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ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pascoag, RI



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Recently, our Holy Father Pope Francis published a new document called a "motu proprio" concerning the celebration of the Latin Mass. Basically, it has limited the freedom/permission his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, granted to priests who wish to celebrate the Extraordinary Form of the Mass (Latin Mass). The Extraordinary Form of the

Mass was the Mass that was ordinarily celebrated by Catholics until the Second Vatican Council. It is celebrated in Latin, the priest faces in the same direction as the people for the majority of the Mass, and a noticeable percentage of the gestures, prayers, and symbolism is different because it is richer.

Pope Benedict XVI initially issued his motu proprio granting permission for a couple of reasons. One was to be a gesture of good will toward groups such as the Society of St. Pius X which had splintered off from the Catholic Church mostly due to the abuses of the liturgy and failures to uphold doctrinal orthodoxy in the modern world. Another was that he was responding to the desire of many of the faithful who have-through their private prayer and individual study-drawn the conclusion that the celebration of the Novus Ordo Mass as we know it has questionable origins in relation to what we know as the extraordinary form and because the Novus Ordo Mass as such been greatly abused.

The scope of this article is insufficient for me to give even an overview about my own personal opinions about these matters. However, I would like to propose a few thoughts for everyone's personal reflection this week:

- 1) Latin is and always has been the official language of the Roman Catholic Church. So even if we prefer the use of the vernacular language Latin should nevertheless have a place in our faith and in the way we worship-including within the Novus Ordo.
- 2) There is a high degree of rich symbolism and great use of beautiful elements in the Latin Mass which enrich our worship of God if we understand them.
- 3) Pope Francis' rationale for limiting this permission is due to his personal belief that the celebration of the Mass in the extraordinary form is divisive among the people of God rather than unifying. There are legitimate counter-arguments to this point, one being that when the ritual and language are the same everywhere throughout the world this actually unifies the Church.
- 4) The heart and soul of the problem people in general have with the Novus Ordo Mass (which leads them to the extraordinary form) is typically twofold:
 - a. First, many have found that there is a serious missing sense of reverence, the sacred, and that Mass, which by its nature is sacred worship, in practice is cheapened and reduced to being a form of entertainment or service to God's people rather than focused on God.
 - b. Second, theologically speaking there is a very strong argument in favor of the extraordinary form of the Mass not only being acceptable but actually being a more appropriate or proper way for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be celebrated. This is not to say (as some do) that the Novus Ordo is an invalid form of the Mass or not as valuable. Mass is Mass. But we do need to consider that everything in our faith is rooted in tradition and all of our practices ordinarily emerge from what you would call an "organic" growth. However, the degree to which the Novus Ordo emerged as a result of this type of organic growth is unclear.

- 5) "Liturgy" is defined as "the work of the people" as in the work of the people gathered together into a community of faith in order to worship God. So it is the responsibility of every Catholic-not just the clergy-to do their part to ensure that every single celebration of the Mass is as prayerful and reverent as possible.
- 6) In conjunction with point #5, there is a saying about our faith with respect to prayer and the liturgy-"Lex orandi, lex credende", which means, "As we worship, so we believe" Worshipping impacts and influences us such that it can make or break our faith. If it is done prayerfully and diligently, people grow to be on fire with their faith. If not, they begin to lose it and even if they continue to go through the motions, interiorly, their faith is dead.
- 7) When the Second Vatican Council spoke about the people of God having "active participation" in the liturgy, it was not speaking about literally doing stuff. While there is certainly a pragmatic dimension to the operation of the Mass and help is often needed to facilitate its celebration, participating in the celebration of Mass has to do with the spiritual state of being in which one finds oneself. In order to actively participate in Mass, what we need to do above all is to make absolutely sure that we are in a "state of grace", i.e., not aware of any mortal sins we have committed that has/have not yet been confessed.
- 8) The sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is extremely unpopular in today's day and age. Many people struggle with going, they don't like to go, and many think and feel that they can appeal to God directly for forgiveness. God is most definitely that merciful but He has also asked us to make approaching Him through Confession the normal way by which we receive His mercy. So all of us struggling sinners really ought to make confessing our sins a normal and regular way of living out/practicing our faith as it pertains to our participation in Mass.

I hope these points are helpful as we continue to reflect on our faith and its central celebration this week.

In Him,

Fr. D

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – "It just makes his role as pastor easier...he is not like the Lone Ranger...trying to lead people by himself. When people get involved, they take ownership for their parish. It can only strengthen and help the good works that already happen within a parish." *Rev. Roger C. Gagne*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
TUE	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
WED	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
THU	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5, 6; Lk 5:1-11
FRI	Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39
SAT	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
SUN	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

PARKING AT ST. EUGENE'S – Please note that St. Eugene Church's parking lot is accessed from the rear. In other words, use the driveway to the left of the Rectory, follow it behind the Rectory, and enter the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!



The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Aug 28 **Vigil Mass**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Emile Guilbault**
 (15th Anniversary)
 by his Family
 &
In Memory of John Emidy
 (17th Anniversary)
 by his Wife & Family
- Sep 04 **Vigil Mass**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Geoffrey Langelier**
 (7th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)
 by his Wife, Daughter & Family
 &
In Memory of Dennis Chartier
 (1st Anniversary)
 by Andy & Donna

SANCTUARY LAMP – This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Church.

WEEKDAY MASSES – Beginning the first full week of September, weekday Masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 7:45 am. Monday, Friday and Saturday morning Masses will remain at St. Eugene Church.



PRAYER MINISTRY - Would you like to join the “prayer warriors of St. Joseph Church”? Do you know someone who could use a special prayer? Would you like someone to pray for you? If so, please call Pauline at 401-568-5644.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	08/22/21
Regular Collection	\$1,604.00
Mail-Ins	\$935.00
Monthly Collection	\$320.00
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$223.94
Dino’s Community Receipt Fund	\$47.07
Assumption	\$4.62
Total Operating	\$3,134.63
Peter’s Pence	\$15.00

Each week, our parish requires a minimum Total Operating Revenue of \$3,850.00 to meet our budgeted expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you.

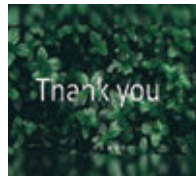
UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 5	Monthly Collection
September 12	Fuel Collection
September 19	Priests’ Retirement Fund

PLEASE JOIN US – At St. Eugene’s Church, 1251 Putnam Pike on Sunday, September 19th from 4-7 pm for an afternoon of food, fellowship and healing prayers. **Keep Holy the Sabbath** will include Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and time devoted to learn about the secret blessings and powers of the Church. Be sure to mark your calendars to be part of a powerful afternoon of prayer and fellowship.

BOOK OF INTENTIONS – The Book of Intentions is once again available--on the left side altar on the beautiful hand-made wooden stand. Please utilize it to record your special intentions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) PAYMENTS may be made on line via Parish Giving. In addition, RE registration forms may be accessed via the St. Eugene website <https://www.sainteugeneschurch.com>



GROUNDSKEEPING – Thank you to all the volunteers who have weeded, seeded, planted, pruned, and mowed throughout the spring and summer. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and are appreciated.

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