

LITURGYNOTES

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

December 2023

Diocese of Davenport

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CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

- 3: First Sunday of Advent
- 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation
- 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 25: Solemnity of the Nativity: Holy Day of Obligation
- 31: Feast of the Holy Family

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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)

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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



Information on the Parish Leader's Playbook may be found at:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/lead>

Information on the Eucharistic Pilgrimage which will start at four cities in the United States and converge in Indianapolis in July 2024 may be found here:

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: JULY 17-21, 2024

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org>

Our diocese has 97 remaining discounted tickets available (\$200 instead of \$350)! WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THESE DISCOUNTED TICKET AVAILABLE UNTIL DECEMBER 22 AND THEN TAKE THE ORDERING LINK OFF-LINE.

Ticket holders must register by December 31! For more information, or to request discounted tickets from the diocese, please visit our website:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/national-eucharistic-congress-2024>.

MUSIC FOR THE REVIVAL

The Theme Song: “We Do Believe, O Lord” is a new Eucharistic hymn by Diane Mahoney, a member of Divine Mercy Parish in Burlington, Iowa. The piece has been named the theme song for the Revival movement and is appropriate to be sung at Mass, adoration, and any other gathering of Catholics where music might be used. The standard sheet music features the lyrics in both English and Spanish. You can download the full score [here](#).

The Winning Hymn: “Let the Earth Acclaim” was written by Kathleen Pluth of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Phoenix, Arizona. This versatile piece of music can be set to a variety of melodies. With this in mind, our team has created a few different versions of this score, all downloadable for free. Choose whichever fits best with the character of your parish!

- Download the [lyrics in English](#).
- Download the [lyrics in Spanish](#).
- Download the sheet music set to Hyfrydol in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
- ... set to Hymn to Joy in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
- ...set to Nettleton in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

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UPDATED PRICING AND TICKET OPTIONS

DAY AND WEEKEND PASSES: Currently, only full, 5-day passes are available. In January, single day and weekend passes will become available. See: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>

UPDATED PRICING: Due to the generosity of donors and sponsors, the prices for some Congress passes have been lowered. For example, families can now bring children 12 and under for FREE.

SCHOLARSHIPS COMING SOON: For those not able to afford the trip, passes sponsored by the Solidarity Fund will become available next year. See <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund> for more information or to be notified when the applications open in January 2024.

NEWS & NOTICES

PRAYER RESOURCES – VACANT SEE

Resources in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese are being posted to the Liturgy homepage (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy>). Please note, neither Archbishop Zinkula nor the administrator (Fr. Kuntz) are mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer.

DECEMBER 4: 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM

Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy turns 60 this year! See: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/news/60th-anniversary-of-sacrosanctum-concilium>.

SUNDAY LITURGY PREP: A RESOURCE FOR PREACHERS, READERS, AND OTHERS

<https://sundaymassreadings.org/>

"This website is managed by a Roman Catholic priest who volunteers his time and resources to curate hundreds of links and pieces of content from top-rated websites for priests, deacons, musicians, catechists, lectors, and anyone wishing to prepare for Sunday Mass. The website is a labor of love. It transcends language barriers and cultural divides."

FROM THE FDLC: RESULTS OF VOTING AT USCCB

Here are the action items and the voting results from the November plenary gathering of our Bishops. Most items required a 2/3 approval of the Latin Rite Bishops (178), so they passed handily. Of course, the items are subject to further confirmation or recognition by the Vatican. The Bishops have now considered all sections of the *Liturgy of the Hours*. The future approval of the new translation of the *New American Bible* will impact the translation of the readings found in the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

ACTION ITEM	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Liturgy of the Hours – U.S. Adaptations	214	3	2
To approve an abbreviated process for considering the ICEL Supplementary texts of the Liturgy of the Hours (ICEL submitted an additional seven fascicles of texts. These are not new, but they found inconsistencies in style, a missing word, or other precisions. The "abbreviated process" means that the Committee will review 4000 pages rather than all bishops, then offer their findings thirty days prior to the June meeting.)	222	4	3
ICEL Grey Book – The Order of Blessing of an Abbot or Abbess	225	2	0

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ICEL Grey Book – The Order of Consecration of Virgins	224	2	2
ICEL Grey Book – The Order of Religious Profession	221	3	2
In support of inscribing Saint Teresa of Calcutta to the General Roman Calendar as an Optional Memorial on September 5 (the date of her death in 1997).	227	3	0
National Statutes on the Catechumenate (Revision)	228	2	0

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: THIS MONTHDECEMBER

- December 3: First Sunday of Advent (Lectionary B-II)
- December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day of Obligation. Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated during Mass on that day must use the readings and orations of the holy day. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.
- December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (see below). Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated during Mass on that day must use the readings and orations of the holy day. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.
- December 31: Feast of the Holy Family

December 24-25, 2023

This promises to be a very busy weekend in our parishes. Pastors and their staffs should discern carefully how many liturgies to celebrate. It may be necessary to adjust the usual weekend schedule to accommodate the additional Holy Day Masses and not exceed the canonical maximum. If schedule changes are planned, and with the anticipation of many guests at these liturgies, you may find it helpful to advertise the Mass schedule early and using multiple venues (website, Facebook page, bulletin, etc.).

