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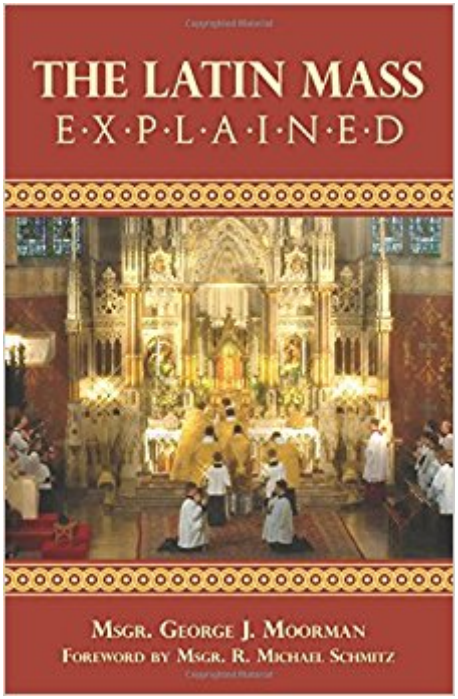

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Synopsis

Everything needed to understand and appreciate the Traditional Latin Mass. Fr. George Moorman. Extremely informative, yet very easy to read! Explains, prayer by prayer, what happens at the Latin Mass and why. Answers all your questions about the Mass: why Latin is used, silence, bells, specific colors, etc., and how we participate. Ties in beautifully with Pope Benedict XVI's motu proprio opening the door to the universal celebration of the Latin Mass.

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Msgr. George J. Moorman was born in 1883 at Indiana, where he spent the majority of his life. He was ordained a priest on the thirteenth of June, 1908, by Bishop Herman J. Alerding at the

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He remained a priest for over seventy years, serving as an editor of Our Sunday Visitor and an army chaplain during the first World War. His work The Latin Mass Explained was originally published in 1920 by Our Sunday Visitor Press, upon which it received the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur. TAN reprinted the book with new material in 2007. Father Moorman died in 1979 at the age of 95.

Msgr. Moorman's useful book will give Catholics and others curious about the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, a.k.a., the Traditional Latin Mass, a grasp of the rituals, aesthetics, and, most importantly, theology of the Mass as it was celebrated before Pope Paul VI's liturgical revolution. My only qualification in recommending it comes from the fact that the book was written before that revolution. Therefore, it cannot explain to modern Catholics the differences between the Extraordinary Form and how Mass is typically celebrated now. For that, one can turn to Thomas Woods'sÃ Â Sacred Then and Sacred Now: The Return of the Old Latin Mass, written and released last year in the aftermath of Summorum Pontificum, Pope Benedict's instruction liberalizing access to the older form of Mass. The books do complement each other, however. Time spent with Msgr. Moorman will provide readers with an overall theology and framework, while time spent with Dr. Woods will show how the Extraordinary Form can be appreciated by modern worshipers.

A little complicated and hard to understand but a wonderful book.

I don't know what the experts on the Latin Mas say, but it was an alright book to me.

This is a great book! It is short and easy to read. It really delves into the Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) and provides detailed explanations. This is a must read for any Catholic from middle school to adult. By better understanding the Latin Mass you will also better understand the Novus Ordo (Ordinary Form or New Mass).

"The Latin Mass Explained" does just that. It explains the 'Latin' or traditional Tridentine Mass, and takes the reader through its celebration in short, step by step chapters that are easy to read.In more modern terms the book might be considered "FAQs answered" about the Latin mass.Among other questions, the book answers "Why in Latin?" "Why doesn't the priest face the congregation?" and so on.The book can also help readers review (or learn) much of the symbolism and meaning present in the 'normal' or 'ordinary' form of the of the Mass celebrated in the vernacular.The book

has two Imprimaturs-- meaning its contents have been reviewed and declared free of any doctrinal errors within the Roman Catholic Church.

Excellent! It is very helpful for those who are "new" to this ancient form of the Mass. Today it is making a comeback in many parishes across America, alongside the regular Novus Oreo (aka English Mass).

Very helpful book!

Book arrived on time!Definitely explains many aspects of the Mass, for example: why it is called a Mass, why its called sacrifice, and the significance of the Eucharist.I'd recommend it, but just keep in mind it's not a missal and probably won't be able to replace a missal.

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