

Hundreds Flock to Bishop's Latin Mass

For the fifth year in a row, Catholic tradition made a quiet but profound appearance in an unsuspecting setting: before dawn, early on a Saturday morning on the campus of a public university.



Before dawn on December 11th, Bishop Conley, ordinary of Lincoln, Nebraska offered a Pontifical Solemn Rorate Mass at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Newman Center.

Many woke early that Saturday morning to worship in so sublime a way — totaling four hundred faithful, many of whom were students.

Starting at 6:30 AM the bishop, donned in his newly-gifted cappa magna, processed to the altar — only lit by the dozens of candles illuminating the sanctuary — to the sounds of seminarians from Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary chanting a polyphonic setting of the Litany of Loreto.

At this particular hour, the whole of the congregation covered in darkness could only have known the exile and the eager anticipation of the whole world waiting for Our Lord in His first coming, born of a Virgin and laid in a manger.

This darkness is something that traditionalists know all too well. Living in a dark world with darkness consuming the Church. Looking for the light.

The bishop begins the Mass.” I will go to the altar of God... Send forth Thy light and Thy truth.”

And from that point on, the *Lex Orandi* of this Mass, even elevated to a cosmic level as it relates to dawn and the sun, teaches us the most profound and consoling truths of our faith — that the true light does come; that His life is the light of men in the midst of darkness.

While this should primarily teach us lessons about Christ’s first coming in salvation history, this poses a powerful lesson for those of us who love Catholic tradition: that in the end, the light does, in fact, conquer the darkness.

Amid Wave of Anti-Christian Violence, India bans Mother Teresa charity from receiving funds



It is a crime in India to “force” a religious conversion. And anybody who becomes Christian would only do so if forced so therefore all conversions are illegal. But clearly it’s not illegal to burn down churches or kill Christians which is what has been going on recently.

Mother Teresa’s charity gets a large portion of their donations from overseas and now that’s illegal for them because the government run by Hindis is saying that the charity forces conversions.

The Guardian: The Indian government has blocked Mother Teresa’s charity from receiving funds from abroad, just days after it faced a police investigation for “hurting religious sentiments of Hindus” amid rising intolerance towards Christians in India.

The Missionaries of Charity, which was started by Mother Teresa in 1950 and runs a network of shelters across India led by nuns to help the poor, was denied the licence to continue to receive funds from abroad, cutting the charity off from vital resources.

The home ministry, which made the decision on Christmas Day, said it had come across “adverse inputs” when considering the application.

Happy Birthday Jesus! Quebec Archdiocese Cancels Christmas Masses

In times of persecution, pandemic, and revolutions the Catholic Church has always been a safe haven because it is in times of strife that so many find meaning in their faith once again.

But not in Quebec.

LifeSiteNews reports that the Archdiocese of Quebec City has announced that due to the most recent surge in case numbers of Covid all Christmas masses are cancelled.

Happy birthday Jesus!

The Devil Believes in God. That Don't Make Him a Christian

Sometimes we think that just our acknowledgement that there is a God will save us.

This new chart from Pew shows that nearly 50 percent of Catholics don't pray daily.

Eight-in-ten born-again/evangelical Protestants pray daily, say religion is ‘very important’ in their lives

% of U.S. adults who say ...

	How often do you pray?			How important is religion in your life?		
	Daily	Weekly/ monthly	Seldom/ never	Very	Some- what	Not too/ not at all
	%	%	%	%	%	%
All U.S. adults	45	22	32	41	25	33
Christian	61	25	14	59	29	11
Protestant	67	22	10	65	27	8
White	63	24	13	59	29	10
Born-again/evang.	76	18	5	79	18	3
Not evangelical	44	32	24	32	45	21
Black	79	19	2	78	21	1
Born-again/evang.	81	16	2	83	16	<1
Catholic	51	29	20	48	34	18
White	49	28	23	41	37	22
Hispanic	49	31	18	54	32	14
No religion	13	16	71	6	15	78
Born-again/evangelical Protestant (all races)	79	17	4	80	17	3
Protestant, not evangelical (all races)	50	30	20	41	41	16

Note: Those who did not answer are not shown. White and Black adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race.

Source: Pew Research Center’s 2021 National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS), conducted online and by mail among a nationally representative group of respondents recruited using address-based sampling.

“About Three-in-Ten U.S. Adults Are Now Religiously Unaffiliated”

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I'm always wary of polls like this because people lie to pollsters and who the heck answers polls anymore? But anyway, I think any time you do something like this you should have a breakout of Catholics who attend Mass and those who don't. They split up the protestant by asking if they're "born again" or evangelical" or not evangelical.

Catholics don't get that...mainly because we're Catholic and there aren't "denominations."

But my main point is that if you're not praying often and attending Mass you're not really getting this whole Catholicism thing. You can't look at it like "Ugh. I have to go to Mass." It should be "I get to go to Mass."

It should be gratitude, so much gratitude that you don't know where to put it all.

Uproar over Chicago Mass: Did this Christmas Eve liturgy go too far?

By [Shannon Mullen](#)

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Outraged by a freewheeling Christmas Eve Mass that featured jazz musicians, choreographed dances around the altar, and theatrical lighting effects, some Catholics are calling on Cardinal Blase Cupich to crack down on liturgical abuses in Novus Ordo Masses in the Archdiocese of Chicago, rather than imposing severe restrictions on reverential Traditional Latin Masses.