

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &
MASS SCHEDULE

13 NOVEMBER 2016
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

SUN 13 Nov	Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 14 Nov	Saint Josaphat <i>Bishop, martyr 3rd Class, white</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 15 Nov	Saint Albert the Great <i>Bishop, Confessor, 3rd Class, white</i>	17.45 – Low Mass 18.30 “Tuesday with Mary” Devotions
WED 16 Nov	Saint Gertrude <i>Virgin 3rd Class, white</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
THU 17 Nov	Saint Gregory the Wonderworker <i>Bishop, Confessor, 3rd Class, white</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 18 Nov	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 19 Nov	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary <i>Widow, 3rd Class, white St. Pontianus, Pope, Martyr (comm.)</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 20 Nov	Twenty-Seventh and Last Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Second collection for SSPX schools.

Saturday 26 November. Wedding of Ethan Chu and Charmaine Lee.

Sunday 4 December. Fundraiser Lunch (for MI) with Fr. Couture after the 10am Mass organised by Mrs. Georgine Sumantri. Fr Couture will be in Singapore from 1 to 5 December 2016.

13 to 17 March 2017. Marian Retreat in Penang, Malaysia. Registration form in the vestibule. **Cost: SGD84 for triple room, SGD107 for double sharing, SGD175 for single room.** Deadline for registration: 31 December 2016.

Rosary Crusade: don't forget to place your tokens in the box

Confessions: 30 min before
Sunday Masses; on demand
every day.

**Children's Catechism on
Saturday:**

Older Group (13-18 years)
14:45-15:30

First Communion 14:45-15:30

Post First Communion 15:30-
16:15



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ORDAINED A PRIEST DESPITE THE CASSOCK

In 2010 Monsignor Jacques Masson, a Vatican prelate, passed away aged 73. He was the French editor of FIDES, the Vatican news agency, from 1978 to 2007, but he also was the first rector of the SSPX Seminary in Ecône from 1970 to 1974. In 2009 he published his memoirs in a website called Hermas.

Although the Society of Saint Pius X does not share all the opinions of this prelate, his testimony on the changes that took place in the Church after Vatican II is quite interesting.

Msgr Masson entered the Saint-Sulpice Seminary, Paris, in 1962. In January 1963, the priests in France who had hitherto worn the cassock were suddenly allowed to wear a clerical suit. The very day following the permission, all the seminarians at Saint-Sulpice turned up at their classes dressed with a suit. It seemed as if they felt itchy in their cassocks and the suits were already in the wardrobes awaiting the green light of the authorities that seemed expected anytime by everyone.

Young Jacques Masson decided to keep wearing the cassock but it was not long before he felt the consequences.

During the month of October 1964, the year of the ordination to the subdiaconate, Father Longère, the seminary rector, called him to his office. Here is the transcript of the dialogue that took place as reported by Msgr Masson in his memoirs:

Father Longère: *“Jacques, I am really fond of you... but to be frank, if you don't don the clerical suit, the board of teachers will oppose your ordination to the subdiaconate. Refusing to comply will be considered pride on your part and an act of defiance on the Council.”*

I reminded Father Longère that the synodal statutes mentioned that the cassock was the normal outfit for the clergy and that the use of a clerical suit was only permitted. He replied: *“It is true but since all your classmates and all the priests in the seminary wear it, your attitude will be deemed obstinate and proud.”*

I told Father Longère that I was from a poor family contrary to the other seminarians whose parents were well off. In my village, wearing a suit was considered being dressed like a rich man. It was the dress for

formal occasions and big ceremonies. With the cassock, a priest could go anywhere, to the poor and the rich, without hurting anyone's feelings.

Father Longère: *“Jacques, if you do not put on a clerical suit, you will not be ordained a subdeacon and you will never become a priest.”*

Young Jacques Masson understood he had to give in somehow. He obtained a compromise from his rector though; he would wear the clerical suit once a month

only: **Every last Sunday of the month, at 12.10, I would put on the clerical suit and go to the refectory booed by my classmates. After lunch, I would go back to my room, take off the clerical suit, put on my cassock and go to Paris with my friends.**

I wore the clerical suit from the end of October 1964 to the end of June 1965 and thus was I ordained a priest on 25 June 1966. Afterwards I stopped wearing the clerical suit altogether but I have kept it for 44 years as a souvenir of the “Great Persecution”...

A diocesan priest friend of mine from Ireland was ordained in 2011. At Maynooth seminary, he dressed in civilian clothes like all the other seminarians. In the course of his studies, he came to know about the Society of Saint Pius X and visited us from time to time in

Athlone without his superiors knowing. Eventually he became convinced of our position and ended up totally sharing our views on Church matters.

I met him in Dublin in 2013. He was wearing a cassock. As I congratulated him, he told me that on the day of his ordination, he dressed with a cassock. His

classmates and superiors were flabbergasted. They asked him if he was nuts, if he was comfortable with that “stuff” on, if he was not too hot... He said to me that he had to wear the cassock on that day to make a statement. And if he had not done it then, he would not have had the courage to wear it at all later.

The bishop told him after the ceremony: “Had I known you would come with a cassock today, I would not have ordained you.”

A spirit alien to the spirit of the Church has truly taken possession of many prelates... Definitely, the “Great Persecution” is not over yet.

Father Fabrice Loschi

“So be proud to wear your cassock, your habit, which manifests Our Lord Jesus Christ to the world, and do not be afraid of anything: the Good God, the holy angels, all the saints in Heaven are with you, as well as all those who have worn this habit, who have been sanctified by it and have sanctified others.”

Abp. Lefebvre, Sermon to Seminarians, Ecône, 2 Feb.1973

“The clerical habit shows forth the holiness of the Church in the face of the world, that is to say, your detachment from the things of this world and your consecration to Our Lord Jesus Christ. What an example you are going to be giving of the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the world, of the presence of His priesthood! The world needs so badly to see that!”

Abp. Lefebvre, Sermon to Seminarians, Ecône, 2 Feb.1974