

LITURGYNOTES – FOR NOVEMBER 2020

“Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations weaken and destroy it.”

LITURGY AND COVID-19

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Vision 20/20

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-liturgy>

Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor
<https://www.sharejourney.org/>

DIOCESAN WEBPAGES

Pandemic Policies and Resources:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu>

Prayer and Support: including new resources for November... Advent... Christmas...

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/prayer-and-support>

Q and A:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/qa>

Video from the Iowa Bishops:

<https://youtu.be/ejeeBoNdixY>



ELECTION-TIME PRAYERS

Are available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy>

LITURGY NEWS

FROM THE USCCB'S COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP & THE FDLC

New texts for the following liturgical days have been

posted on the USCCB website:

- Preface for the Feast of Mary Magdalene (July 22)
- Collect and Office of Readings for Saint John XXIII (October 11)
- Collect and Office of Readings for Saint John Paul II (October 22)
- Texts have been released in Latin for Our Lady of Loreto (December 10), but the USCCB has not approved translations of these texts. The Collect, however, is identical to one already found in the Commons of the BVM --Advent. See the USCCB website for details.

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- Texts in Latin have likewise been released for the optional memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska (October 5), but the English translations have not been prepared. In the meantime, one can draw from the Commons of Virgins or the Commons of Holy Men and Women.
- October 5 is also the optional memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos on the particular calendar for the USA.

Ordination of a Bishop, Priests, or Deacons

- The translation was approved by the USCCB in November 2018.
- We hope to hear soon from the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.
- Canada already has theirs and the USA edition will be very similar.

The Abbey Psalms and Canticles

- These have been approved and are permitted for liturgical use.
- However, to use them now might be confusing to the faithful since they would not “match” all current worship aids.
- They have been incorporated into the *Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar* and into the *Order of Baptism for Children*.

Liturgy of the Hours

- In November 2020, Bishops were to have considered the last of the ICEL texts which have been translated. But that item has been postponed since the Bishops will not be meeting in person.
- Scripture passages -- The Committee that has been working with those who are revising the New American Bible. They will fast-track the sections related to the Hours.
- The hymns of the breviary have been approved, and the Secretariat is working with ICEL and USCCB Publishing to prepare a hymnal, which might be especially useful in seminaries or religious houses.
- The final edition of the Liturgy of the Hours is expected closer to 2024.
- Other sections need some editing; for example, ICEL provided a list of errata in current edition (e.g., missing lines).
- Possible adaptation of USA texts is being reviewed, including the addition of Second Readings for the Office of Readings that are not currently present (e.g. St. Katharine Drexel).
- Will seek to publish in four volumes as well as in other excerpted version, e.g. Christian Prayer

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Bishops had approved the ICEL translation of the base text in November 2019 [from the *editio typica*]
- Work continues on re-arranging the USA edition (as we are familiar with it).
- The staff is checking American additions, titles, language, terminology, numbering. Nearly all paragraph numbers should remain the same. Terms (e.g. candidate v. catechumen) will be consistent and clearer.
- At this time, the Committee intends to include the combined rites [USA Appendix I] in the text that will be presented to the bishops for their vote.
- In June 2020, the Committee reviewed some minor questions and terms.
- They voted to preserve current USA practices, such as administering the Oil of Catechumens at the Preparation Rites (or sooner) and not at the Easter Vigil.
- Current plans call for the Spanish text to be released at the same time as the English. It is being reviewed now and will include updates which harmonize with the new *Misal Romano* (2018).

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- A bi-lingual text would probably be too large, but that would be a question for publishers to consider.
- The staff estimates that the vote on the English and Spanish texts might come up for a plenary vote in November 2021. Then it will take time for the approved text to go to the Vatican and be received back.

National Statutes on the Catechumenate

- Canon lawyers are working on the National Statutes and these will be implemented at the same time as the revised OCIA text. The revised version of the National Statutes might be a shorter list since the experts asserted that not all items were statutes which were particular only to the USA.
- Other norms and cross-references to the OCIA text will likely be published as a separate compendium.
- One sample of a new addition -- Early in the pre-catechumenate period, interviews will be mandated to assess baptismal status and marriage cases.

Lectionary for Masses with Children

- This text was granted interim approval which is long expired [granted in 1992 for a period of three years].
- But the text can continue to be sold and used in Masses with Children.

Order of Christian Funerals

- The text is in the ICEL pipeline, but a new edition should not be expected anytime soon. It will need to be translated and rearranged. [The current USA edition has a different arrangement than the *editio typica*.]
- Some recent reprints better complement more recent Lectionary texts and Roman Missal texts, but are not required for use.

