

## Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

A Solemn High Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite (according to the 1962 edition of the Roman Missal) is scheduled for Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, September 15, 2019, 3:00 pm. Fr. Daniel Geddes from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Vancouver, will be the celebrant.

As a simple explanation, in 2007 Pope Benedict XVI issued a document entitled "*Summorum Pontificum*" which gave priests anywhere around the world permission to celebrate the Mass using the 1962 Missal.

In his letter to bishops concerning the document, he explained that the liturgical tradition of the Roman Rite incorporated two forms – the ordinary, which we celebrate regularly, and the extraordinary, to which many have continued to be devoted. Both forms belong to the Roman Rite and are to be seen as the continual flow of the 2000-year liturgical tradition of the Church. The pope emphasized there was no fracture of the tradition at the Second Vatican Council.

Both forms are celebrated in Latin, although the current edition of the Roman Missal allows for vernacular languages to be used.

The Apostolic Letter, *Summorum Pontificum* was issued on July 7, 2007 and carried an effective date of September 14, 2007. Hence, 12 years after the letter's effective date, Mass will again be offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.

Members of the *UnaVoce* Prince George Chapter will be providing servers and a schola (choir). *UnaVoce* is a lay Catholic organization dedicated to Gregorian chant and polyphony in the Church and the incorporation of it in both forms of the Roman Rite. We will have a potluck dinner after the Solemn High Mass.

Liturgical catechesis and formation will be provided prior to September 15.