

The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

St. Joseph Church in Spearfish offers an additional Mass option to worshipers each Lord's Day.

The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm.

This version of the Eucharistic liturgy has gone by many names. Most commonly, it is referred to as the "Tridentine Mass" (after the Council of Trent [1545-1563] which called for its publication). It is also called the "Mass of St. Pius V" (after the pope who promulgated it in 1570, the "Traditional Latin Mass", and the "Missa Antiquior" (the Old Mass). The book which is used for its celebration is the *Missale Romanum*, 1962 because the last edition after undergoing many minor changes over the centuries, was published in that year under the authority of Pope John XXIII.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) called for a renewal of the Roman Liturgy, opening the door to an extensive revision of the Missal and other books used in worship. This new form of the Rite (often called the "Novus Ordo Missae") was published in 1969 and, in its English translation, is the form of the Mass most American Catholics are familiar with today.

Although the previous form was never officially suppressed, it was almost completely eclipsed by the new form. However, there always remained a significant minority of clergy and lay faithful who loved the old Mass and who labored and suffered to keep it alive. Church authorities permitted its celebration in restricted and isolated circumstances.

On July 7, 2007 Pope Benedict XVI published his Apostolic Letter, *Summorum Pontificum*, in which he declared that the Roman Rite exists in two equal and legitimate forms: The "Ordinary Form" (using the Missal of 1969), and the "Extraordinary Form" (using the Missal of 1962). Any priest can freely celebrate either form privately; and, if it is requested by a group of the faithful, the Extraordinary Form may be celebrated publicly at the discretion of the local pastor.

Therefore, as noted above, the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is now offered at St. Joseph, Spearfish twice a month.