

# Tridentine Community News

November 17, 2024 – Resumed Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

## *The Blessing of Sacred Images*



While the Traditional Roman Ritual contains some specialized blessings for specific religious articles (e.g.: the Miraculous Medal, Rosary, Brown Scapular, and St. Benedict Medal), there is also a catch-all blessing of Sacred Images which is to be used for any religious image for which there is no specific blessing. This prayer can be used with pictures, medals, rings, statues, and other items depicting one of the types of religious images listed as an option.

If you ever see a priest pause during a blessing and try to figure out what words he is to pray next, he is likely trying to determine which of the options in this prayer is appropriate for the type(s) of objects he is blessing.

As with all of the blessings in the Traditional Ritual, the 1962 rubrics require that these are only to be prayed in Latin. The English translation is only provided for reference.

✠ Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.  
✠ Qui fecit cælum et terram.  
✠ Dóminus vobíscum.  
✠ Et cum spiritu tuo.

Orémus.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui Sanctórum tuórum imáginés (sive effigies) sculpi, aut pingi non réprobas, ut quóties illas óculis córporis intuémur, tóties eórum actus et sanctitátem ad imitándum memóriæ óculis meditémur: hanc, quæsumus, imáginem (seu sculptúram) in honórem et memóriam Unigéniti Filii tui Dómini nostri Jesu Christi **vel** beatíssimæ Virgínis Mariæ, matris Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, **vel** beáti N. (Apóstoli) tui, (**vel** Mátyris), (**vel** Pontificis), (**vel** Confessóris), **vel** beátæ N. (Virgínis), (**vel** Mátyris)

adaptátam bene✠dicere, et sancti✠ficáre dignéris: et præsta; ut quicúmque coram illa Unigénitum Filium tuum **vel** beatíssimam Virgíne, **vel** gloriósum (Apóstolum), (**vel** Mátyrem), (**vel** Pontificem), (**vel** Confessórem), **vel** gloriósam (Virgíne), (**vel** Mátyrem) suppliciter cólere et honoráre studúerit, illius méritis et obténtu a te grátiam in præsentí, et ætérnam glóriam obtíneat in futúrum. Per (eúmdem) Christum Dóminum nostrum.

✠ Amen.

*The image is sprinkled with Holy Water.*

✠. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

✠. Who made heaven and earth.

✠. The Lord be with you.

✠. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O almighty, everlasting God! Thou dost approve of the sculptured or painted images (or likenesses) of Thy Saints, in order that when we behold them, we may be led to contemplate and imitate their lives and holiness. Wherefore, we beseech Thee to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this image (or statue) wrought to the memory and honor of Thy Sole-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ **or** the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, **or** Blessed N. Thine Apostle, (or Martyr), (or Pontiff), (or Confessor), (or Virgin). And grant that whosoever through the inspiration of this image earnestly strives to honor and worship Him (or the Blessed Virgin, or the glorious Apostle, or Martyr, or Pontiff, or Confessor, or Virgin), may by His (his or her) merits obtain grace in this life and eternal glory in the next. Through (the same) Christ our Lord.

✠. Amen.

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## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

**Tue. 11/19 6:00 PM:** High Mass at *St. John Resort Chapel, Plymouth* (St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow) – Seminarian Schola from Detroit’s Sacred Heart Seminary will provide the music.