

Holy Rosary Latin Mass Community Newsletter

Month of Holy Eucharist

April, 2008

Traditional Tridentine Latin Mass



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

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Mass Schedule

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| Sundays | 8:45 AM |
| Holy Days | 7:00 PM |
| Weekdays: | |
| Monday--Thursday | 12:00 PM |
| Friday | 7:00 PM |
| Saturday | 9:00 AM |

Confessions

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| Sundays | 8:00--8:40 AM |
| Holy Days | 30 minutes before Mass |
| Weekdays | 20 minutes before Mass |
| First Fridays | 6:00--6:45 PM |

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For Baptisms, Sick calls, Funerals and Marriages contact our chaplain.

Attendance

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| 3-2-08..... | 234 |
| 3-9-08..... (Snow Day) | 102 |
| 3-16-08 | 230 |
| 3-23-08..... (Easter) | 258 |

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 Coffee Hour

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.

Announcements

The Chaplaincy

As many of you already know, our Latin Mass Community has been granted a chaplaincy by joint agreement between the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Fr Mark Wojdelski has been appointed our chaplain. He has chosen the name *Holy Rosary Latin Mass Community* in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother for her help in making this community a reality beyond all expectations.

The members of the community are themselves responsible for the upkeep of the community. They must be able to provide for the expenses of church rental and maintaining a priest in residence. Please be generous as our new community tries to get on its feet. Your contributions are fully tax deductible, as they are made to a recognized non-profit organization. Since we do not have an envelope system, simply place a check into the collection basket, or put any other contribution in a plain envelope marked with your name and "Latin Mass" or mail your contribution to Holy Rosary Latin Mass Community, St Adalbert Rectory, 1511 Valley St, Dayton Oh 45404. Make your checks out to "*Holy Rosary Latin Mass Community*." Please pray that God blesses our community and allows it to grow.

How to Register in the Community

The chaplain has been granted the faculties of a pastor for those faithful who choose to register in the community. However, the community is not a parish, and so registration does not affect your registration in your current parish.

We are including a registration form with the newsletter for those who wish to register as members of the community. Please fill them out as completely as possible and either mail them to the chaplain's residence or drop them in the collection basket.

Mass Intentions

Please put any Mass requests in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intentions" and drop them in the collection basket or simply mail them to the residence. Please remember to enclose both the Mass offerings and the specific intentions clearly written. If for a person please specify whether the person is

living or deceased.

All-Community Meeting

Before things get too far underway, there will be a meeting for as many of the members of the community as can attend on **Saturday, March 29, at 3:30 PM** in the basement of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.. This meeting will be primarily informational, and at that time, we would also like to make arrangements for people to act as finance council and community council. Since we now have a chaplain, these kind of things can be done. It is a very important meeting and it would be ideal that at least one member of each household in the community attends.

Weekly Bulletin

The announcements from the weekly Sunday bulletin will be available on our website at www.daytonlatinmass.org

First Communion

If you have a child who will receive their First Holy Communion the year please contact Fr. Wojdelski

First Thursday Devotions

“Who will pray for them if we do not? How will they save their souls?”

These were the questions posed by a priest who had recently begun the First Thursday Masses and devotions for the sanctification of priests in his parish. He was referring to seriously troubled priests and priests who had abandoned their priestly vocations. But his concern also extended to all priests: **“Who will pray for them?”**

Pope Pius XI during his reign often spoke of the need for prayers for priests. He wrote an encyclical *Ad Catholicis Sacerdotii* on the dignity of the priest and designated the First Thursday, Holy Thursday, the feasts of the apostles, and Mary, Queen of the Apostles as special days of prayer for priests. He also instituted the votive Mass of Christ Eternal High Priest in which prayers are offered for the priests.

Since one of the primary missions of the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter is to contribute to the sanctification of priests, beginning on the first Thursday in April Fr Wojdelski will introduce the First Thursday Devotions to our community at the noon Mass. He will offer the Mass of Christ the Eternal High Priest, when rubrics permits and a special prayer for priests will be said after Mass.

We suggest on the First Thursdays of the month that you offer all of your prayers and good works for the sanctification of priests. Attend Mass if you can and offer your Holy Communion for that intention.

