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Quo Vadis?

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QUO VADIS?

Kevin McLaughlin

Quo Vadis? (Where are you going?) An odd name for a newsletter but nevertheless with an interesting back story.

An early non-canonical (albeit edifying) tradition says that as Peter was leaving Rome to avoid persecution, he met our Lord and asked Him, “Domine, Quo Vadis?” Jesus answered that He was going to Rome to be crucified again. Peter headed back to Rome and tradition tells us that he requested to be crucified on an upside-down cross—unworthy of being crucified in the same manner as our Lord.

Henryk Sienkiewicz gives us a great picture of this in his classic book under the title we borrowed from him. I do a little review for you later on in the newsletter.

Quo Vadis? It’s a question each of us is called to answer. Do we follow the narrow path of Tradition trod by the saints of old that lead us in the footsteps of our Savior or do we take an easier path that leads to destruction?

As for our attempt at this newsletter, with *Quo Vadis?* as our theme, we have some goals:

- To show you where our Una Voce chapter has been and where it is going.

- To bring us all closer together in spite of the forces that desire to rip us apart.
- To introduce others to the rich tradition of our Catholic Faith—especially the TLM.
- And to inspire each of us as we continue in our struggle to follow our Lord.

Please give us comments and yes, criticisms. We know your time is precious and we don’t want to waste it. We want you to be involved, to send us articles, and to be a part of the project. May this work advance the Faith, *per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum!*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

L. J. Hammonds

We’d like to thank each and every one of our members for your support and prayers! It’s been quite a year and in spite of the obvious difficulties we’ve been able by the grace of God to:

- Re-invigorate support for Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapter, Una Voce
- Reestablish our Una Voce website (www.unavocejax.org) and first Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/unavocejax>)
- Print and share new business cards for the chapter at the parishes/chapel with a Traditional Latin Mass
- Offer up more prayers for our priests through our monthly calendar

- Supply an Altar Missal for the Immaculate Conception parish
- Disseminate the availability of the TLM to our mailing list and on our website for all in the Diocese to see

As servants of Our Lady, we continue to ask for her help so that the Kingdom of her Son may be established on earth through the Mass of All Ages. Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Ora pro nobis!*

To continue this good work, we need your prayers and support in 2021. Our first 2021 meeting will most likely be on the third Sunday of January. Details will be forthcoming. I hope to see you there.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Kevin McLaughlin

Our account balance as of Dec. 16, 2020 is \$ [REDACTED]. We have 30 active members. 2021 dues are \$10 per family and due in January.

You can write a check to "Kevin McLaughlin" and send to [REDACTED]. I will then transfer the funds to our Una Voce account.

PRIEST TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

L. J. Hammonds

There is an upcoming opportunity for any priest in our diocese who desires to learn how to offer the Traditional Latin Mass.

Details can be found in this link:

<https://unavoceofga.blogspot.com/2020/12/priest-training-for-latin-mass.html>

In summary, the FSSP is offering a training program at their seminary in Nebraska from May 17-21, 2021. The cost is \$400. Scholarships are available and we may be able to help cover some of the costs as well. Contact me if interested.

PARISH NEWS

Births/Weddings/Deaths/Prayer Requests/ Special Events

On Monday, November 9th, the homeschooling co-op that meets at St. Michael's filled out and sent Christmas cards to soldiers/sailors/airmen who go

to one of the TLM's in the Diocese of St. Augustine or have a family member who does. Children from St. Edward's and Immaculate Conception also had an opportunity to fill out cards. In total the children filled out seventy-seven cards to send to nine men on active duty.



We are sure there are more active duty men (and women) associated with the Latin Mass community. Please consider submitting their names to Katherine Owens in time for Christmas card-sending season in 2021. This was a fun activity that the children enjoyed; so, it is a win-win situation for the children and the soldiers.

Lt. Smith was delighted to receive so many cards!

Specialist Owens asked that the children know reading the cards Christmas morning brightened his day. He sends you his thanks!

St. Edward's

Fr. Donovan will bless water you bring with you at an Epiphany Vigil, Tuesday, January 5th at 6:30pm.

On Sunday, January 31st (Septuagesima Sunday) there will be an "Alleluia" burying ceremony. Here are two articles talking about the Medieval roots of this practice: [How to bury the Alleluia before Lent \(aleteia.org\)](http://aleteia.org) and [Library : Burying the Alleluia: Burning Strawmen, Mourning Choirboys | Catholic Culture](http://Library:Burying the Alleluia: Burning Strawmen, Mourning Choirboys | Catholic Culture).

