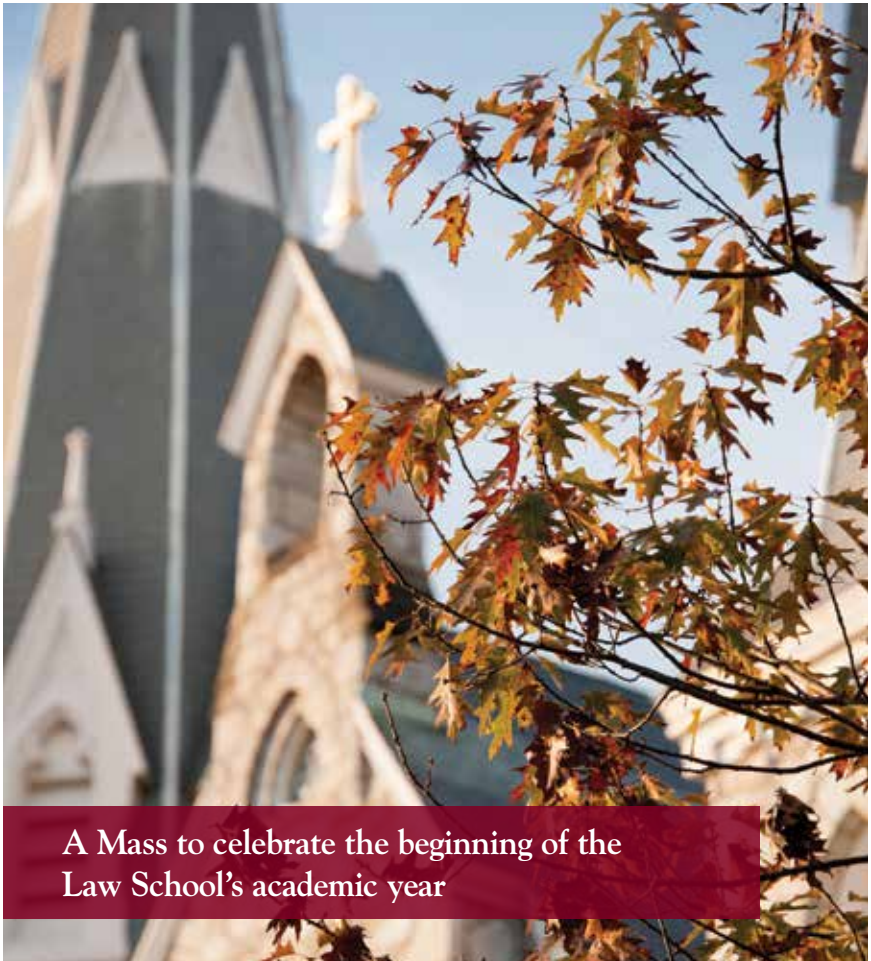


Villanova University  
Charles Widger School of Law

# Red Mass

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022  
SIX IN THE EVENING  
ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH



A Mass to celebrate the beginning of the  
Law School's academic year

# RED MASS DESCRIPTION

The Mass of the Holy Spirit is offered to celebrate the beginning of the Charles Widger School of Law's academic year. The traditional name, Red Mass, is derived from the color of vestments worn by the celebrant and concelebrants, the scarlet robes of judges in attendance (which were bright scarlet in the Middle Ages), and the scarlet gowns of the members of the law faculty. The tradition traces its origins to Rome, Paris and London. The Mass officially opened the judicial year of the Sacred Roman Rota, one of the tribunals of the Holy See. During the reign of St. Louis (Louis IX) of France, La Sainte-Chapelle was designated as the site of the Mass. The chapel was used publicly only once during the year for the Red Mass. In England, the tradition was initiated by Edward I in 1310 and was celebrated in Westminster Abbey on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel (September 29) at the opening of the Michaelmas term of the royal courts. In the United States the tradition was inaugurated in 1928 in St. Andrew's Church in New York City. Supreme Court Justices, legislators and judges attend the Red Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. to mark the opening of the October Term of the Supreme Court.

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law first celebrated the Red Mass on the morning of October 10, 1957. The celebrant was Father James A. Donnellon, OSA, Villanova's president. The Villanova Singers sang the Ordinary of the Mass and Dean Harold Gill Reuschlein served as director and organist. The faculty, law students and several alumni attended. Father Robert Regan, OSA, professor of ethics, preached. He described the first Villanova Red Mass as "a historic event in the life of the School of Law and its parent University."

