

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 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/fl>

#### **Prayer and Support:**

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

#### **Q and A:**

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

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR RE-OPENING CHURCHES

The Diocese’s plan for transitioning to public worship once again may be found at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2020/5/Re-Opening%20Churches%20in%20the%20Diocese%20of%20Davenport.pdf>

Please also see our Q&A page:

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

#### The Vatican Rules on Confirmation and the Use of an Instrument (from the FDLC)

The USCCB Committee on Divine Worship sent a formal *dubium* to the Vatican inquiring about the use of a cotton ball or other instrument during the anointing in the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. The request was received at the Vatican on May 19.

Question: Would Confirmation be valid if the anointing was conferred with an instrument?

In a letter dated June 2, the Congregation replied as follows: “The use by the minister of an instrument (gloves, cotton swab...), does not affect the validity of the Sacrament.” This simple response was sent to all United States Bishops on June 8.

The USCCB Secretariat noted that the liturgical text clearly expects the minister in normal circumstances to anoint with the thumb. But if the Code permits anointing with an instrument only in grave circumstances [in the Anointing of the Sick], the same standard would hold for Confirmation. Most would agree that this pandemic would qualify as grave circumstances. I would imagine that local ordinaries may determine if and for how long the use of an instrument is desired or necessary.



RESOURCE: SINGLE-USE WORSHIP AIDS

Available from FAITH Catholic at: <https://store.faithcatholic.com/single-use-mass-responses-and-prayers>

KEEPING OUR FOCUS DURING EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

During the closure of our churches, we have had to rely on livestreamed, broadcast, or even recorded Masses. Even now that we can gather again for Mass, the pandemic forces us to simplify the liturgy, limit our time together, and keep our distances. These have been, and continue to be, heavy burdens to bear as a sacramental church. Time and touch, sounds and smells, movement and silent rest – these are all part of how we pray as Catholics. I hope that we feel their absence deep in our bones. One of the greatest challenges that we will face as a Church as we make our way through this pandemic is keeping to heart our sense of liturgy, of sacramental worship. As we await that day, here is a reflection by Franciscan Fr. Casey Cole to help keep us focused: <https://youtu.be/sEMr7r97Q5c>.

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### LITURGY NEWS

#### ARCHIVED WEBINAR: RACISM IN OUR STREETS AND IN OUR STRUCTURES

6,500 people registered for this excellent webinar sponsored by the Georgetown Initiative of Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. In case you did not have a chance to participate, you may see the archived version here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JX1Ov5F4sZY&feature=youtu.be>

#### FROM NPM

The June 8 edition of Ministry Monday featured a conversation with Father Joseph Brown on our baptismal call to social justice. His timely words are worth listening to.

<https://www.ministrymonday.org/episodes/2020/6/7/107-our-baptismal-call-to-social-justice-a-conversation-with-fr-joseph-a-brown>

#### FROM GIA

“When we feel the world around us has erupted into chaos, we must look to Christ’s teachings, guiding us to protect and support the infirm, the abused, the forgotten, the lonely, and the unjustly persecuted. Though it is a small gesture, GIA would like to offer support in the way we know best – through music.” Therefore, GIA Publications is generously offering a free download of five hymns by noted composers Andrew M.L. Tice, John Bell, Mary Louise Bringle, and Christian Cosas. The downloads are available until September 1, 2020. <https://interlude.giamusic.com/hymns-for-healing-2/>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

#### DIOCESAN LITURGIES

The members of Deacon Formation Class 8, as part of their journey to ordained ministry in the Church, will be instituted as Lectors on July 12 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

According to the Church’s law and practice, the instituted lector is charged with proclaiming the readings from the Sacred Scriptures (except for the Gospel), announcing the intentions in the Prayer of the Faithful (in the absence of a Deacon), and reciting or singing the psalm if there is no cantor (GIRM #99). As distinct from the typical parish reader, these men will now exercise this ministry in a permanent way.

As part of the Rite, Bishop Zinkula will bless them, saying: “Grant that as they meditate constantly on your word they may grow in its wisdom and faithfully proclaim it to your people.” In handing them a copy of the Scriptures, he reminds them to “be faithful to handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people.” As their formation continues, we ask that you please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Parishes may wish to include an intercession for them at Masses that weekend; for example:

For the members of Deacon Class 8 and their families, that the word of God would grow strong in their hearts, and that they would witness to it by their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

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### CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

### NPM Annual Convention will be Virtual

The 2020 NPM Convention, scheduled for July 7-10 in Louisville, will be **entirely virtual**. All hotel reservations have been automatically cancelled. For more details please visit: <https://npm.org/43rd-annual-convention/>.

### Liturgy Training Publications: Promoting the Vision of Christian Initiation Ministry

CATECHUMENEON Calendar - “At a Glance” of Virtual Events

[Download this PDF for the full calendar.](#)

<http://ltp.adobeconnect.com/catechumeneon-virtual-events-summer-fall-2020/>

Registration Site: [www.catechumeneon.org/events](http://www.catechumeneon.org/events)

Many of these virtual gatherings are free of cost. Visit the registration site for more details. Registration is limited.

