

Catechism of the Crisis in the Church “The New Mass”

63) What should we think of celebrating Mass facing the people?

The purpose of celebrating Mass facing the people is to present it as a meal (the altar for such Masses generally takes the form of a table); the priest is in this case the one who is at the head of the table, and naturally he turns towards the people. But since the Mass is not essentially a meal, this practice should be rejected. Moreover, celebration facing the people gives the impression of a purely worldly ceremony in which man is at the center. Prayer becomes more difficult, for this human face to face is not oriented towards the Lord (*ad Dominum*).

- **Is not the Mass facing the people a return to the usages of the early Church?**

It is in reality very doubtful that the Mass was said facing the people during Christian antiquity. But even were that the case, a return to liturgical forms abandoned long ago would not be a good thing. Such an attitude goes against true tradition (which is attached to what has been *transmitted* [in Latin, *tradere*], and not to what has been discarded). It constitutes what Pius XII in his Encyclical *Mediator Dei* denounced as *archaeologism*, an “exaggerated and senseless antiquarianism.”

- **Did Pius XII elaborate on his condemnation of “archaeologism”?**

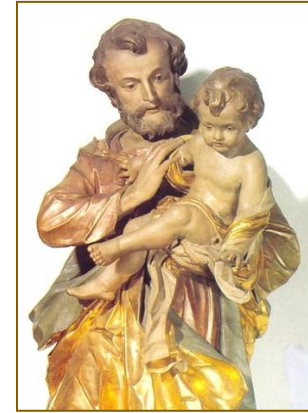
Pius XII explained:

“The liturgy of early ages is worthy of veneration; but an ancient custom is not to be considered better, either in itself or in relation to later times and circumstances, just because it has the flavour of antiquity...The desire to restore everything indiscriminately to its ancient condition is neither wise nor praiseworthy. It would be wrong, for example, to want the altar restored to its ancient form of a table; to want black eliminated from liturgical colours, and pictures and statues eliminated from our churches; to require crucifixes that do not represent the bitter sufferings of the divine Redeemer.... ...Just as obviously unwise and mistaken is the zeal of one who in matters liturgical would go back to the rites and usage of antiquity, discarding the new patterns introduced by disposition of divine Providence to meet the changes of circumstances and situation.”

It should also be added that the liturgical practices of antiquity are only imperfectly known. Those who pretend to be reverting to them run the risk of falling into many errors.

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Thursdays: 10:30-10:50am
First Fridays: 6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays: 8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices

Sunday 5th November: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost, (II cl)

8:00 am	Low Mass	ACI: J. Concepcion	ACII: A. Cofini
10:30 am	Sung Mass		
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction		

Second Collection FLOWERS

Monday 6th November: Feria, (IV cl)

7:15 am	Low Mass
8:50 am	Benediction
6:00 pm	Rosary

Tuesday 7th November: Feria, (IV cl)

7:15 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction followed by Low Mass

Wednesday 8th November: Feria, (IV cl) *Four Holy Crowned Martyrs, Mm*

5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass

Thursday 9th November: Dedication of the Basilica of Our Saviour (St John Lateran), (II cl) *St Theodore, M*

7:15 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Holy Hour followed by Low Mass

Friday 10th November: St Andrew Avellino, C, (III cl) *Ss Tryphon, Respicus & Nympha, VMms*

7:15 am	Low Mass
8:50 am	Low Mass

Saturday 11th November: St Martin of Tours, BC, (III cl) *St Mennas, M*

7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass followed by Novena to the Infant of Prague

Sunday 12th November: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost, (II cl)

8:00 am	Low Mass	ACI: M. Massoud	ACII: A. Scarf
10:30 am	Sung Mass		
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction		

Altar Servers' Roster – 10:30am Sung Mass Sunday 12th November 2017

MC:	I. Bril	ACII:	M. Didic
TH:	J. Pepping	CB:	K. Goldsmith
BB:	L. Pepping	TB:	L. Pepping
ACI:	S. Pepping	TB:	S. Bril

Parish Help

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 11th November: Mrs Fredericks and Mrs Stephenson

Morning Tea: Sunday 12th November:

8:00am	Mr & Mrs Mezzano Coffee – Stephanie Mezzano
10:30am	Mr & Mrs Down Coffee – Isabella Amituanai

Announcements

In your charity please pray for the souls of:

Antonio Rossi; James Ryan; Helen Nitariski; Edilberto Villafuerte; William Gough; James Martin; Suzanne Perez; Edith Margaret Molloy; Sydney Banner; Fides Roman; Fr. Edmond Louis Wery.

Other Mass Centres Next Sunday 12th November, 2017

Dubbo: 9:00 am	Singleton: 10:00 am	
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Novena for the protection of the Family:

Fr Fullerton has requested a 30 day Rosary novena for the District. A plebiscite regarding same sex marriage is presently underway here in Australia. The polls will close on Nov 7th and the novena will run from the Feast of the Holy Rosary Oct 7th until Nov 7th. We will ask for the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christian, Patroness of Australia, and for the protection of the family especially through the protection of marriage.

Month of November: November is especially dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Note well that on All Souls Day a plenary Indulgence may be gained applicable only for the Souls in Purgatory on the normal conditions and the recitation of an Our Father and a Creed in a Church. Similarly, a plenary Indulgence, applicable to the Holy Souls may be gained each day from the 1st to the 8th November by visiting a Cemetery and praying, even mentally, for the dead.

Feast of Christ the King. A profound thanks to all who in any way helped with the organization of a very beautiful day; as also to all who attended.

Friday Catechism: Classes for adults on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:20 pm.

Sunday Catechism: Classes today at 9:30.

100's Club: Congratulations to the winners of Round 10: **1.** #563 Mrs Poole \$2500 **2.** #846 Anonymous \$500 **3.** #752 Ronal Daher \$250. Thank you to all who participated.