

LITURGYNOTES – FOR OCTOBER 2022

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

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“Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love: ‘Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world.’” – Pope Francis (*Laudato Si*, 236)

LITURGY AND COVID-19

Pandemic Policies and Resources: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu>

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

COVID-19 Vaccines: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/covid-vaccine>

<https://iowacatholicconference.org/getvaccinated/>

Catholic Cares Coalition: <https://catholiccares.org/>



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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy/eucharistic-revival>

The “diocesan phase” of this initiative began on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ this summer.

Please visit our diocesan webpages for information and resources, including an article series and accompanying bulletin paragraphs for your use being published in the *Messenger* (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/mystery-believed>).

Diocesan prayers have now been posted to the site (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/mystery-celebrated>), and preaching prompts will be coming soon! When using these prayers, please remember Fr. Turner’s words in the last issue... these aren’t intended to be used at Mass....

<p>Diocesan Prayers (Bookmark) Spanish Vietnamese</p>	<p>Diocesan Prayer Booklet English (booklet printing) English (simple printing) Spanish (booklet printing) Spanish (simple printing)</p>
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DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

“The need for a serious and vital liturgical formation”

Pope Francis asks us to consider this question: *How do we recover the capacity to live completely the liturgical action (27)?* He is concerned that we have lost the ability to “engage with symbolic action” – and so can really not fully, consciously, and actively take part in the liturgy. That is, the liturgy speaks a “language” we no longer understand. We actually hear echoes of this in some of the responses to the Synod. As our report reads: “While large numbers of participants appreciate the liturgy, a small number said they find it too repetitious and ‘boring.’ It seems to some overly formal with ‘rote’ prayers, unfamiliar terminology, and gestures whose meaning is unclear.”

This is so important because the liturgy is our first school in the spiritual life (30); it is a primary place where we learn what it is to be a Christian. But we’re taught in symbol and rite and metaphor; through the arts and music; engaging all our senses and using “what earth has given and human hands have made.” Not as in a lecture hall.

Formation for the Liturgy

So, one of our tasks is to help form people for the liturgy – laity and clergy alike, to help bring the insights of scholars and academics to pew and parish in a way that makes sense to people (35). Pope Francis also makes it clear that a solid grasp of liturgical theology, and its implications, is to be a core part of seminary formation (37, 39). However, it must never be forgotten that “it is the Church, the Body of Christ, that” celebrates the liturgy – not just the priest (36). All of us are invited into life-long formation as “liturg-ists” – those who celebrate the liturgy (38)!

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Formation by the Liturgy

If we are truly present to the liturgical action – if we are open to encounter with Christ – we will be changed. That’s the trans-formative power of the liturgy. But this isn’t primarily about head knowledge (41); it’s about the heart. Praise... thanksgiving... openness to the workings of the Spirit... the Eucharist. As Pope St. Leo the Great put it: “Our participation in the Body and Blood of Christ has no other end than to make us become that which we eat” (41).

Keys for Renewal

“How *can* we become once again capable of symbols” (45)? Pope Francis mentions two extremes to avoid. First, that creation/matter is all that matters (materialism)... and, second, that creation/matter doesn’t matter at all (spiritualism) (44). Rather, ours is a *sacramental* spirituality; incarnational; rooted in creation as the place and means by which we encounter the divine (42, 46).

So, yes, we need to understand the liturgy and its theology better. But we also need to *experience* the stuff of earth as manifestations of God’s love when we gather. Liturgy celebrated well, in which “bread, wine, oil, water, fragrances, fire, ashes, rock, fabrics, colors, body, words, sounds, silences, gestures, space, movement, action, order, time, light” (42) are engaged fully, lavishly, beautifully, respectfully – *that* is the key for a renewed sense of the liturgy! This “art” of celebrating the liturgy well is the next topic that Pope Francis takes up in his letter; and which we will cover in the next issue.

N.B. Liturgical Catechesis

In his letter, Pope Francis mentioned two key aspects of liturgical catechesis. The first is learning about the liturgy. Theology, history, explanation of what we’re doing and why – these are all important. The second aspect of the liturgical catechesis is – as the Pope stresses – experiential. A key part of that is celebrating the liturgy well; but he also mentions the importance of simple gestures (like the Sign of the Cross) outside of Mass, and of relating respectfully and gratefully to creation. The third aspect of liturgical catechesis is reflecting on our experiences; we call this mystagogy. What happened? What difference does it make? How am I being called to be because of what I’ve experienced? What am I to do now?