#### JULY

- **NEW IN 2020!** Catechist Toolkits and Catechumen Gift Boxes Available
- **July 1, 2020** | Virtual Conversation: The RCIA Adapted for Children
- **9 de julio de 2020** | Diálogo virtual: El RICA y los ministerios parroquiales
- **16 de julio de 2020** | Diálogo virtual: Aprendiendo a vivir el RICA en la comunidad parroquial
- **23 de julio de 2020** | Diálogo virtual: ¡Manos a la obra con el RICA!
- **30 de julio de 2020** | Diálogo virtual: Adaptando el RICA para niños y niñas

#### AUGUST

- **August 12, 2020** | Virtual Conversation: Attracting Inquirers during Times of Social Distancing and Self-Isolation
- **August 26, 2020** | Virtual Conversation: Using Technology in Catechumenal Ministry

#### SEPTEMBER

- **September 9, 2020** | Virtual Conversation: The Period of the Precatchumeneate during These Uncertain Times
- **September 23, 2020** | Skills Training Workshop for Initiation Catechists (Part 1 of 4) The Catechetical Nature of God’s Word and the Liturgical Year (RCIA, 75.1)
- **September 30, 2020** | Skills Training Workshop for Initiation Catechists (Part 2 of 4) Preparing for the Christian Way of Life (RCIA 75.2)

#### OCTOBER

- **October 7, 2020** | Skills Training Workshops for Initiation Catechists (Part 3 of 4) Forming Catechumens for Lives of Liturgical Participation (RCIA 75.3)
- **October 13, 2020** | Virtual Conversation: The RCIA Adapted for Children
- **October 14, 2020** | Skills Training Workshops for Initiation Catechists (Part 4 of 4) Becoming Witnesses of Catholic Social Teaching (RCIA 75.4)
- **October 19, 2020** | Six-Week Online Course Begins | The Initiation Team: Recruiting, Training, and Ministry

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### LITURGY PREPARATION

#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### September 1, 2020: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (from the 2019 BCDW Newsletter)

Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015 as a practical step following the publication of his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. September 1 was chosen for the yearly observance, as it is the same date chosen by the Orthodox Church in 1989. The day of prayer gives Catholics the opportunity to give thanks to God for the creation of the world and of humanity, and to recall and strengthen the responsibility of men and women to care for that creation. Some options for the liturgy on this day include:

- Celebrating the Mass “For the Sanctification of Human Labor” from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (no. 26; see especially the second Collect of formulary A) may be a fitting option.
  - This formulary requires the use of Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, entitled simply “Creation.” The preface speaks eloquently of God’s creation of the world, and the need of humanity to praise God by caring for that creation. Connections between human labor and the care of creation can be drawn out by the formulary itself, and in the homily and Universal Prayer.
  - Since it is a weekday in Ordinary Time, the green vestments of that season should be used for the Mass.
  - The readings may be taken from the appropriate selection in volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass (see Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911; see especially 907-2 and 909-1).
- Even if no special Mass formulary or readings are selected for the occasion, it would still be appropriate to mention the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and its significance in the homily, petitions, and/or concluding announcements.
- Other resources:
  - <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litWorldDayofPrayerforCreation2015.pdf>
  - Global Catholic Climate Movement: <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>
  - USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>

#### Monday, September 7: Labor Day

Parishes may wish to celebrate the Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (#26; readings from #907-911) on this day. Preface V for Sunday is used, and white vestments are worn (since it is a special observation in the US).

On Labor Day weekend, intercessions for workers ought to be included in the Universal Prayer; for example:

- For those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those seeking work; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

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- For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection, [especially during this pandemic]; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For migrant workers and all who work the land and the waters, so we might be fed; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who work in the service of their sisters and brothers; that they would not be discouraged by lack of support or progress; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For all employers, that they may seek to provide a just work environment; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Brief pastoral visits (observing appropriate physical distancing and wearing masks) could be made to places of work, and the following rites could be used: (18) Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory; (23) Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment, and (26) Blessing of Fields and Flocks.

Or, at Sunday Masses or at Mass on Labor Day itself, workers could bring the tools of their trades to be blessed, and (24) Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work be used. A brief gathering outdoors after Mass might be a good way to do this. Special attention should be paid to laborers and those seeking work during the Prayer of the Faithful, as should those who are treated unjustly in the workplace, as in the examples above.

### Friday, September 11

During the week of September 11, parishes may wish to celebrate a special Mass for “first responders” – such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics – using the Mass for Those in Public Office (#22) or the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30). Appropriate intercessions could also be included at the preceding Sunday Masses.

### 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent): St. Patrick in Iowa City @ 3pm

Tentatively for the Iowa City, Grinnell, and Ottumwa Deaneries (depending on numbers)

Sunday, February 28 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent): Sacred Heart Cathedral @ 3pm

Tentatively for the Davenport, Clinton, and Keokuk Deaneries (depending on numbers)

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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/>

(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](http://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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