These devotions once carried a plenary indulgence, and so they were considered very valuable by the church

Also, commend all priests to Our Lord each time you receive Holy Communion and thank Him often for the good priests He send us.

Most of all remember:

Priests need our prayers, pray for them daily.

Father’s Welcome Gift

To welcome Fr. Wojdelski to Dayton he was presented a new bicycle to pedal from the rectory at St. Adelbert’s to Our Lady of the Rosary church and back. So if you see a priest pedaling the back streets of Old North Dayton it will probably be Fr. Wojdelski.



Talks on the Mass

Consecration of the Host

“This is My Body.” St. Matthew, 26 :26.

A man by the name of George Silk was a photographer for LIFE MAGAZINE. He was showing a friend his picture album, his collection of snapshots taken during the war. One was of particular interest. It showed a group of Australian and American soldiers attending Mass at an outdoor altar near Gona, in jungle territory at the southern end of Africa, near the Cape of Good Hope--the land of the Hottentots. Father Lynch is offering Mass at a crude altar. Around him kneeling in the mud are the boys who will soon be face to face with death. The photographer caught this group at the moment of consecration.

As he showed this picture to his visitor, the non-Catholic bulb-squeezer remarked :

“Look at it! Look at those faces. Look at those bowed heads. Notice those clasped hands. Those blokes are enraptured. They see something, something you can't see in an ordinary church. Gee, you'd almost think they could see God Himself in the jungle.”

The visitor, a Catholic, quietly answered :

“Of course, George, that is precisely what they do see. They see God. They see Christ ‘in the jungle.’ ”

Suppose someone were to take a snapshot of you at the moment of consecration in this Mass. Would you look as if you were seeing God ? Would your face and features show that you believed you were seeing God when you saw the Sacred Host uplifted ? Would you be enraptured ? We want to think about that sacred moment this morning in order to appreciate it more. We want to study the words which the priest says and the actions he performs. They are few, they are brief, but they are the most powerful words ever spoken. For, what the priest says and does at the altar at this time is a repetition of what Christ did and said at the Last Supper .

That scene has been described by Saints Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and also by St. Paul. They tell it in different words but the facts related are the same. They agree perfectly. Several of the words in the Canon are not found in Sacred Scripture, but the substance of the Scripture story is repeated in the Mass. Tradition hands them down to us from the time of the Apostles, tradition which is unquestionably true and certain.

1. The priest says, “Who, the day before He suffered.” He wipes the tips of his thumbs and forefingers lightly on the corporal, to remove any lint or dust that might have been picked up since he washed his hands at the Offertory.

2. As he says the words, “He took bread into His holy and venerable hands,” the celebrant takes the host between his thumbs and forefingers and raises it slightly above the corporal.

3. While reciting the words, “with eyes lifted up toward heaven, unto Thee, O God, His almighty Father,” this other Christ lifts his eyes to the crucifix-heavenward.

4. He continues in Scriptural language, “giving thanks to Thee,” making a bow of his head.

5. As the priest says, “He did bless, break, and give to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat ye all of this,” he makes the sign of the cross over the host.

6. Then he bends over the corporal. He holds the host as mentioned before and joins the other fingers of both hands so that they touch together at the tips. He then pronounces over the large host and over any small hosts present on the corporal the sacred words of consecration. Distinctly, reverently and secretly he says these words:

“For this is My body.”

The priest holds the Host with thumbs and index fingers, and genuflects slowly with his right knee to the floor, not

inclining his head, but keeping his eyes fixed on the Host. He stands erect, elevates the Host over the corporal and above his head for all to see, constantly keeping his eyes fixed upon It. Gently and reverently he lowers the Host with his right hand alone places It upon the corporal before the chalice. Again he genuflects. The small Hosts are generally in a ciborium. He replaces its cover, and from now until the last ablution the celebrant keeps the thumb and forefinger of each hand joined except when he touches the Sacred Host.

7. When the priest raises the Host above his head be sure to look up and adore. If you wish to bow your head and strike your breast as the priest makes each genuflection, well and good, but when he raises Christ on high for you to see, be sure to see Him.

