

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

- **Doesn't the orientation of the Roman basilicas prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that in the early Christian era Mass was celebrated facing the people?**

On the contrary, it is quite likely that celebration facing the people never existed in antiquity. It is true that some basilicas give the impression that the priest celebrated Mass turned towards the people. In fact, he was turning towards the east and not the people. If the basilica were situated facing west, the priest would turn towards the east during the Canon because the rising sun was seen as a symbol of the risen Christ. The priest indeed had the people before him, but they also turned eastwards and so had the priest *behind* them. All prayed together *towards the Lord (ad Dominum)*.

- **Can it be said, then, that in Christian antiquity there was no celebration of Mass facing the people?**

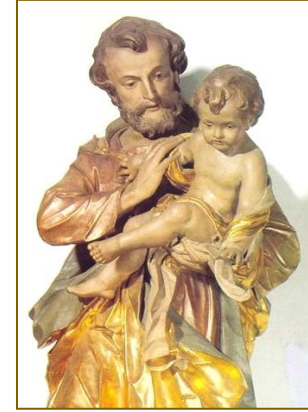
What is certain is that 1) this was not the general rule, and 2) if it ever happened, it was not done *with the intention* of putting the priest and the faithful face to face. The idea that the celebrant must face the people is of Lutheran origin; it does not appear earlier.

64) Is the New Mass valid?

The validity of the Mass depends on the validity of the consecration (transubstantiation of the bread into the Body of Christ and the wine into His Blood). The New Mass is valid if it is celebrated by a *validly ordained* priest who uses the *required* matter (wheaten bread and wine) while pronouncing the required *words* (those of the consecration) and having the required *intention*. The priest must indeed desire to do what Christ and the Church do during the celebration of Mass (he must be a conscious instrument at their service). Were he to deliberately oppose the Church's intention (by refusing, for example, to celebrate a sacrifice or by not intending to commemorate the Last Supper), the Mass would be invalid. Now, by the very fact that the new rite can easily be understood in a Protestant sense, it can also easily be used by priests who would no longer have the required intention for celebrating Mass. Such an eventuality is not in the least unlikely considering the totally false image of the Church, the priesthood, and the Mass that has been communicated to very many future priests in the new seminaries. Moreover, the use of any bread besides unleavened bread, or of any wine made of something else than the fruit of the vine, or the omission of the consecratory words would also render the Mass invalid.

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Confessions:

Sundays:	7:30-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays:	10:30-10:50am
First Fridays:	6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays:	8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices

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		

Second Collection
PARISH

Monday 13th November: St Didacus, C, (III cl)

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

Tuesday 14th November: St Josaphat, BM, (III cl)

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

Wednesday 15th November: St Albert the Great, BCD, (III cl)

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

Thursday 16th November: St Gertrude, V, (III cl)

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

Friday 17th November: St Gregory the Wonder Worker, BC, (III cl)

7:15 am	Low Mass
8:50 am	Low Mass
6:30 pm	Low Mass

Saturday 18th November: Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul, (III cl)

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

Sunday 19th November: Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, (II cl) *(6th Sunday after Epiphany)*

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

Altar Servers' Roster – 10:30am Sung Mass Sunday 19th November 2017

MCI:	A. Amituanai	ACII:	S. Amituanai
TH:	M. Didic	CB:	K. Goldsmith
BB:	N. Didic	TB:	R. Amituanai
ACI:	A. Cofini	TB:	I. Mamae

Parish Help

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 18th November: Babate

Morning Tea: Sunday 19th November:

8:00am	Mr & Mrs Santa Maria Coffee – Lucy Baxter
10:30am	Mr & Mrs Acosta Coffee – Isabelle Bril

Announcements

In your charity please pray for the souls of:

Antonio Rossi; James Ryan; Manfred Wilding; Marjory Bernice Johnston.

Other Mass Centres Next Sunday 19th November, 2017

Singleton: 10:00 am		
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Month of November: November is especially dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday Catechism: Classes today at 9:30.

Handmaids' and Altar Servers' Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 18th November from 7:15am to 2:30pm

"Christmas Market": Sunday, 19th and Sunday 26 November, St. Dominic Savio School will be proposing a variety of Christmas decorations and gifts, at wholesale price. All profits go to Holy Cross Seminary, Please be generous.