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2021  
RED MASS

“GIVE US, GOOD LORD, A FULL FAITH, A FIRM HOPE, AND A FERVENT  
CHARITY. AND, GOOD LORD, GIVE US WARMTH, DELIGHT,  
AND QUICKNESS IN THINKING OF YOU. AMEN.”

*- St. Thomas More*



# THE RED MASS

IS SAID TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE CATHEDRAL OF PARIS IN 1245 TO INVOKE THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE JUDGES OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FIRST LITURGY WAS CELEBRATED IN HONOR OF ST. IVES OF BRITTANY, THE PATRON SAINT OF LAWYERS.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 14TH CENTURY, THE PRACTICE OF THE RED MASS SPREAD TO ENGLAND DURING THE REIGN OF KING EDWARD I. THE ENTIRE BENCH AND BAR ATTENDED THIS SPECIAL EUCHARIST AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRING TERM OF COURT. THE NAME "RED MASS" BECAME A TRADITION BECAUSE OF THE RED ROBES WORN BY THE JUDGES AND THE RED VESTMENTS WORN BY THE PRIESTS.

THE RED MASS WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN 1928 AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH IN THE SHADOWS OF THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDINGS NEAR FOLEY SQUARE IN NEW YORK CITY.

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THE RED MASS  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021  
10:30 A.M.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW  
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

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