CONFIRMATION POLICY AND PREPARATION FORMS UPDATED

Recently, Bishop Zinkula has made some adjustments in the way he celebrates Confirmation. These changes are reflected in our updated policy and liturgy preparation forms:

- Policy:
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/9/Confirmation%20Compendium%20rev090122.pdf>
- MS Word:
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/9/PreparationSheetConfirmationRev090122.docx>
- As a fillable PDF, here:
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/9/PreparationSheetConfirmationRev090122-fillable.pdf>

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PREACHING

"LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD: ENLIVENING THE SCRIPTURAL IMAGINATION FOR PREACHING"

Videos from the 2022 Notre Dame Preaching Conference are now available for viewing. At this conference, participants took a deep look at how the Holy Scriptures shape and inspire preaching. How do we turn from love of the Word of God to the kind of preaching which the Christian community needs for its very life? What are the imaginative leaps which preaching demands as we turn from ancient texts to contemporary listeners? General link: <https://theology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/initiatives/marten-program/conferences-lectures/2022-preaching-conference/>.

Keynote speakers:

- Tom Long, Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, "[Explaining, Exclaiming, and Proclaiming: Reclaiming the Parabolic Imagination for Preaching](#)"
- Rita Ferrone, Catholic scholar and journalist, "[Receiving the Sunday of the Word of God](#)"
- Gary Anderson, Hesburgh Professor of Catholic Thought, University of Notre Dame, "[Preaching from the Whole Bible](#)"
- Fr. Donald Senior CP, Professor of New Testament Studies and President Emeritus, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, "[Preaching the Incarnate Word](#)"

Workshops:

- Ann Garrido, "[Ignatian Approaches to Preaching Preparation](#)"
- Fr. David Garcia, "[Pandemic Preaching: The Pulpit in a Year Like No Other](#)"
- (The Rev. Canon) Hugh Page, "[The Bible as Medium for Healing: Preachers as 21st Century Scriptural Apothecaries](#)"
- Sr. M. Catherine Hilkert OP and Fr. Jude Siciliano OP, "[Preaching the Psalms](#)"
- Fr. Ken Schmidt, "[Preaching and Trauma](#)"
- Karla Bellinger, "[Keepin' It Fresh: How to Creatively \(and Faithfully\) Connect Scripture and Ordinary Life](#)"
- Fr. J. Michael Joncas, "[Music and Preaching](#)"
- Panel: Lay preaching: Layla Karst, Sara Fairbanks OP, Oscar Castellanos, "[I Have Seen the Lord: The Challenge and Promise of Lay Liturgical Preaching](#)"
- Robert Krieg, "[The Cross: Five Homiletic Approaches](#)"
- Sr. M. Catherine Hilkert OP, Elizabeth Donnelly, Jude Siciliano OP, Flora Tang: "[Go and Preach to All Nations: Online Preaching and Virtual Communities of Faith](#)"
- Fr. Benjamin Roberts, "[Preaching as the Bridegroom: A Model for Pastors](#)"
- [Closing panel: Fr. Michael Connors CSC, Bishop Greg Kelly, Susan McGurgan, and Fr. Mike Kueber](#)

Why preach?

We preach for encounter; we preach to bring people closer to God, to guide, to facilitate or make more possible the encounter of hearers with a living God. Meeting the living God changes us. We call this *metanoia* (conversion or transformation) - which is an ongoing, life-long process - we are moved to gratitude, wonder, and love, which grounds the desire to live differently, to respond and serve in a life of missionary or intentional discipleship, devoted to service and mission (holiness of life).

-Fr. Michael E. Connors, CSC

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

FDLC’s Free OCIA Webinar Series Continues

Register for the English language series: <https://fdlc.org/2022/07/ocia-webinars/>

For the Spanish language series: <https://fdlc.org/2022/07/rica-serie-de-seminarios-web-espanol/>

All webinars will be archived, but you must register to receive the link for viewing the archived version.

Order of Penance – October 25

The FDLC is also offering a webinar on the revised *Order of Penance*. Online registration is free and easy.

<https://fdlc.org/2022/07/may-god-grant-you-pardon-and-peace-webinar-on-the-revised-order-of-penance/>

SWLC: February 2023

The Southwest Liturgical Conference will be held on February 9-11, 2023. It will be all virtual, so you can tune in from nearly anywhere. The theme is “Eucharist: Real Presence, Sacrifice, and Mission.” Keynote presenters will be Father Ricky Manalo, Sr. Barbara Reid, OP and Sr. Guadalupe Ramirez, MCAP. For more information, please visit www.swlc.org.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please see: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia>

The Precatechumenate and Catechumenate

The process of Christian Initiation is marked by the liturgical celebrations along the way, culminating in the celebration of the Easter Sacraments. While no formal rites mark the period of the Precatechumenate (Inquiry), the transition from the Precatechumenate to the Catechumenate is celebrated through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (RCIA §§ 41-74). This Rite is to be celebrated at set times throughout the year, preferably on days when full attention can be given to it (for example, avoiding days when other rites are being celebrated or the season/feast is of particular importance – such as Christ the King or the First Sunday of Advent). The transition from Catechumen to one of the Elect is celebrated in the Rite of Election, preceded by the Rite of Sending (§§ 106-117). There are analogous celebrations for those baptized in other Christian communities who are journeying to full communion (§§ 411-458).

