

Welcome to the Traditional Latin Mass

Community of St. Joseph Catholic Church



If this is your first Traditional Latin Mass, or your first one in many years – Welcome!

Here are a few things that might help:

1. The Latin Mass is like sipping a fine wine or perfect steak, it takes time to gain an appreciation. Don't expect to understand much the first visit.



2. Let yourself be an observer. Watch the priest, servers, and those around you. Listen to the choir. Don't focus on trying to follow along at first.

3. Don't be afraid of making a "mistake," we all have. Sit behind someone else and follow their gestures and movement to know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

4. Low Mass and High Mass – a Low Mass will only have two candles lit on the altar and the congregation kneels for the majority of the Mass. A High Mass will have six candles lit, and will include singing and incense.



5. The priest is facing towards God (in the Tabernacle) when praying and reciting the readings, and only turns to the congregation when he is addressing us. He is leading us to God and faces in the same direction to lead us in prayer.

6. Communion is received on the tongue while kneeling. If you have trouble kneeling, you may stand at the altar rail to receive Our Lord.

7. There are many great resources on the Internet to help you understand the Latin Mass, but don't hesitate to seek out our celebrant or one of the ushers for assistance.

Most importantly – we are grateful that you have joined us in worship of our Lord and hope that you will come back again!

Pax Christi!

Parking is available in the lot directly across from St. Joseph's Church, in the school parking lot located on the corner of Vine & Mulberry Streets, and in the loop around the church. If you park in the loop around the church, kindly leave promptly after Holy Mass, so as not to block anyone in.

Materials for the Traditional Latin Mass are available in the Communications Center located in the left rear of the church by the image of the Pietá. There you will find Adoremus hymnals & the Parish Book of Chant books, red missalettes that contain the Ordinary texts side-by-side in Latin and English, bulletins with the proper texts/readings for Holy Mass, and chapel veils.



Newsletter

The Lancaster Latin Mass Community publishes a weekly newsletter. To receive this newsletter, please go to LancasterLatinMass.com and click on the newsletter sign-up link on the homepage.

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SCHEDULE AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Masses

Sunday 1:00 p.m.
Holy Days 12:00 noon

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sunday: 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Rosary

Prayed every Sunday
12:30 p.m.

Daily Masses at Holy Family Chapel

Located at Historic St. Mary's Church
119 South Prince Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Masses

Tuesday – Friday 7:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Rosary & Confessions

Weekdays 7:05 a.m.
Saturday 7:35 a.m.

Monthly Potluck Social

Please join us for fellowship and a potluck meal on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Social Hall immediately following Mass.

Please bring something to share if you are able. Crockpots welcome! Consider bringing an appetizer, main dish, side dish, dessert or beverage.