# WELCOME

Mark C. Alexander, JD  
*The Arthur J. Kania Dean and Professor of Law*

# THE MASS

## **PRESIDER AND HOMILIST**

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS  
*President, Villanova University*

## **FIRST READING**

Brenner Fissell  
*Associate Professor of Law*

## **SECOND READING**

Andrew Lund  
*Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law*

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Kevin Shepard '23, *President, Student Bar Association*  
Catie Barrie '23, *Vice President, Student Bar Association*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

Alessandra Brainard '23, *Chairperson, Moot Court*  
Sarah Gimbel '23, *Editor-in-Chief, Villanova Law Review*  
Natalie Poirier '23, *Editor-in-Chief, Environmental Law Journal*  
Ryan Thomas '23, *Executive Editor, Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal*

## **USHERS**

*Members of the St. Thomas More Society Board*  
Jack Nelson '23  
Santino Pelusi '23  
Fran Smith '24

## **LITURGICAL COORDINATORS**

Mathew Verghese, *Director of Worship*  
Brother Michael Duffy, OSA, *Liturgical Assistant*  
Liturgical Council

## **MUSIC**

Sean McElwee, *Associate Director for Liturgical Music*  
Pastoral Musicians

## PRELUDE

### *Tune My Heart*

Tune my heart according to your will. O Lord!

Tune my heart wholly according to your will.

Send your wisdom in my heart, that she may be with me and work in me!

For in God's will is our peace.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*(Please stand.)*

### ENTRANCE

#### *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing  
2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With -  
3. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The  
to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; Him  
out our aid he did us make. We  
God whom heav'n and earth a - dore, From  
serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; Come  
are his folk, he does us feed, And  
us and from the an - gel host Be  
we be - fore him and re - joice.  
for his sheep he does us take.  
praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

### GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

# PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

## Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for  
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O  
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,  
you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on  
us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our  
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,  
have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT

*(All pray in silence with the priest, who then extends his hands and says the prayer selected for the day's liturgy.)*

**All: Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1–3d, 6ab, 8c–9

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
 because the LORD has anointed me;  
 He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,  
 to heal the brokenhearted,  
 To proclaim liberty to the captives  
 and release to the prisoners,  
 To announce a year of favor from the LORD  
 and a day of vindication by our God,  
 to comfort all who mourn;  
 To place on those who mourn in Zion  
 a diadem instead of ashes,  
 To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,  
 a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.  
 You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD,  
 ministers of our God you shall be called.  
 I will give them their recompense faithfully,  
 a lasting covenant I will make with them.  
 Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations,  
 and their offspring among the peoples;  
 All who see them shall acknowledge them  
 as a race the LORD has blessed.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104

## REFRAIN

Send forth your Spir - it, O Lord, and re - new the  
face of the earth. Send forth your Spir - it, O  
Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! Lord God, how great you are, wrapped in a garment of glory and might, clothed in light as in a robe.

Lord, my God, great are your works! In wisdom you made them all. Rich is the earth and filled with your life. Bless the Lord, O bless, my soul!

All of your creatures look to you to give them their food in time. You give with abundance, they gather it up, by your hands they have their fill.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.

To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;  
another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit;  
another faith by the same Spirit;  
another gifts of healing by the one Spirit;  
another mighty deeds;  
another prophecy;  
another discernment of spirits;  
another varieties of tongues;  
another interpretation of tongues.

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,  
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand when the music begins.)*

### Gospel Acclamation



### GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14–30

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“A man going on a journey  
called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.  
To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—  
to each according to his ability.

Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them,  
and made another five.

Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

But the one who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground  
and buried his master’s money.

After a long time

the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents  
came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents.

See, I have made five more.’

His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters,

I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master’s joy.’

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said,  
‘Master, you gave me two talents.

See, I have made two more.’

His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters,

I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master’s joy.’

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said,  
‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person,  
harvesting where you did not plant



and gathering where you did not scatter;  
so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground.  
Here it is back.'  
His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant!  
So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant  
and gather where I did not scatter?  
Should you not then have put my money in the bank  
so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?  
Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.  
For to everyone who has,  
more will be given and he will grow rich;  
but from the one who has not,  
even what he has will be taken away.  
And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **HOMILY**

*(Please stand after the homily for the Prayer of the Faithful.)*

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(Please be seated after the priest's prayer.)*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*All That Is Hidden*



1. If you would fol - low me, fol - low where life will lead:
2. If you would hon - or me, hon - or the least of these:
3. If you would speak of me, live all your life in me:
4. If you would rise with me, rise through your des - ti - ny:



do not look for me a - mong the dead, for I am  
you will not find me dressed in fin - er - y. My Word cries  
my ways are not the ways that you would choose; my thoughts are  
do not re - fuse the death which brings you life, for as the



hid - den in pain, ris - en in love;  
out to be heard; breaks through the world:  
far be - yond yours, as heav - en from earth:  
grain in the earth must die for re - birth,



there is no har - vest with - out sow - ing of grain.  
my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart.  
if you be - lieve in me my voice will be heard.  
so I have plant - ed your life deep with - in mine.