Fr. Donovan will bless candles for your home on Candlemas, Tuesday, February 2nd at the 6pm Mass. Please bring candles that are at least 51% beeswax. One place you can buy candles is here: <https://stjohnsbookstore.com/>.

See Mass Schedule for special non-Sunday Masses in January.

Immaculate Conception

Fr. Jude Nwachukwu is now on the rotation for the 8:00 am TLM. In his first homily he mentioned that he learned to say the TLM from his father. There are no special non-Sunday Masses scheduled for January.

St. Joseph's

Picture of the December 23rd Rorate Caeli Mass:



No special news for January.

St. Michael's

The January *Ora et Labora* 1st Saturday workday has been postponed to Saturday, January 9th.

St. Patrick's

Starting January 2nd, Fr. Liguori will be offering a Latin Mass at 12noon on the 1st Sunday of the month. More monthly Sunday Masses is dependent on the number of attendees.

See Mass Schedule for special non-Sunday Masses in January.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Dispensation from Mass Attendance

Because of the virus, the Bishop has dispensed with Catholics obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days. If you are quarantined or due to underlying conditions, that make it unwise for you to venture into public places are attending Mass less frequently, the following links provide live-streamed Latin Masses!

Although these do not replace the obligation to attend Mass, they do provide a way to spiritually attend Mass and pray for the priest's intentions.

LiveMass.net

SSPX.to to Offer Live Streamed Daily Mass for Faithful during Coronavirus - District of the USA

LatinMass.live: The live-updating index of Live-Streaming Latin Masses

Right to Life March

The St. Augustine Right to Life March will take place on Saturday, January 16th. The March begins at 10:30am. For more information, please go here:

<https://www.marchforlifestaugustine.com/>.

If you attend, please consider submitting photos or an article for the February issue. Thank you!

OUR LADY SPEAKS

Our Lady appeared to Blessed Alan de la Roche (1428-1475), a Dominican, and implored him to preach about Her Rosary.

When you say your Rosary the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess.

One of the fifteen promises given to Blessed Alan is, "The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish."

What an amazing treasure we have in the Rosary!

ASK FATHER

Father, what is the protocol for asking for a Mass intention? I know they can be for the living or the deceased; but is it better for a Mass intention to be submitted for the anniversary of the date of someone's passing or for their birthday? And what about non-Catholic family or friends, can we ask for a Mass to be celebrated for them too?

Any Catholic may offer up the Mass in which he or she participates for any good intention. Certainly, graces will accrue in accordance with the intensity of that person's participation and sincerity. This is a genuine exercise of the royal or common priesthood of the faithful.

However, the custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when

one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church.

This is because the Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the interior life and the very life of the Catholic Church. Every time Mass is celebrated, the sacrifice of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Calvary is re-presented in an unbloody manner affording the priest celebrant and all congregants who participate in the Mass an infinite amount of sanctifying grace. That grace can be applied to specific intentions, whether of the priest celebrant or the faithful.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, whether it be a person(s), living or dead, baptized or not, or a special need such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died, someone living, or a special need. Every parish pastor is required, by Canon Law, to offer at least one Mass on Sunday for the needs and intentions of his parishioners (Can. 534 §1).

Often the Mass intention is requested by a parishioner for the repose of the soul of a loved one. When a parishioner requests that a Mass be offered for a specific intention, and the priest agrees to celebrate the Mass for that intention, then the priest has a most serious obligation to offer the Mass for that intention. It is a good and pious custom for the faithful to make an offering, usually about 10 dollars, to the priest who celebrates the Mass. The 10 dollars does not buy a Mass! Masses and graces are not for sale. Rather, the 10 dollars is a gesture of solicitude to the priest for his upkeep.



Fr. Liguori

In this section, we would like to provide a space where you can ask questions of our priests and they provide an answer. We would like the questions to avoid anything of a confessional or private nature. The above is an example of the type question we thought you could ask. Please submit your question to either editor and we'll send them to our priests and print the question with answer in the newsletter after one of them provides an answer. It is possible several of our priests will want to respond to the questions.

WHERE IN THE DOUAY?

Which major prophet in the O.T. wrote the following?

Say to them: As I live, saith the Lord God, I desire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way, and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways: and why will you die, O house of Israel?

First correct responder gets a mention in the next newsletter!

