



Second Sunday in Advent



ALL: A thrilling voice by Jordan rings,
 Rebuking guilt and darksomethings: *
 Vain dreams of sin and visions fly:
 Christ in His might shines forth on high!

Priest: People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the
 nations; and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice
 to be heard in the joy of your heart.

Priest: (V) Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.
 People: (R) Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: (V) Glory be to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost.
 People: (R) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
 be world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare
 the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His
 coming we may be worthy to serve Him with purified minds.
 Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.
 (PRIEST LIGHTS SECOND CANDLE)



It is a mistake to believe that episcopal permissions to attend the traditional Tridentine Mass are genuine and given in the best interest of the restoration of that form of Roman Catholic worship. The insistent rumblings of the people have stretched the patience of some American Bishops into granting grudging permissions. Some bishops have asked agreeable priests to afford the people a very restricted service simply to satisfy their demands. And the bewildered people, hungry for the mass and the sacraments, interpret this concession as episcopal acquiescence, and are overjoyed at the wonderful benefaction. It can be judged a certitude that the American Bishops are not moving into an atmosphere conducive to the restoration of the Tridentine Mass! The return to some use of Latin in the liturgy of the new order means nothing - indeed! Restoration is not in the agenda of Catholic Church leadership. Restoration has to be out of the question for Catholic leadership, because it would then become for them a case of promoting two persuasions of the Sensus Catholicus, each of which is diametrically opposed to the other. It is not possible to serve two masters! The same must be said of the faithful. It is not possible to serve two masters. Either you serve the one and hate the other, etc. We speak here of two separate and distinct ways of Catholicism, and episcopal insistence on the new order of the mass has brought about the annihilation of the old order of mass - except in isolated places where independent priests continue the practice, in spite of opposition. Erroneously, the laity has been informed that the celebration of the Tridentine Mass has been forbidden by higher authority - - whoever that may be. Records indicate otherwise.

The mass is the most important act performed by man, and it affects every other act performed by man. Everything eventually stems from the Mass, and the faith that arises from the use of the mass -- old or new -- determines in great measure the condition of the world in which we live. The mass is the main pillar of support under the life that civilized man lives. Surely, there have always been troubles in the Roman Catholic Church and its dealings with governments and people, but the presence of the ageless act of worship to the Supreme and Almighty God has always been a support to those who continued to believe. The reverence for the mass gave the people reason to have reverence for their God, and for themselves. Such has it been for centuries since the time of Jesus of Nazareth. But in the last handful of years, the new order of the mass has witnessed convents emptied; monasteries emptied; seminaries emptied and full of heresy - many shutting down (- reason given - lack of vocations -- anyone who believes that vocations are cut short will believe almost anything!!); feminism running rabid; our sanctuaries denuded, and turned into assembly auditoriums; homosexuality married clergy, women clergy, altar girls, etc., becoming toprank clerical determinations; the so-called new "Catechism of the Catholic Church" which only two years ago was hailed as the answer to the ills of today's church, forgotten and gathering dust; the act of TRANSUBSTANTIATION turned into an act that is non-offensive to non-believers; and the list continues to grow. Then we must look at the age old authority of the pope. He no longer has any authority. It is no longer a simple insistence by the Sedevacantists that there is no pope. It has become a wholesale effort to destroy completely the papacy itself. Please note that this is not being perpetrated by the Sedevacantists, but by the highest echelon ecclesiastical powers in the very citadel of the Roman Catholic Church!!! The new order of the mass has relocated the center-piece of Catholic Worship - the TABERNACLE - and has relegated it to the broom closet - no less. A reason given for the relocation of the Tabernacle is that the worship of a God Who is locally present in the Tabernacle has become repugnant to the mind of modern man.

With all of this flying around in the vaulted halls where Roman Catholic Ecclesiastics meet, how, then, can the same be expected to give genuine devotion to the restoration of the old mass? The old mass stands the ever uncompromising enemy of all that today the episcopacy calls "catholic"! How can any priest give more than just weak lip service to any program that is in opposition to the underlying program of his diocese, and expect to remain in the good graces of his superiors and his peers?

In conclusion, given these circumstances, is it not reasonable to think that mentally honest people are forced to make a choice? Is it not reasonable to think that the choice must be complete, sincere, firm and final? Is it not a matter of choosing between that which is Catholic and that which is not Catholic? Has it not always been a principle that faith comes before obedience?