

Tridentine Community News

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The Department of Corrections

Some corrections and updates to previously published information:

The monthly Fourth Sunday Tridentine Mass at Detroit's St. Joseph Church that commences on October 28 will be held at noon, not at 10:30 AM. On the other Sundays of the month, the noon Mass will be English Novus Ordo, and the Novus Ordo Latin Mass will be at 10:30 AM. On the Fourth Sunday the 10:30 AM Mass will be in German; there will be no English Mass on Fourth Sundays.

Transfiguration Church, which will be introducing a weekday Tridentine Low Mass in the near future, is located near 6 Mile Road and Mound, not 7 Mile. To gain experience with the Extraordinary Form, Transfiguration pastor Fr. Andrew Wesley will celebrate the Monday 7:00 PM Tridentine Low Mass at St. Josaphat soon.

The first Monday evening Tridentine Low Mass at St. Josaphat on September 10 attracted 37 of the faithful. Fr. Borkowski has decided to make this a "Low Mass with Hymns", meaning we will usually have an organist. The celebrant will sing nothing, and the cantor will not chant the Propers, thus qualifying it as a Low Mass.

In this form of the Traditional Mass, vernacular hymns are permitted during the Offertory and Communion, unlike in the Missa Cantata and Solemn High forms. The reasoning is that the music is not a part of a recited Mass, and is thus not subject to the rules of Mass. The celebrant proceeds through the Mass without pausing for any music that may be played.

Solemn High Mass in Windsor on October 14

The Windsor Tridentine Community will celebrate its 16th Anniversary with a Solemn High Mass at Assumption Church on Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow the Mass in the adjacent Freed-Orman Centre of Assumption University. If you have not yet visited the historic gothic edifice that is Assumption Church, this is an excellent opportunity. Members of St. Joseph may be surprised at how closely the architecture and stained glass mirror their own church.

Border Crossing Made Quick and Convenient

With the increasing interest from members of St. Josaphat in visiting Windsor's Assumption Church Tridentine Mass, and Assumption's members attending Detroit Masses, especially as weekday Masses debut, it is worth mentioning two tools to help speed your way across the border.

First, at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel only, it is possible to purchase tokens at a discounted price. A roll of 20 one-way crossing tokens costs \$60 U.S., saving \$0.50 off the usual one-way Detroit to Windsor fare and \$0.75 off the Windsor to Detroit

fare. With tokens, you can enter the tunnel at automated token toll booths, where there are rarely any cars in line ahead of you.

Everyone must bring either a Photo ID and Birth Certificate, or a Passport. Rules requiring a Passport at land crossings will not be taking effect until 2008 at the earliest. You may apply for an expedited border crossing card known as a Nexus Pass at: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel/nexus/menu-e.html>



The Nexus Pass application fee for adults 18 and over is \$50 U.S.; children 17 and under are free. A background check is run, then you are asked to visit the Nexus office at the Detroit side of the Ambassador Bridge for a brief interview, and to have your photo taken and card printed.

If all occupants of your vehicle have Nexus Passes, you may go to a Nexus express Customs lane on both sides of the border. Your Passes are electronically scanned, and unless you have something to declare, you are ordinarily on your way in less than one minute. To keep the system honest, approximately 2% of the time, Nexus vehicles are sent for secondary inspection. The Nexus program offers a significant time savings for anyone who crosses the border with frequency, and is well worth the minimal cost. Nexus lanes are available at both the Bridge and the Tunnel.

Conference of the Society for Catholic Liturgy

This coming Thursday through Saturday, September 20-22, the Society for Catholic Liturgy is holding its annual conference, with the theme "Benedict XVI and the Sacred Liturgy", at the Pontifical College Josephinum, a seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

Although this conference is not exclusively concerned with the Extraordinary Form, the keynote speaker Thursday evening is someone who should be familiar to readers of this column by now, the Rev. Dr. Alcuin Reid, today's foremost authority on the rubrics of the Tridentine Mass. Other speakers includes architects Thomas Gordon Smith and Matthew Alderman, and theologians Dr. Daniel Van Slyke and Detroit's own Dr. Robert Fastiggi. Further information about the conference is available at www.liturgy.society.org.

EWTN Focuses on the Motu Proprio

EWTN has devoted significant air time this past week to programs related to our Holy Father's liberalization of the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass and Sacraments. Their first live broadcast of a Solemn High Mass was this past Friday, September 14. Of particular interest to local readers is that the celebrant was scheduled to be Fr. Josef Bisig, Founding Superior of the FSSP, occasional celebrant of Solemn High Masses in Windsor, and soon-to-be celebrant of the Flint Tridentine Community's Anniversary Mass this coming October 7. How fitting that a priest who has worked so hard to promote the Extraordinary Form lead this historic broadcast.