

THE BENEFITS OF USING A TABLET AT MASS

The link <https://www.extraordinaryform.org/masses.html> provides a simple way of following the Mass on a tablet without having to squint at fine print in a hand missal, turn the pages of exceedingly thin paper in a hand missal, or get lost in the readings. This last reason requires explanation.

This past Sunday (6/29/25) was the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. I had forgotten to charge my tablet and so resorted to my tried and true *Roman Catholic Daily Missal*, 1962 from Angelus Press. Since this feast was not a "Feast of the Lord" and it was occurring on a Sunday, the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost was to be commemorated and the Preface was to be that of the Apostles rather than the Holy Trinity. The following manipulations of the missal were required for a Low Mass:

- open to p. 838 to begin Mass until p. 846, when -
- turn to p. 1269 (unmarked) for the *Introit*, after which -
- turn back to p. 846 for the *Kyrie* until p. 850, when -
- turn to p. 1270 for the Collect, after which -
- turn to p. 725 for the Collect of the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, after which -
- turn back to p. 1270 for the Epistle, Gradual, and Alleluia, after which -
- turn to p. 854 for the *Munda cor meum* and (skipping pages for the Solemn High Mass versions to get to the continuation for the Low Mass) *Jube Domini*, after which -
- turn to p. 1271 for the Gospel, only to be redirected to p. 1078, (the feast of St. Peter's Chair of January 18th), after which -
- return to p. 854 for the server's *Laus tibi, Christe* and the priest's *Per evangelica dicta* and then the *Credo* on 856 thru 858, after which -
- turn to p. 1271 for the Offertory, after which -
- return to p. 858 for the *Suscipe, sancte Pater* etc. until p. 868 when -
- turn to p. 1272 for the Secret, after which -
- turn to p. 728 for the Secret of the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, after which -
- return to p. 868 for the introduction to the Preface, after which -
- turn to p. 878 for the Preface of the Apostles (skipping p. 870 thru 876), after which -
- turn to p. 884 for the beginning of the Canon thru p. 914 (the Ablutions), after which -
- turn to p. 1272 for the Communion verse(s), after which -
- return to p. 914 for the introduction to the Postcommunion, after which -
- turn to p. 1272 for the Postcommunion, after which -
- turn to p. 728 for the Postcommunion of the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, after which -
- turn to p. 916 for the conclusion of the Mass

If you had failed to set up your missal before Mass, you would be doomed to fumbling around trying to figure out what the priest was saying and where he found it. To set up for this feast with this missal would require you to have placed one of the five ribbons at the beginning of the Ordinary (p. 838), a second one at the beginning of the Proper for Saints Peter & Paul, a third one at the the beginning of the Proper for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, a fourth ribbon at the Gospel for the feast of Saint Peter's Chair, and the fifth ribbon at the Preface for the Apostles. (I used a holy card for this last and you could do without any marker but then you would be forced to look for this Preface which is the 13th of 19 sandwiched in the middle of the Ordinary.)

The alternative to all these gyrations, if you use a tablet, is to simply scroll down.