During the Catechumenate (see §§ 75-80 for introduction), a number of other rites are available for those not baptized that you may want to use. A number of these may be celebrated by a properly deputed catechist rather than requiring an ordained minister; please see the texts in question for details.

- Celebrations of the Word of God (§§81-89)
- Minor Exorcisms (§§ 90-94)
- Blessing of Catechumens (§§ 95-97)
- Anointing of Catechumens (§§ 98-103).

In addition, the Presentation of the Creed and Lord’s Prayer may be celebrated during this time if necessary (§§ 104-5).

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JUBILEE 2025: COMPETITION FOR JUBILEE HYMN

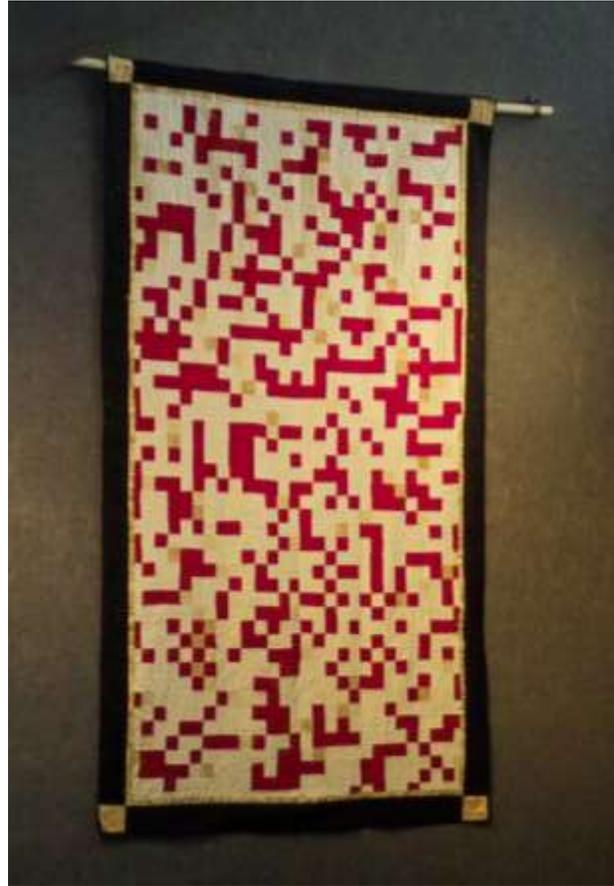


The Dicastery for Evangelization is calling for entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025, encouraging those interested to set to music a provided text which expresses the essence of the Jubilee event. For more information, please view this video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILmp5ZX749A>) and visit their website (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/inno.html>).

RCIA CONTACTS

As we look ahead to the annual rites, as well as to a new OCIA, we need an updated list of RICA contacts for each parish. Please send the name of your parish RCIA contact to agnoli@davenportdiocese.org so we can make sure to have the most updated information and keep everyone informed.

RELIGIOUS ART: QUILT AVAILABLE



Clara Oleson has created this stunning quilt, entitled *Coded Saints*. It measures 62" x 106". If you are interested in acquiring it, or have any questions, please contact her directly at coleson@lcom.net. There is a pattern, an original one, in this quilt... which she can tell you more about if you are interested! The asking price is \$6600.

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LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2022-2023 Liturgical Calendar

The 2022-2023 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar is now available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/9/LiturgicalCalendar2023.pdf>

October 23: World Mission Sunday

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

According to the *Roman Missal*, the Mass “For the Evangelization of Peoples” (Masses and Prayers for Various Needs, # 18) “may be used even on Sundays of Ordinary Time, whenever there are special celebrations for the work of the missions, provided it does not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, or on any Solemnity.” Therefore, on October 23, this Mass may be used. The readings may then be taken from Volume IV of the *Lectionary for Mass*, #872-876. There are five OT readings, 5 responsorial psalms, 6 NT readings, and 5 gospel readings to choose from!