God's Church wants us to look at God. Mother Church grants an indulgence to all the faithful who gaze at the Sacred Host with faith and love at the elevation of Mass, or when the Host is solemnly enthroned in the monstrance, and who say at the same time: “My Lord and My God.”

This Big Elevation, as it is sometimes called, is a means to strengthen and renew our faith in the Eucharist, a faith that was first questioned in the 12th century by certain benighted heretics. It was then Mother Church ordered the priest to raise the Host so that all could see and adore. Be sure to do that.

Truly you are seeing God. You are looking at the Body of Christ, the same Body which He gave to His disciples at the Last Supper, the same Body which lay in the crib at Bethlehem, the same Body which hung upon the cross, the same Body which rose glorious from the grave, the same Body which now shines in all the glory of heaven.

Those soldiers attending Mass in that jungle knew this. You and I know it. We want to show the same faith and love and devotion. Amen.

Fr. Arthur Tonne
September, 1950



Ex-Priest

By Dom Francis Edward

You must not ask for details. You may only know, and you need only know, that the encounter I am about to describe took place in a small remote town in the ranching country of the American West, and that it took place in the third decade of the twentieth century.

It was a time when the fires of anti-Catholic bigotry were burning uncontained across much of the land, fires fed and fanned by fanatics of a hundred paranoid sects.

It was a time of especial opportunity for the lecturer who was willing to be billed as an Ex-priest. Many who so advertised themselves were impostors, alive to the main chance, but on some few of those heads, “and I tell it to you now in tears” (Philippians 3:18), the ordaining hands had in fact been laid.

There came one day to the small and remote Western town in question one of these latter, bent on regaling a rustic assemblage that night with loathsome lies about the holy Church he had turned against.

The downfall of a priest was popularly ascribed, in a phrase of the day. To either Punch or Judy; in the resent tragedy both are said to have played principal parts.

The little town was the very sort of venue the Ex-priest favored. There were less than a dozen Catholics there and the nearest Catholic church was a hundred miles away. He need fear no challenge that evening.

A few minutes from the hall where he was to speak an old woman lay close to death. The words which she had been speaking over and over again in her agony had burned themselves into the heart of the younger woman who was attending her: "Holy Mother of God, send me a priest. Holy Mother of God, send me a priest."

"Mary," The younger woman said to her, after long hesitation, "there *is* a priest in town, but he is a bad priest."

"Get him, get him!" cried the old woman. "A priest is a priest; good or bad, a priest is always a priest."

The Ex-priest, told that an old lady who was bedfast had something to give him and was anxious that he come and get it (an artless device but the younger woman could think of no other), was slow to be persuaded, but at last he yielded to the persistence with which the entreaty was urged.

"Here is the priest, Mary," the younger woman said.

"Thank God, thank God," the old woman wept. "Oh, Father, you must hear my confession quickly."

The Ex-priest rounded on the younger woman and snarled, "You have tricked me," and so saying made to leave. "No, no, no," she cried. "You *must* help Mary. How will it hurt you? And it means everything to her."

He hesitated. His heart was not wholly harden. "All right," he said presently, "leave us."

What words old Mary spoke to those ears so long stopped against the sounds of grace we may no know, but we may well conjecture that she could accuse herself of sins few and small in comparison to his.

As the broken of voice whispered on to him, in the gentle cadence of the far Catholic land of her birth, the memories of his own days of faith and love flooded in upon him and reproached him with an awful and scarcely bearable reproach.

At length he raised a trembling hand in absolution, and the sacred words, so long unspoken, came haltingly to his

lips, *Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti.*

The younger woman, returning to the room, found the old woman dead and the Ex-priest on his knees by her bed, sobbing.

He who had brought the Savior's pardon and peace to Old Mary now sought and found it for himself. Ere long he stood

again at the Altar of Sacrifice. Long years were left to him and he filled them with prayer and penance and good works, and he died beloved of a grateful Catholic people.

Syon Abbey Press, 1994



Kids in Church

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. He jiggled, sang and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church?"

"Why? Who's going to stop me?"

Angie pointed to the back of church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.?"



E-mail From Heaven

A mother had been teaching her three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's prayer for several evenings at bedtime, the little girl would repeat after her mother the lines of the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo.

Her mother listened as her daughter carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. 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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