

Tridentine Community News

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Triduum Services in the Extraordinary Form

We wish to remind our readers that the entire Triduum will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form. The celebrant for all services will be Fr. Peter Hrytsyk:

Holy Thursday: Mass at St. Josaphat at 7:00 PM

Good Friday: Services at St. Josaphat at 1:30 PM, and at Assumption-Windsor at 5:30 PM. The Passion will be chanted in Windsor.

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: Mass at St. Josaphat at 8:00 PM

Assumption-Windsor and St. Joseph-Detroit To Host Divine Mercy Sunday Tridentine Masses

For the first time at Windsor's Assumption Church, the 3:00 PM Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form. 3:00 PM is the Hour of Divine Mercy and is the principal time for Holy Mass on this day of devotion. As Assumption is such a busy parish, this will be an excellent opportunity to expose newcomers to the Tridentine Mass.

At the same time, Detroit's St. Joseph Church, the original location of the Divine Mercy Devotion in Metro Detroit, will also hold its 3:00 PM Mass that day in the Extraordinary Form.

This development follows on the heels of this past Thursday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, on which simultaneous Tridentine High Masses were held at St. Josaphat Church and Windsor's St. Theresa Church. Thanks to Pope Benedict's Motu Proprio, we hope to see more examples of "dueling High Masses" in our area in the future.

Liturgically, the first Sunday after Easter is called "Low Sunday" in the Tridentine calendar. The term "Low Sunday" is meant to distinguish it from the preceding week's highest of high feasts, Easter Sunday. There are (as yet) no specific Divine Mercy Sunday Propers for that day in the Extraordinary Form. Nevertheless, because the Divine Mercy Sunday devotion has been recognized by the Vatican and has become so popular in many parts of the globe, it is entirely fitting that we incorporate it into the Mass theme that day.

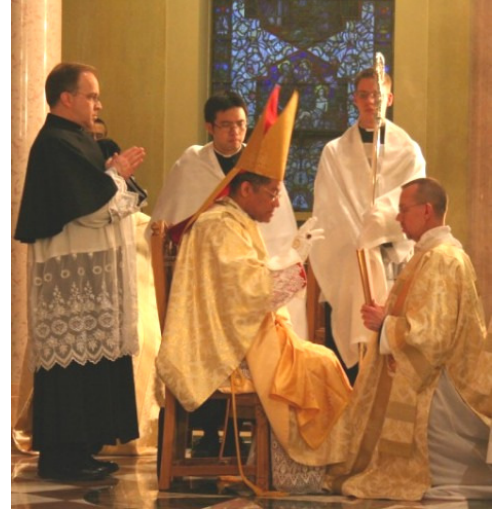
Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry To Celebrate Pontifical Solemn Mass At St. Josaphat Church on July 18

The Latin Liturgy Association is pleased to announce that Bishop Joseph Perry will be the celebrant of the principal Mass of the 2010 Latin Liturgy Association National Convention. The Mass will be a Pontifical Solemn Mass at the Faldstool, the most elaborate kind of Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form that a visiting bishop can celebrate in another diocese. It will be celebrated at St. Josaphat Church at the usual Sunday Mass time of 9:30 AM.

For those who are accustomed to the simpler Pontifical Low Mass format which Bishop Earl Boyea prefers, this Mass will be much more complex, involving several more sacred ministers. A future column will describe this form of Mass in detail to help you prepare for this special event.

A Canon Law scholar, Bishop Perry is known as one of North America's most ardent advocates of the Traditional Latin Liturgy. His energetic support of the Extraordinary Form is one of the reasons that Chicago has more Tridentine Masses than any other diocese on this continent.

In the past year alone, His Excellency has celebrated Pontifical Masses on EWTN as well as at Chicago's famed St. John Cantius Church. He travels far and wide, indeed as far as Krakow, Poland, to celebrate a variety of special Masses, including Confirmations.



While time did not permit tracking down the original reference, this writer recalls Bishop Perry taking a unique initiative to celebrate the Traditional Mass in at least one urban African-American parish. He rightly believes that the Mass is the cultural heritage of all Catholics, regardless of ethnic background, and thus it deserves to be exposed to a broader audience.

A few years ago the Latin Liturgy Association presented him with its Domus Dei Award for his work in advancing Latin in the Sacred Liturgy. We are honored that he could make time in his schedule to visit Metro Detroit, which is not far behind Chicago in terms of amount of Tridentine Mass activity.

Two More Tridentine Weddings

We are pleased to report that two couples will be getting married according to the Extraordinary Form over the next few weeks: Michael Crown and Nadira Korial will be married at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church on April 9, and Matthew Lanfear and Jennifer Hawthorne will be married at St. Josaphat Church on May 1.

It is worth reminding our readers that Pope Benedict XVI has permitted any priest to celebrate the Sacraments and Rituals according to the traditional forms. You are welcome to request Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Extreme Unction, Blessings, and from some priests Confessions in the Extraordinary Form. The priests serving the St. Josaphat cluster and Assumption-Windsor will certainly try to accommodate your requests.