See here for more resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/national-collections/world-mission-sunday-collection-resources>

October: Respect Life Month

- Resources from the USCCB: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>
- Resources from the Catholic Mobilizing Network: <https://catholicmobilizing.org/guide/respect-life-month-toolkit>

Christmastime (see: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons#AdventChristmas>)

Please see the Diocesan Liturgical Calendar for details regarding the celebration of the various feasts and solemnities this year.

1. God reveals God’s self to us as the One who loves us. The feast days during Christmas remind us of this revelation and seek our response to it.
2. The color is white or gold; it is ideal if vestments and fabrics used are different from those used at Easter.
3. A good Penitential Rite is the third form, #II (found in Appendix VI of the Missal).
4. Sing (if permitted) the *Gloria* the entire season. The carol “Angels We Have Heard on High” may not replace the Gloria.

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5. Christ is present here and now. TODAY is born our Savior. Avoid historicizing. For example, use Christmas music with good theology for the whole season (Hark the Herald Angels Sing) and avoid historical settings (O Little Town of Bethlehem).
6. Make sure your decorating reflects all that is important: the Word, the people.... Enhance the whole building, not just the sanctuary. Remember: less is more!
7. Remember that Advent and Christmas are the perfect times to remember Mary, our ultimate model for behavior. See the diocesan liturgical calendar for details.
 - a. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed on Thursday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation.
 - b. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed on Monday, December 12.
 - c. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is observed on Sunday, January 1.
8. There are two customary proclamations used during the Christmas Season. The deacon, reader, or cantor may sing (if permitted)/proclaim these texts, which will now be found in Appendix I of the Missal. See the diocesan website (use link above).
 - a. At Christmas Midnight Mass, after the greeting and introduction, the “Proclamation of the Birth of Christ” is sung or proclaimed. The Gloria immediately follows.
 - b. On Epiphany, the “Proclamation of the Date of Easter” is sung or proclaimed after the homily or after the prayer after communion.
9. During most of the year, we make a profound bow during the Proclamation of Faith while speaking the words: “by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” During the Vigil of Christmas and all the Masses of Christmas, we genuflect at this time—highlighting the awesome mystery of the Incarnation.
10. Regarding the various Christmas Masses:
 - a. For prayers, the *Missal* has five different Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Mass for December 24 is the proper text for Masses in the morning of December 24. The proper text for Masses in the evening (= after 4 p.m.) of December 24 is the Christmas – Vigil Mass. The texts for Christmas – Mass during the Night are to be used for Masses beginning “at night,” preferably on or around midnight between December 24 and 25. The proper texts for the first Mass in the morning of December 25 are those for Christmas – Mass at Dawn. Later Masses on December 25 should use the texts for Christmas – Mass during the Day.
 - b. The Mass at Night may be preceded by a more prolonged vigil, taken from the Office of Readings (see the *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* #71-73, 98, 215). This extended vigil is the preferred time for the blessing of the crèche (*Book of Blessings*, ch. 48, §1542-44).
 - c. The *Lectionary for Mass* provides 4 sets of readings for Christmas: the Vigil, the Mass at Night, the Mass at Dawn, and the Mass during the Day. It is strongly recommended that the readings be used as assigned, in particular that the Vigil readings be used at the Vigil. That being said, based on pastoral need, and acknowledging that the Mass that any person attends will be “their” Christmas Mass, the *Homiletic Directory* (#110) allows for the use of any of the 4 sets of readings at any of the four Masses.

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11. The crèche does not go under the altar or even in the sanctuary. It is preferable to put out a crèche that represents the whole story; there is no need to have “traveling kings.” Please see the *Book of Blessings*, chapter 48, §1544. Additional information can be found in the GIRM §299 and in *Built of Living Stones* §§124, 125, and 128.

12. There is a tradition of blessing chalk on the Epiphany, which is then used by the faithful to bless their homes. In addition, this would be a proper time to celebrate the “Order for the Blessing of Homes during the Christmas and Easter Seasons” found in the *Book of Blessings* §§ 1597-1621. The Epiphany blessing is also available on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons> OR <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litEpiphanyChalkBlessing.pdf>.

Lent & Triduum 2023

- *Ash Wednesday* will fall on February 22, 2023.
- The *Rite of Election* is scheduled for February 26, the 1st Sunday of Lent. Details pending.
- The *Chrism Mass* is tentatively scheduled for April 3, the Monday of Holy Week. Details pending.
- The *Triduum* falls on Thursday, April 6 through Sunday, April 9 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, April 8. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:30 pm CDT.

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) Synod 2021-23
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>
- (3) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>
- (4) 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>

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