

Sacred Music Colloquium XXII Afternoon breakout

(offered concurrent with polyphony rehearsals: for non singers and singers alike)

Edward Schaefer

History of Sacred Music (afternoon series; Tuesday-Friday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm; location TBA)

Tuesday: The Extraordinary form of the Mass and its special musical considerations A session of particular value to those less familiar with the Extraordinary form of the Mass. A look at some of the most significant musical differences between the extraordinary and ordinary forms of the Mass, how the musical practices of the Traditional Mass developed, and how they serve as the handmaid of the Liturgy. This session will make it much easier to follow the celebrations of the Traditional Mass during the colloquium.

Wednesday: Vive la France! A look at some of the unique contributions of France to the musical patrimony of the Church.

Thursday: Inculturation A look at the evolving definition of this term: how it has been applied in the past vs. how it is applied today.

Friday : Contemporary Music in a Traditional Church A walk through 20th- and 21st-century musical developments for the extraordinary form of the Mass.

Jeffrey Tucker

Lecture Series (afternoon sessions; Tuesday – Friday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm; location TBA)

Many people who stumble into a Catholic parish for the first time expect Gregorian chant and heavenly music, and they find themselves startled at the modern reality. How did this happen? How did we get where we are today? And what efforts are being made to bring to the liturgy its true voice? This four part series by Jeffrey Tucker will explore the twentieth century history of the status of Church music and elucidate a coherent picture of the efforts to restore Gregorian chant. There will be particular focus on one of the great puzzles of our time: the loss of the Mass propers as primary liturgical song texts. In Tucker's view, the present challenges we face stem not from conspiracy or malice but a series of small missteps that upset the delicate consensus that had only been arrived at at the turn of the twentieth century. Understand this history helps illuminate a path forward for reform -- a reform that is much closer within our reach than is usually believed.