixtus III built a chapel that reproduced the cave of Bethlehem. (The relics of the Crib, still found today in St. Mary Major's, were not placed in this chapel until the seventh century.) Sixtus III, probably inspired by the custom of the midnight vigil held in Jerusalem, instituted the practice of a midnight Mass in this grotto-like oratory.

In Rome the custom already existed of commemorating important feasts with two distinct offices, one held at night and the other toward dawn. It is easy to see how the simple feast initiated by Sixtus III at St. Mary Major's increased in importance and developed. The first development was that the oldest Christmas office, which was sung at St. Peter's, began to be also held at St. Mary Major's.

A further development occurred around 550. The Pope, and some members of the curia, celebrated a second Mass sometime before dawn at the Church of St. Anastasia.

At the beginning this happened because St. Anastasia's feast day also fell on Dec. 25 and had nothing to do with Christmas. Later however, probably inspired by the practice of the dawn Mass in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem, and coupled with the similarity of the name Anastasia, this celebration was transformed into a second Christmas Mass.

After this almost-private Mass, the Pope would go directly to St. Peter's where a large assembly of faithful awaited the solemn dawn office of Christmas. This custom continued at least until the time of Pope Gregory VII (died 1085).

Initially the privilege of three celebrations at Christmas was reserved to the Pope. The first evidence we have of a single priest celebrating the three Masses is from the Monastery of Clung before the year 1156.

All priests may still avail of this privilege and celebrate three Masses on Christmas Day providing they respect the proper hours. The first Mass is celebrated at Midnight (the vigil Mass of Dec. 24 does not count as the first of the three Masses), the second at dawn and the third at some time during the day.



*May God's Blessings be Yours at Christmas  
and throughout the coming year*

**Pray for Our Holy Mother Church.**

**Pray for the Holy Father.**

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**Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.**

**Pray for our Latin Mass Community**

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