

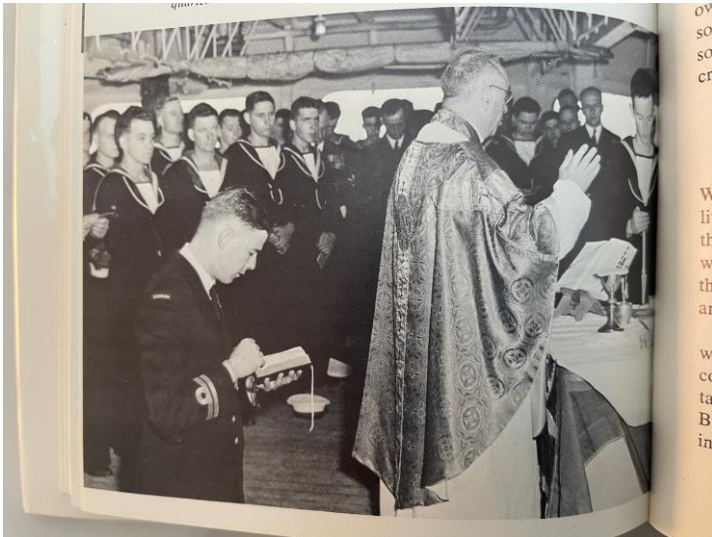
Tridentine Community News

February 9, 2025 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Aircraft Carrier Mass

X user Actionnaire/Réactionnaire on November 28, 2024 posted the following interesting text and historic photo:

“The Dominion of Canada in the '50s... on the quarterdeck of the aircraft carrier HMCS Magnificent, the RC Chaplain of the Fleet offers a Tridentine Low Mass while a young Royal Canadian Navy lieutenant serves, sailors in square rig”



Unusual Blessings in the Traditional Roman Ritual

BLESSING OF ALE

Ps. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Rp. Who made heaven and earth.
Ps. The Lord be with you.
Rp. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Prayer

Bless, ✠ O Lord, this creature, ale which by thy power has been produced from kernels of grain. May it be a healthful beverage to mankind, and grant that through the invoking of thy holy name all who drink thereof may find it a help in body and protection in soul. Through Christ our Lord. **Rp.** Amen.

It is sprinkled with holy water.

More so than the post-Vatican II *Book of Blessings*, the Traditional Roman Ritual is replete with blessings and exorcisms of all sorts. The collection's diversity and depth is surprising at times. Here are some of those included:

Blessing of an Airplane
Blessing of Ale
Blessing of an Ambulance
Blessing of Bees
Blessing of a Blast Furnace

Blessing of Butter
Blessing of Cattle
Blessing of Cheese
Blessing of Sick Children
Blessing of a Sick Adult
Blessing of Sick Animals
Blessing of a Community Against Floods
Blessing of a Community to Ward Off Pests such as mice and locusts
Blessing of Eggs
Blessing of an Electric Dynamo
Blessing of an Expectant Mother
Blessing of a Fire Engine
Blessing of a Fishing Boat
Blessing of a Fountain
Blessing of Homes
Blessing of an Apartment
Blessing of Horses
Blessing of an Infant
Blessing of Medicine
Blessing of Oil
Blessing of a Printing Press
Blessing of Seeds
Blessing of a Seismograph
Blessing of a Ship
Blessing of a Stable
Blessing of a Telegraph Instrument
Blessing of a Typewriter
Blessing of a Vehicle
Blessing of a Wheelchair
Blessing of Wine

We will print the text of some of these blessings in upcoming editions of this column.

The most ubiquitous and complete edition of the Ritual, the Weller Ritual, dates from 1946. It supplies both the Latin which is to be prayed and an English translation to be used only for reference. Clearly there is a need for new blessings to be added to this collection, which would need to be composed in the same traditionally pious style as the existing blessings. Some ideas:

Blessing of a Computer
Blessing of a Cell Phone
Blessing of a Bicycle
Blessing of a Scooter
Blessing of Furniture
Blessing of a Bus

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 02/10 7:00 PM: Solemn High Mass at *Sweetest Heart of Mary, Detroit* (St. Scholastica, Virgin) – 20th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Michael Suhy

Sun. 02/16 9:00 AM: Mass cancelled at *OCLMA/Orchard Lake* – No priest available

Sun. 02/16 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* – (Septuagesima Sunday) – Celebrant: Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

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