Tridentine Community News

March 2, 2025 - Quinquagésima Sunday

Las Vegas & Detroit Continued TLM Cooperation

Infographic: Septuagésima and Lent



We take for granted abundance of priests in our region able who are celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass. Other cities and regions don't always enjoy that privilege. Our June 11, 2023 column mentioned that Saginaw's Fr. Thai Nguyen traveled to Las Vegas to substitute for their celebrant. Our ties were strengthened on Sunday, February 9, 2025 when Ann Arbor's Fr.

Roger Chikri traveled to Las Vegas to offer their Tridentine Mass. We are grateful to Las Vegas TLM coordinators Andrea & Phillip Leal [pictured] for placing trust in our local clergy.

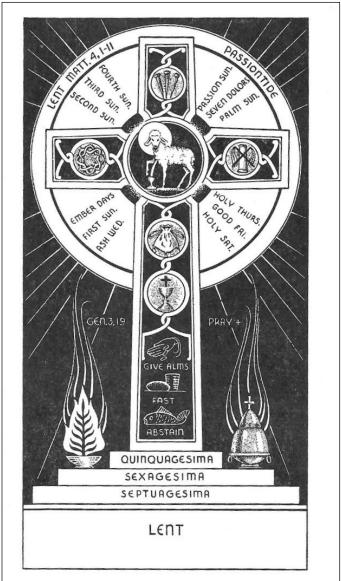
Two additional observations about the Las Vegas TLM: For at least the second year in a row, they will be holding a Sunday Mass at Guardian Angel Cathedral instead of their usual site, the Shrine the Most of Holy Redeemer. While this has been done ostensibly for logistical purposes, it also achieves the important objectives of



demonstrating unity with the diocese and exposing the TLM to the vast throngs of tourists visiting the city. Such strategic thinking is one reason why the Las Vegas Latin Mass community has grown from about 80 attendees pre-Covid to about 650 today.

Second, in line with the topic in our February 2, 2025 column noting the rise of traditional practices in unexpected places, this writer noticed some surprisingly positive developments during a recent visit to a weekday Mass at the Las Vegas cathedral: After decades of fairly forgettable musical offerings, the cathedral hired an accomplished organist/music director who provided some Grade A organ accompaniment to that weekday Mass. A young female cantor, perhaps 19 years old, also provided some Grade A singing to accompany that Mass, chanting Gregorian Mass XVIII, the Offertory and Communion Antiphons, and even the Latin Mortem Tuam acclamation during the Eucharistic Prayer. Such high quality and traditional music would never have been offered there 10 years ago, and certainly never at a weekday Mass.

This graphic illustrates the evolution of the Tridentine pre-Lenten season of Septuagésima into Lent and Holy Week, including notable elements of the Lenten calendar.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Wed. 03/05 12:00 Noon: High Mass at Holy Family, Detroit (Ash Wednesday)

Wed. 03/05 7:00 PM: High Mass at St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary (Ash Wednesday)

Wed. 03/05 7:00 PM: High Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor (Ash Wednesday)

Wed. 03/05: 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon Low Masses; 7:00 PM High Mass at St. Joseph Shrine (Ash Wednesday)

Fri. 03/07 7:00 PM: High Mass at Old St. Mary's – (Friday After Ash Wednesday) - Confessions and Devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass. Reception in Parish Center afterwards.