Tridentine Community News

August 11, 2024 - Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Classes of Feasts

The Catholic Calendar contains four primary classifications of Feast Days. Though the terminology has changed over the years, the concepts remain fairly consistent. The Vatican has established that those of us who follow the Extraordinary Form are to use the rubrics of 1962, plus whatever adaptations have been issued since the establishment of the Pontifical Commission Ecclésia Dei in 1988. Because so many hand missals exist, both originals and reprints, from the era prior to 1962, it is worth mentioning the

former terminology. Likewise, certain related versions of the Traditional Mass, such as the Carmelite Rite, were never updated with the 1960 and 62 changes, thus the most current missals for those rites still use the older terminology.

First Class Feasts (Extraordinary Form 1962) / Doubles of the First Class (Extraordinary Form 1960 and prior) / Solemnities (Ordinary Form): These are the most important Feasts of the Church Year. Examples include Christmas, the days of Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Funeral Mass, also known as the Exequial Mass, is classified as First Class. The Feast of the Patron Saint of a Parish or Diocese, and the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of a Diocese are also First Class, though in practice the latter is rarely given note at the parish level.

Second Class Feasts (EF 1962) / Doubles of the Second Class (EF 1960 and prior) / Feasts (OF): These are significant but not primary Feasts. Sundays After Pentecost, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Feasts of the Apostles are examples. The Greater Ferias of Advent, which are the Ferias in the week before Christmas, are a rare example of Ferias elevated to Second Class, as the Church wants the faithful to focus on preparing for the commemoration of our Lord's Nativity. A Nuptial [Wedding] Mass is classified as Second Class, however it may not take place on a Sunday. If a Wedding Mass is scheduled on a First Class Feast Day, then the Mass of the Feast is observed instead of the Nuptial Mass Propers.

Third Class Feasts (EF 1962) / Greater Doubles, Doubles, and Semidoubles (EF 1960 and prior) / Memorials (OF): Most weekday Masses are Third Class Feasts, such as St. Hedwig, St. Lucy, and St. Ignatius Loyola. The Ferias of Lent and the Ferias of Advent excepting those in the week before Christmas are also Third Class Feasts, as the Church does not want them to be as easily replaceable as Fourth Class Feasts (see below). A Requiem Mass celebrated on the third, seventh, or thirtieth day after death is classified as Third Class.

Fourth Class Feasts (EF 1962) / Simples and Commemorations (EF 1960 and prior) / Optional Memorials (OF): These are either Ferias (usually repetition of the previous Sunday's Mass Propers) or Saints of lesser significance. On Fourth Class Feasts, the Church allows for substitution of other Mass Propers at the celebrant's discretion. Here in Detroit and Windsor, there is a demand for Requiem Masses – the Daily Mass for the Dead, usually followed by the ceremony of Absolution at the Catafalque – on many Fourth Class Feasts. The St. Benedict Tridentine Community in Windsor regular sells out Requiem Mass intentions

on Fourth Class days a year in advance. Other options on Fourth Class Feasts include using one of the Votive Masses, such as the Votive Mass of the Defense of the Church or the Votive Mass for Pilgrims and Travelers. The Mass of any Saint may also be offered on any Fourth Class Feria. This means, for example, that the Mass of St. Raphael the Archangel may be celebrated on a Fourth Class day, just as it would be on his actual Feast Day.

Some Feast Days have Commemorations, a second set of Collects (Opening Collect, Secret, and Postcommunion) added for the Feast of secondary Saint(s) of the day. In rare instances a third set of Collects may be added, for example to commemorate the anniversary of ordination of the celebrating priest. On Sundays on which the celebrated Feast is not one of Our Lord, for example when the First Class Feast of the Assumption displaces a Sunday After Pentecost, a Commemoration of

the displaced Sunday is made. A Commemoration is not made when the celebrated Feast is one of our Lord, for example when Corpus Christi is transferred to the Sunday.

Festa ianuarii (19, 20) propitius; ut, sicut ipse dominicæ Secreta Preces, Dómine, tuórum réspice obla passiónis imitátor fuit, ita nos, per eius vestígia gradiéntes, ad gáudia L' tionésque fidélium: ut et tibi gratæ sint pro tuórum festivitáte Sanctórum, sempitérna pervenire mereámur. Per eúndem Dóminum. et nobis cónferant tuæ propitiatiónis auxílium. Per Dóminum. Secreta Accépta sit in conspéctu tuo, Dó-1968 mine, nostra devótio: et eius no-bis fiat supplicatione salutáris, pro Pro S. Canuto Secreta Accépta sit in conspéctu tuo, Dó-mine, nostra devótio: et eius nobis fiat supplicatione salutáris, cuius solemnitate defertur. Per De pro cuius solemnitate defértur. Per Dóminum nostrum. num nostrum. Refécti participatione muneris sacri, 1969 quésumus, Domine Deus noster: Ant. ad Communionem Luc. 12, 4 Dico autem vobis amícis meis: Ne terut, cuius exséquimur cultum, intercereámini ab his, qui vos persequúntur. dénte beáto Canúto Mártyre tuo, sen-Postcommunio tiámus efféctum. Per Dóminum. 1965 Sanctórum tuórum, Dómine, inter-Socssióne placátus: præsta, quæ-sumus; ut, quæ temporáli celebrámus actióne, perpétua salvatióne capiámus. Die 20 ianuarii Ss. Fabiani Papæ et Sebastiani Martvrum Per Dóminum. III classis Pro S. Canuto Antiphona ad Introitum Refécti participatione muneris sa-cri, quésumus, Domine Deus Ps. 78, 11, 12 et 10 ntret in conspéctu tuo, Dómine, gé- 1970 noster: ut, cuius exséquimur cul-tum, intercedente beáto Canúto Mármitus compeditórum; redde vicinis tuo, sentiámus efféctum. Per nostris séptuplum in sinu eórum: tyre tuo, sentiámus Dóminum nostrum. víndica sánguinem Sanctórum tuórum, qui effúsus est. Ps. ibid., 1 Deus, vend Eodem die 19 ianuarii runt gentes in hereditatem tuam: polluérunt templum sanctum tuum: po-S. Canuti Regis, Mart. suérunt Ierúsalem in pomórum custó-Commemoratio Missa In virtúte, de Communi unius Martyris III loco [6], cum orationibus ut infra: diam. V. Glória Patri. Oratio nfirmitátem nostram réspice, omní- 1971 Oratio potens Deus: et, quia pondus pró-priæ actiónis gravat, beatórum Márty-Deus, qui ad illustrándam Ecclésiam tuam baátus. rum tuórum Fabiáni et Sebastiáni ingem martýrii palma et gloriósis mirá-culis decoráre dignátus es: concéde tercéssio gloriósa nos prótegat. Per Dóminum nostrum.

St. Thomas the Apostle Livestreams

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in downtown Ann Arbor, Michigan is known for attracting the highest attendance of any TLM in Michigan, with over 400 attending on some Sundays. You are now able to watch livestreams and recordings of their Sunday 11:30 AM High Mass on their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/StThomastheApostleAnnArbor/

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Sun. 08/18 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost) – Celebrant: Fr. Marcel Portelli of the Diocese of Saginaw. This will be Fr. Portelli's first public TLM outside of the Saginaw and Lansing dioceses.