

Latin Mass Newsletter Fredericksburg Texas



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Latin Mass Request Update

It has been three years since our first request to have the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite celebrated at St. Mary's in Fredericksburg. It has been a frustrating experience for all. With St Pius the X in San Antonio the only Traditional Mass in the diocese, we have been cast off, relegated to a place in the diocese that separates us from the Catholic community in which we live. We wish to be united with our parish.

On September 8, 2011 the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a request for assistance was mailed to His Eminence William Cardinal Levada, President Pontificia Commissio "Ecclesia Dei" Rome, Italy.



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

September 14, 2011 will mark
be the fourth anniversary of
when the *Summorum
Pontificum* came into effect.

If you have any news, photos,
comments, suggestions or
something to share please contact
me.

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Letter to His Eminence William Cardinal Levada

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September 8, 2011

His Eminence William Cardinal Levada, President
Pontificia Commissio "Ecclesia Dei"
Palazzo della Congr. per la Dottrina della Fede
Piazza del S Uffizio, 11
00193 Roma
Italy

Your Eminence,

I am writing as a representative of a stable group of laymen at St. Mary's Parish in Fredericksburg, TX, a parish of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, TX in the United States of America that has been requesting, since September 2008, that the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite be celebrated here at St Mary's Parish. It has been a hardship for many families to travel over 70 miles to the city of San Antonio where the only Traditional Latin Mass in the entire Archdiocese is offered.

In September of 2008 several parishioners wrote Msgr. McKenna letters requesting the Mass in the extraordinary form. After waiting over 2 months and having not received any response, I made a personal visit to see Msgr. McKenna. The culmination of this meeting was that Msgr. McKenna asked if I would give him more time to discern, to which I agreed. After waiting 14 months for Msgr. McKenna to discern and again not receiving any response I contacted him by phone in November 24, 2009 and asked him if he had made a decision. Msgr. McKenna's response was "No decision." After our phone conversation I did not hear from Msgr. McKenna. Pursuant to Article 7 of *Summorum Pontificum*, on February 15, 2010 we made a written request for Mass in the extraordinary form to Archbishop Jose Gomez, still the Archbishop of San Antonio at this time. From Archbishop Gomez we received no reply.

On March 16th, 2011 I mailed another petition from our group with 35 signatures on it to Msgr. McKenna. I did receive a written reply on April 7, 2011. Msgr. McKenna stated he was away for several weeks and did not have the opportunity to study our proposal and that he had to contact Bishop Garcia-Siller, but would not be able to meet with him until after Easter and again asked to allow him a little more time. After two months and no response from Msgr. McKenna a letter was sent to Archbishop Garcia-Siller. On May 20, 2011 we made a written request for Mass in the extraordinary form to Archbishop Garcia-Siller. From Archbishop Garcia-Siller we received no reply. Approximately two weeks after having written His Excellency, Archbishop Gustavo, we received a response from Msgr. McKenna. He stated that our request was not practical or feasible. A copy of this letter is enclosed. Having begun the process of requesting the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite to be offered at our home Parish since September of 2008, we have concluded that our rights as Catholic faithful guaranteed by *Summorum Pontificum* have been disregarded.

Enclosed are letters from members of our group, our petition and Msgr. McKenna's response. We therefore humbly renew for Your Excellency our request that we, the parishioners of St. Mary's in Fredericksburg who share this desire, may finally attend the Mass in the extraordinary form at St. Mary's Parish every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. We respectfully request your assistance in carrying out the will of the Holy Father as laid out in his Motu Proprio "Summorum Pontificum" and in the Instruction "Universae Ecclesiae."

Asking the blessing of Your Eminence, I am,
Yours respectfully in Christ,

Kevin R. Vreeland

Enclosures

Another time change for the

Latin Mass at St. Pius X in San Antonio, Texas

On Sunday August 21, 2011 Fr Moses of Jesus announced he has received permission from his superiors to say the Traditional Latin Mass at 12:10 p.m. on Sundays. **Effective September 11, 2011 the Traditional Latin Mass at St. Pius X San Antonio, TX will be at 12:10 p.m.** We are thankful for all those responsible who made accommodations to facilitate this change in the Mass time.

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News from around Texas

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

From the website: FSSP Houston.org

Through the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and with the permission of Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo of the archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, the Catholic Faithful of the archdiocese have been blessed with the opportunity of working, praying, and sacrificing towards the creation of a Catholic parish where the Extraordinary Form of the Mass and all the sacraments will be used exclusively in full union with our Holy Mother the Church. Let us continue to invoke the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and all the Saints for the success of this important project. Already preliminary drawings are being drafted for the Master Plan using the Texas Mission style for the general layout. A beautiful 40 acres parcel of land has been donated for this new Traditional Latin Mass Parish which will eventually have a full parish complex including a traditional style church, rectory, parish hall with room for a retirement facility, retreat house, and possibly a parish school. With 40 acres of land located near Breen and Fairbanks N. Houston, there will be many possibilities for the future.

On September 4th, the FSSP began celebrating the Extraordinary Form of the Mass in the Houston area at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

**ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON
6646 ADDICKS-SATSUMA RD
HOUSTON, TX 77084**

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 11 A.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

In the Parish Church

Monday through Friday 6:30am

Saturday 7:30am

St. Louis Catholic Church Waco, Texas

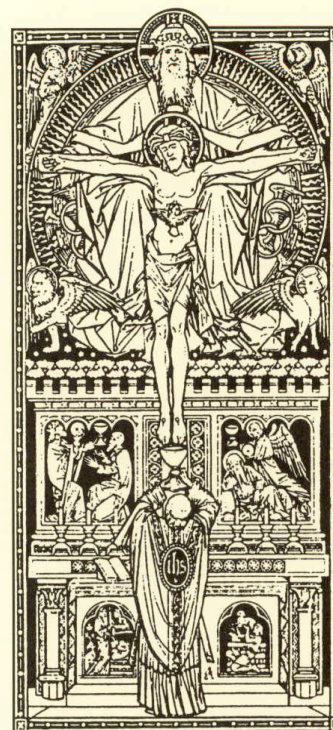
What wonderful pastoral care, an excerpt from the July-August St. Gregory Society newsletter.

Keep in your prayers Fr. Justin Nguyen, the new associate pastor at St. Louis Church who has graciously agreed to learn the extraordinary form of the Roman rite in order to celebrate a weekly Sunday Mass. Like the early Church, "pray without ceasing" for this noble intention and for the fine and supportive priests at St. Louis.

St. Mary's Cathedral Austin, Texas

On Sunday September 4th Rev Gregory Hanks celebrated his first High Mass at the Cathedral Rev Hanks is the Pastor of St Mary Catholic Church in Wimberly. Thank you Rev. Hanks. Mass in the extraordinary form at the Cathedral in Austin is at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday.

Request From Ecuador



Misalito Latin-Español

PARA REZAR LA MISA TRADICIONAL

Latin Mass Spanish Books are needed in the Archdiocese of Guayaquil, Ecuador. These books will be purchased and when Fr Kloster returns at Christmastide he will take them back with him to Ecuador. If anyone wishes to make a contribution toward the purchase of these books please contact:

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