All that is hid - den will be made clear. All that is



dark now will be re - vealed. What you have heard in the dark



pro - claim in the light; what you hear in whis - pers



pro - claim from the house - tops.

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the Almighty Father.

*(Please stand.)*

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

All: Amen.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

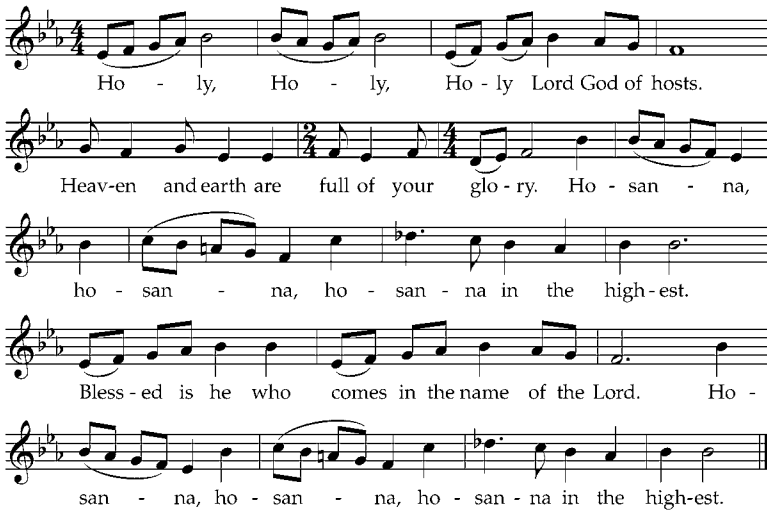
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

### Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

**Memorial Acclamation**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

**Final Doxology**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**Great Amen**

A - men. A - men. A - men.

**COMMUNION RITE**

Priest: At the Savior's command  
and formed by divine teaching  
we dare to say:

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low-ed  
be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this  
day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our  
tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass -  
gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

— but de - liv - er us from e - vil. \_\_\_\_\_

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord, ... Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_

— are yours, now and for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
 are yours, both now and for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

From — now — and for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
 now un - til the end of time. \_\_\_\_\_

### Sign of Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### Lamb of God

*Cantor* *All*  
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
 mer-cy on us. *Cantor* *All*  
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sins of the world, grant us peace.

*Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God.  
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

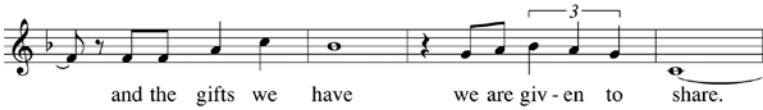
**All:** Lord, I am not worthy  
 that you should enter under my roof,  
 but only say the word  
 and my soul shall be healed.

### Communion

*(Those who practice a faith tradition other than Catholicism or who otherwise do not wish to receive Communion are invited to receive a simple blessing. Please cross your hands over your chest to indicate to the minister that you would like a blessing.)*

# We Are Many Parts

## Refrain



## Verses



1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est



ser - vants true, let us be your love to all the world.  
my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.  
gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

## Post-Communion

### We Will Go, Lord

We will go, Lord, where you would have us go, and we will do what you would have us do. Lord Jesus, we will follow you. We will be strong.

*(Please stand when the priest stands for the following prayer.)*

### Prayer After Communion

All: Amen.

# CONCLUDING RITES

## BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

## RECESSIONAL

*God Sends Us Forth*



1. God sends us forth to love and serve,  
2. Nour-ished by Christ with word and bread,  
3. Called to the ones the world ig - nores—  
4. So, with the cross to lead the way,



make known God's name, and live God's word,  
burn - ing with love and Spir - it - led,  
hun - gry and thirst - y, weak and poor—  
let us go forth in peace to - day



mir - ror God's love, re - flect God's grace till  
sent to em - brace a world in need, to  
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain and  
till ev - 'ry end of earth has known the



all have seen the Sav - ior's face.  
make God known in word and deed.  
com - forts those with guilt or shame.  
sav - ing love of God a - lone.

## POSTLUDE

*There Is a Longing*



Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law is an Augustinian Catholic institution that seeks to reflect the spirit of St. Augustine by the cultivation of knowledge, by respect for individual differences and by adherence to the principle that mutual love and respect should animate every aspect of the Law School's life.

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