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday, December 23	Dec. 23	Dec. 23	4 th Sunday of Advent	EP I of 4 th Sun Advent
Sunday, December 24	Dec. 24	4 th Sunday Advent	Evening: Christmas Vigil Night: Christmas Mass during the Night	EP I of Christmas
Monday, December 25	Christmas	Christmas – Mass at Dawn (1 st Mass) Christmas – Mass during the Day		EP II of Christmas

Please note: both Sunday and Christmas are days of obligation. One should fulfill both obligations by assisting at two Masses, one for each of the two days (that is, one Mass between 4pm Sat evening and midnight Sunday night and one Mass between 4pm Sunday evening and midnight Monday night). Please see the Diocesan Liturgical Calendar for 2023-2024 for more details (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2023/9/LiturgicalCalendar2024.pdf>).

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH

JANUARY

- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – not a holy day of obligation this year
- January 7 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 9 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- January 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Resources: <https://geii.org/>
- January 21 – Sunday of the Word of God
Resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>
- January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>
- January 28 to February 3 – Catholic Schools Week

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY

- February 1 – registrations for the Rite of Election are due (please see below)
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday; Day of Fast & Abstinence
- February 18 – First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election

HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM 2024

- The *Chrism Mass* is tentatively scheduled for March 25, the Monday of Holy Week.
- The *Triduum* falls on Thursday, March 28 through Sunday, March 31 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, March 30. On that night, sunset is at 7:30 pm. In order to insure sufficient darkness, at least 45 minutes (preferably one hour) should elapse after sunset before the Vigil may begin. Therefore, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:15 pm CDT.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

RCIA CONTACTS

As we look ahead to the annual rites, as well as to a new OCIA, we need keep our list of RICA contacts for each parish up to date. If there has been a change in contacts, please send the updated information to agnoli@davenportdiocese.org. We've sent out an e-mail about the Rite of Election. If you didn't get it, it means we don't have you on our list!

UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election will be celebrated at the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent: February 18, 2024, at 11 am. As in the past, we will offer a full day of fellowship and formation for our catechumens and those accompanying them.

Information about and registration for the Rite of Election can be found here:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy/rite-of-election>

Please note that, given how early Lent comes this year, registrations are due by February 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – JANUARY 21, 2024

The Church observes the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. Since its inception, our diocese has kept this celebration by offering an afternoon of reflection on the scriptures. For example, we have explored the themes of synodality and the Eucharist in the Bible, reflecting our participation in the Synod process and the Eucharistic Revival, respectively. This year, in keeping with our diocesan focus on welcoming and belonging, we will focus on hospitality in the Bible. Our presenter will be Rev. Prof. Matthew Coomber, PhD, of St. Ambrose University. This “hybrid” session will be offered “live” at the chancery and via Zoom. For more information, resources for the day, and to register please visit: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy/sunday-of-the-word-of-god>

THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK

The liturgies of Holy Week are transformative and powerful. These most important days of the Catholic liturgical year require careful and collaborative preparation. Join LTP on January 17 for a virtual workshop where Michael Ruzicki will offer proven strategies for animating the parish community to serve as co-laborers in the preparation and celebration of the various liturgies. You will walk away from this workshop:

- assured of the centrality of Holy Week and Triduum in the life of the Church;
- equipped with practical strategies for planning Lenten catechesis and promotional efforts to foster the assembly's desire to attend these liturgies;
- inspired to involve the assembly in these sacred celebrations.

For more information or to register, please visit: <https://ltp.org/products/details/VWLHW/liturgies-of-holy-week>

For related book, please see: <https://ltp.org/products/details/EGCHWT/guide-for-celebrating-holy-week-and-the-triduum>

LITURGY PREPARATION

FDLC: ANNUAL ADVENT-CHRISTMAS RESOURCE

Once again, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) is making available their annual liturgical preparation aid for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Available in both English and Spanish, It contains:

- A full presider's text for The Order of Reconciling Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution (drawn from the revised Order of Penance, effective April 16, 2023)
 - Including Readings, a list of alternate readings, sample penances, and music suggestions

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- A Liturgical Year Calendar Advisory for Year B
- The Lectionary for Mass – citations for the readings for the Sundays and Solemnities of these seasons
- Proclamation of the Birth of Christ (to be sung before the Mass during the Night)
- Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (to be sung on Epiphany)
- O Antiphons

These resources are posted on our website (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons#AdventChristmas>) and on the FDLC website (<https://fdlc.org/2023/11/2023-advent-christmas-liturgical-preparation-aid/>).

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, ETC.

- **Pandemic Policies and Resources:** <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu>
- **Sharing the Chalice:** The FDLC provides an article on the history of the practice of Communion under both kinds – “Take and Eat, Take and Drink.” It is written in a very accessible style, designed for the “person in the pew.” The articles (English and Spanish) are posted on their website – on the page dedicated to resources on the Eucharistic Revival: www.fdlc.org/revival

RESOURCES FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

- (1) Synod on Synodality
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>
- (2) Eucharistic Revival
English: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/9/General%20Intercessions%20ENGLISH%20-%20National%20Eucharistic%20Revival.pdf>
Spanish: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/11/General%20Intercessions%20SPANISH%20-%20National%20Eucharistic%20Revival.pdf>
- (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> (archive from 2011-2020)

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