FROM BISHOP ZINKULA, RE: DAVID HAAS - COMPOSER

On June 16, 2020, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis issued a statement that David Haas was denied a letter of suitability (letter of good standing) after receiving reports that Mr. Haas “acted inappropriately” with adult women. Therefore, Mr. Haas cannot be invited to any event to perform or present in the Diocese of Davenport. Mr. Haas directs the Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry in Eagan, Minnesota.

<https://www.archspm.org/statement-regarding-david-haas/>

Since then, additional reports have been received that Mr. Haas abused minors. Effective today [10/14/20], in addition to the restrictions above, I have suspended the use of David Haas' music at all diocesan events. Pastors, principals and leaders of other Catholic institutions should consider the sensitivities involved with using Haas' music in liturgies or other parish or school events, and take appropriate steps to fully support those who have been harmed by sexual assault or abuse. These restrictions have also been applied by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis where Mr. Haas resides.

Additional information can be found at the Catholic News Service website:

<https://www.catholicnews.com/new-report-details-abuse-assault-allegations-against-catholic-composer-haas/>

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

Scripturae Sacrae Affectus

To mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St. Jerome, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter on “Devotion to Sacred Scripture.” This will be an important read for anyone who preaches, teaches on, or prays with the Scriptures, and will form part of our focus on our diocesan day of reflection on the Sunday of the Word of God (please see below). The document may be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Fratelli tutti

Pope Francis visited Assisi on 3 October and signed a new encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship. The title is a direct quote from the writings of St. Francis: "Let us all, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd who to save His sheep bore the suffering of the Cross" (*Admonitions*, 6, 1: FF155).

The document itself may be accessed by [clicking here](#). Resources for studying the Encyclical are available on the [USCCB](#) and [diocesan](#) websites. Closely related to this encyclical is the Pope’s Wednesday catechesis series on life after the pandemic. I am posting these talks on our [pandemic prayer and support page](#).

USCCB REDESIGNS WEBSITE

On August 1, 2020, a redesigned version of the USCCB website, [USCCB.org](#), was launched. In addition to improving the aesthetics of the pages, it is designed to be easier to navigate and to work better on mobile devices. Much of the content and placement of material – especially related to the liturgy – has remained intact from the previous website, which was last reorganized in 2011. Most website links should continue to function; nevertheless, there may be new webpage URLs in some cases, which might require users to update web bookmarks. Four sections with rich liturgical content include:

- Daily Readings for Mass (including audio recordings and video reflections) – [bible.USCCB.org](#), with a monthly view at [bible.USCCB.org/readings/calendar](#)
- Liturgical Year & Calendar (catechesis on the seasons and saints, plus links to the newest celebrations in the universal and U.S. calendars) – [USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar](#)
- Committee on Divine Worship (including links to the *Newsletter* and annual *Liturgical Calendar*) – [USCCB.org/committees/divine-worship](#)
- Subcommittee on Divine Worship in Spanish (version in Spanish, with links to Spanish-language liturgical resources) – [USCCB.org/cultodivino](#)

SAMARITANUS BONUS

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) has released a Letter on the care of those who are in the terminal phases of life. Entitled *Samaritanus bonus* (The Good Samaritan), it includes some implications for liturgical practice. Specifically, the Letter addresses the question of celebrating the Sacraments with those who have elected to end their own life through euthanasia/assisted suicide. The document concludes: “In this situation, we find ourselves before a person who, whatever their subjective dispositions may be, has decided upon a gravely immoral act and willingly persists in this decision. Such a state involves a manifest absence of the proper disposition for the reception of the

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Sacraments of Penance, with absolution, and Anointing, with Viaticum.” However, we do not abandon the dying: “It is necessary to remain close to a person who may not be in the objective condition to receive the sacraments, for this nearness is an invitation to conversion, especially when euthanasia, requested or accepted, will not take place immediately or imminently. Here it remains possible to accompany the person whose hope may be revived and whose erroneous decision may be modified, thus opening the way to admission to the sacraments.” At the same time, “those who spiritually assist these persons should avoid any gesture, such as remaining until the euthanasia is performed, that could be interpreted as approval of this action.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

None scheduled.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

FDLC Offering Formation Sessions On-Line

For over fifty-one years, liturgical formation has been an integral part of the mission of the FDLC. From the days of mimeographed sheets to printed publications, from nationwide workshops to today's online offerings, the Federation has served the Church of the United States with sound scholarship and trusted resources. We are delighted to announce a series of webinars which will feature expert presenters, online chats, and downloadable handouts. We know that this will be so beneficial to your parishes, schools, and formation programs, that we are offering this premiere series for FREE. Who should register? Our intended audience is any student of the Liturgy -- seminarians, deacon candidates, undergraduate students, parish worship commissions, musicians, youth ministers, catechists, and more! All are welcome! Sessions are just 75 minutes in length. Please visit: <https://fdlc.org/formation>.