****Submit your guesses to Kevin McLaughlin****

BOOK REVIEWS

Quo Vadis by Henryk Sienkiewicz
Submitted by Kevin McLaughlin

5 stars! A classic of fiction set during the time of Nero. Sienkiewicz gives us a masterful picture of what it may have been like living in Rome during the time of the first apostles. The novel tackles the same questions that we are dealing with today as we see the totalitarian Left rise to persecute the Faith. Why are the wicked allowed to rule? What does it mean to live by faith and not by sight? Can a Catholic survive against a Juggernaut?

From the Depths of Our Hearts: Priesthood, Celibacy, and the Crisis of the Catholic Church by Benedict XVI & Robert Cardinal Sarah
Submitted by Katherine Owens

I started this book right after finishing Cardinal Sarah's book, *The Power of Silence* because I wanted a continuation of his theological take on Francis's papacy. There was a lot of speculation in the early part of the year that this was Benedict XVI's response to Francis's Amazon Synod;

however, he wrote his chapter last fall before the Synod started, so in fact, he was writing with an eye to what he thought would happen. Cardinal Sarah's chapter is a response to the Synod.

"The Catholic Priesthood" by Benedict XVI can be boiled down to the following comments I wrote on the chapter's title page, "the history and meaning of the priesthood," and "theological focus." While, Cardinal Sarah's "Loving to the End: An Ecclesiological and Pastoral Look at Priestly Celibacy," has an emphasis on pastoral; I wrote this, "practical priesthood" and "priests = bridegroom = men; the Church = bride = women." Benedict's chapter is very rich in detail and dense as I've come to expect from his writings, but the only portion of his chapter that I starred is:

The priest must be upright, fearless and prepared to sustain even insults for the Lord, as referred to in the *Acts of the Apostles*: they were 'rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name' of Jesus (5:41).

How many priests today would be willing to "suffer dishonor for the name of Jesus"?

Cardinal Sarah's writing is a more pedestrian, and therefore requires fewer brain cells working overtime to enjoy, and I felt as though he really shined in this chapter with his impassioned defense of the priesthood. I starred several of his passages, here is but one, "The priesthood, to repeat the words of the Curé of Ars, is the love of the heart of Jesus."

I highly recommend this book. Some of it is information we already know, but there is enough material and arguments in defense of a celibate priesthood to warrant more than one reading.

CHURCH SYMBOLISM

"Liturgical Colors"

Submitted by Katherine Owens

Literacy is so commonplace these days, we forget that Biblical and Church history were once taught through pictures and symbolism. For example, there are two sets of candles on the altar (high and low); if the lower candles are lit, Mass will be a Low Mass, but if the higher/taller candles are lit, a High or Solemn Mass will be celebrated. Church linen

and the priest's vestments have the same subtle symbolism and they should match (colors, I mean).

Liturgical colors have been fixed since the time of Pope St. Pius V (1566-1572): white, black, red, green, purple/violet, (and rose). The first five are the official Church colors.

- White is purity or innocence
- Black is death
- Red is passion or sacrifice
- Green is hope or joy
- Purple is royalty, or in a church setting, penance
- Rose in a church setting is rejoicing

Therefore, a priest's vestment signals the type feast or position of the day in the liturgical year:

- Advent = purple (Gaudete Sunday can be rose, "Rose Sunday"/rose candle)
- Christmas (and season) = white
- The Holy Innocents = purple (although martyrs unless Dec. 28th falls on a Sunday, purple for penance is worn, but red on a Sunday)
- Sundays after Epiphany = white or green (the first Sunday after Epiphany is a white Sunday because it is within the Octave of the feast, and the rest are green)
- Septuagesima, etc./Lent = purple (except Laetare Sunday, "Rose Sunday")
- Good Friday = black
- Easter (and season) = white
- Whit Eve = purple
- Pentecost (and octave days) = red
- Days after Pentecost = green
- Trinity Sunday = white
- Feast of Corpus Christi (and octave days + the Feast of the Sacred Heart) = white
- Sundays after Pentecost = white and green (white vestments on Sunday up to the 3rd or 4th Sunday after Pentecost [depending on your missal], then green)

In addition to Good Friday, black is worn at Requiem Masses or other masses for the dead.

With the noted exception above, red is worn for feasts of martyrs.

In addition to Our Lord's feasts, white is worn for Our Lady and St. Joseph, as well as virgins, feasts of angels, non-martyred saints, confessors, etc.

Purple is worn on Ember days (March, September, December). The Pentecost Ember days are within the Octave and therefore red is worn.