Notre Dame and the Society for Catholic Liturgy

These organizations hosted a lecture by Dr. David Fagerberg on “What Happens to *Us* in Liturgy?” They have made a recording of that lecture available at:

<https://notredame.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=11744e8b-4941-44b5-8318-ac420158156a>.

LTP / Catechumeneon

- **Virtual Conversations (Free):** Please join us at 1:00pm ET for the following topics. Register for each event here: <https://catechumeneon.org/events>
 - Adult Learning Methods in the Catechumenate (Oct 21)
 - The Mystagogical Method in the Initiation Process (Nov 5)
 - Involving Your Pastor in the Initiation Process (Nov 18)
 - Discernment before the Rite of Election (Dec 3)
 - Using Art and Music in Your Catechetical Sessions (Dec 16)
- **RCIA Training in Winter 2021:** Are there any topics that you would like us to cover this coming Winter? Email training@ltp.org and let us know. We are creating the schedule now. (And, don't

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forget, we have our six-week Intro to the RCIA course starting in February. This is perfect for those initiation ministry team members you hope will step up in the future. www.teoci.org)

- **The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy:** We will be starting *Track Two: Sacramental Rites and Other Parish Liturgies* on November 9. It is a six-week course that takes place on Monday evenings. Visit www.TEOCL.org for more information. As catechists who teach about the sacraments and accompany catechumens and candidates to the various parish liturgies, this will be a great foundational course for you and other initiation ministry team members.

Sunday of the Word of God

Mark your calendars! We will be offering an afternoon of study and reflection on the Scriptures on Sunday, January 24, 2021 – the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – via Zoom. Dr. Ella Johnson, from the St. Ambrose Theology Department, will be our speaker. We’ll have more details and registration information in the December issue of *LiturgyNotes*.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Please note that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on November 1 – set your clocks back an hour!

November 1-7: National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please visit the USCCB website for resources, including intercessions: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week>.

January 1, 2021

Normally, this would be a Holy Day of Obligation. In that case, only the Mass of the Day would be permitted and ritual (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses prohibited.

Please note that even though the obligation is abrogated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. A marriage may be celebrated outside Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.

January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

During this week, the whole Christian community throughout the world is invited to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “Abide in My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit.” For more information and for resources, please go to <http://www.geii.org/>.

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Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Friday, January 22

January 22 has been designated by the U.S. Bishops as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. As a result, in the US, the optional memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, is moved to January 23 (which is also the optional memorial of St. Marianne Cope).

In the Missal, two options are given from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: (1) For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (#48/1; white vestments) or (2) For the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30; with violet vestments). For the former, readings are now given in the new *Supplement* to the Lectionary (#947A-E). For the latter, readings are taken from Volume IV of the Lectionary (#887-891). Resources for observing this day are available on the USCCB website:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>

Lent/Triduum 2021

Next year, *Ash Wednesday* falls on February 17.

In order to maintain physical distancing, the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* will be celebrated in two larger churches, as follows:

Sunday, February 21 (1st Sunday of Lent): St. Patrick in Iowa City @ 3pm
Tentatively for the Iowa City, Grinnell, and Ottumwa Deaneries (depending on numbers)

Sunday, February 28 (2nd Sunday of Lent): Sacred Heart Cathedral @ 3pm
Tentatively for the Davenport, Clinton, and Keokuk Deaneries (depending on numbers)

Please recall that the Rite of Sending does not need to be done at a Sunday Mass... just at a “suitable time” (RCIA #108). It does not even have to be done in the context of Eucharist.

There are a lot of unknowns right now. Depending on the status of the pandemic, it may be necessary to restrict attendance by guests, and perhaps even limit participation to the catechumens only (while having parishes celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion with the candidates in their own communities). If it is impossible to meet as a large group, pastors will be given the faculty to celebrate the Rite of Election in their own parishes.

The *Chrism Mass* is tentatively scheduled for March 29, the Monday of Holy Week. Details pending.

The Triduum falls on Thursday, April 1 through Sunday, April 4 – with the *Easter Vigil* falling on the night of Saturday, April 3. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:15pm.

RESOURCES FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(1) Diocese of Davenport Vision 2020: Intercessions for Sundays, Seasons, and Holy Days
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-liturgy>

(2) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

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(3) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at (in English and Spanish):

<http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/index.cfm>

Subscribe at: www.bit.ly/word-of-life

(4) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>



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