Other colors are prohibited although it is very common to see liturgical colors heavily covered over with gold, which is acceptable, as gold has such royal connotations.

BUDDING JOURNALISTS

“The All Saints Day Party”
Submitted by [REDACTED], age 9

On All Saints Day we had a party, a big party. We dressed up as saints and let people guess who we were. We had a hay dive [to find candy] and a hay ride. It was a very fun party!

“St. Edward’s First Gaudete Sunday Party”
Submitted by [REDACTED], age 16

December 13th was a day of much celebration in honor of St. Lucy’s feast day. At the parish of St. Edward in Starke, that is exactly what we did. After a beautiful High Mass, the families congregated in the hall and we began the festivities. A Swedish themed lunch was served before the kids were to hear about St. Lucy. The story started and they learned about the life and plight of St. Lucy. Where she was born, how she helped her mother to conversion, and how she died. Moreover, they heard of how the traditions revolving around her feast day began. As the story ended, I dressed up like St. Lucy and went to visit and greet the families.

Soon following, we sang Lo! How A Rose E’er Blooming, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and O Come Divine Messiah. Afterward, there were cinnamon buns served, crafts colored, and wheat grass seeds planted for the tradition of planting Christmas wheat. The kids then went outside to play as the adults conversed over coffee. Overall, it was a beautiful day to celebrate St. Lucy with the families that came.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES Katherine Owens, Kevin McLaughlin

Deadline to submit news, articles, information, or Mass schedule changes for **the February newsletter is January 25th**.

- Please submit list of Mass times/locations to Kevin McLaughlin.
- Please submit names of faithful priests who need prayers to Katherine Owens.
- Parish news for Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick’s, and St. Joseph’s should be submitted to Kevin McLaughlin.
- Parish news for St. Michael’s and St. Edward’s should be submitted to Katherine Owens.
- All other information can be sent to both or either editor.

Articles longer than 500 words may be edited or split between two newsletter issues at the discretion of the editors.

As there are few outlets for homeschooled children to see their writings “in print,” we would like to include at least one child’s submission each issue (homeschooling is not a pre-requisite however). So, if you have a budding author at home, please encourage them to write up an article for inclusion!

2021

CALENDAR YEAR

JANUARY

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Traditional
Latin Mass
Schedule

*See our Website for full names and websites of the Churches

Una Voce of N.E.
Florida<http://www.unavocejax.org/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
					HOLY DAY: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God St. Michael's 6:00 pm (High)	FIRST SATURDAY: St. Michael's 9:00 am; St. Patrick's 10:00 am
03 St. Michael's 7:30 am; I.C. 8:00 am; St. Michael's 10:00 am; St. Joseph's 12:00 pm; St. Patrick's 12:00 pm; St. Michael's 4:00 pm	04 St. Patrick's 6:30 am	05 St. Patrick's 6:30 am	06 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: St. Patrick's 6:00 pm St. Edward's 6:30 pm	07	08 St. Michael's 6:00 pm	09 St. Michael's 9:00 am
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St. Augustine our
patron, Ora pro nobis!

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01 1. Fr. John Sollee 2. Fr. Mark Vernoy	02 1. Fr. Philip Mayer 2. Fr. Mark Vernoy
03 1. Fr. Conrad Cowart 2. Fr. Jude Nwachukwu	04 Msgr. Mortimer Danaher	05 Fr. Michael Donovan	06 Fr. Pierre Duverger	07 Fr. Samuel Fabula	08 Fr. Philip Gagan	09 Fr. Sebastian George
10 1. Fr. Sean Gerrity 2. Fr. David Ruchinski	11 Fr. Rodolfo Godinez	12 Fr. James Haynos	13 Fr. Briggs Hurley	14 Fr. Joshua Jacobs	15 Fr. David Keegan	16 Fr. Joseph Kuhlman
17 1. Fr. Christopher Liguori 2. Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil	18 Msgr. Daniel Logan	19 Fr. Clay Ludwig	20 Seminarist Esteban Merkt	21 Fr. William Mooney	22 Fr. Edward Murphy	23 Fr. Denis O'Shaughnessy
24 1. Fr. Charles Padathuruthy 2. Fr. Stephen Zehler	25 Fr. Dilip Pally	26 Fr. Frederick Parke	27 Fr. Martin Arokie Raj	28 Fr. Richard Rasch	29 Fr. Darius Sleszynski	30 Deacon MacHill
31 His Excellency, Bishop Felipe Estevez	01	02	03	04	05	06