

# LITURGYNOTES

"Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations weaken and destroy it."

## October 2023

### Diocese of Davenport

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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 112 remaining discounted tickets available until 12/31 (\$200 instead of \$350)! 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>.

We update our website regularly. For example, we recently posted an excellent article by Dr. Micah Kiel, available at this link:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2023/8/Kiel-SeeingGodsRealPresence.pdf>



Eucharistic Revival Posters are now available for download! Four versions are available. Visit:  
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival>.

#### BOOK REVIEW: *EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AFTER VATICAN II*

This short book by Ed Foley, a Capuchin priest and retired professor of liturgy (Liturgical Press, 2022) explores the theology and practice of Eucharistic Adoration in the post-conciliar Church. Father Foley begins with a concise but very helpful history of the devotion, unpacks its theology and spirituality, and offers very helpful principles and guidelines for pastoral practice, always keeping the Eucharistic liturgy primary and drawing out the connections between the Mass, Eucharistic devotions, and the living of a Eucharistic life. Excellent.

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RESOURCE: *FROM MASS TO MISSION* (<https://ltp.org/products/subject/SERFMM/from-mass-to-mission>)

Available in English and Spanish, this multi-generational resource helps children, teens, and adults not only better understand the Mass itself, but also why it matters. Leader's Guides come with a DVD-ROM full of resources (videos, handouts, bulletin inserts, etc.). There are also participant booklets available for each age group. A great way to till the soil as we make our way through the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival and look ahead to the Missionary Year!

## NEWS & NOTICES

### PRAYER RESOURCES – TRANSFER OF BISHOP ZINKULA

Until October 18, we continue to name Bishop Zinkula in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Resources are being posted to the Liturgy homepage (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy>).

### INFORMATION REQUESTED

We've been contacted by Mater Dei Parish (Sioux City). An Autism Society of Iowa member there is putting together a directory of parishes in Iowa that offer special needs ministries, anything from having a sign language interpreter at Mass to offering liturgies celebrated or faith formation programs structured with those on the autism spectrum in mind—anything available for people with special needs. If you offer such accommodations, would you please let me ([agnoli@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnoli@davenportdiocese.org)) know? I'll be happy to pass the information along.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR: THIS MONTH

### OCTOBER

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence>
- Respect Life Month / October 1 — Respect Life Sunday  
<https://www.usccb.org/respectlife>
- October 4 – Opening of the World Synod of Bishops

In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs from all over the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful from around the world to prayerfully participate in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on October 4 (the attendees will also be on retreat October 1-3). Resources in Spanish and English are posted on our website:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>. For more information, please see <https://www.synod.va/en/news/without-prayer-there-will-be-no-synod.html>.

- October 22 — World Mission Sunday  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/20230106-giornata-missionaria.html>  
USCCB (last year): <https://www.usccb.org/events/2022/world-mission-sunday>

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 22, 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!

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### LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH

#### NOVEMBER

- Black Catholic History Month
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints. All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.
- November 2: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (“All Souls”)
- November 3: Optional Memorial of St. Martin de Porres
- November 5: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 15: Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral (a Solemnity at the Cathedral itself)  
The texts for the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church are used.
- November 19: World Day of the Poor (33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- November 26: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD

#### DIOCESAN CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar is now available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2023/9/LiturgicalCalendar2024.pdf>

#### DECEMBER

- 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)
- December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (see below)
- 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.).

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

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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.

### 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
- January 21 – Sunday of the Word of God
- January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

### LENT & TRIDUUM 2024

- *Ash Wednesday* will fall on February 14, 2024.
- The *Rite of Election* is scheduled for February 18, the 1st Sunday of Lent.
- 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>

### 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).

**UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES**

**50TH+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

October 15 at 2pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please see your parish for details.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – JANUARY 21, 2024**

The Church observes the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Registration information will be shared when it becomes available. Stay tuned!

**BOOK REVIEW: CATHOLIC-JEWISH RELATIONS: TWELVE KEY THEMES FOR TEACHING AND PREACHING**

Since *Nostra aetate* (Vatican II, 1965), the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish community has shifted dramatically. From what can be characterized as the “teaching of contempt,” our Church’s stance to our Jewish “older siblings” has become one of respect, dialogue, and mutual learning. Yet, this almost 60-year history is almost unknown to teachers and preachers in our parishes, partly because of the breadth and depth of the documents available and, partly, because many see no need—especially if our daily lives are not marked by encounters with Jewish neighbors. In this book, Teresa Pirola, ThD, seeks to correct this situation. She has written a very accessible guide to where Church teaching and practice currently sits in regards to Judaism. For each of 12 key themes, she provides key points for our consideration, citations from important church documents, a careful but very readable exploration of the theme, and a helpful checklist for ministers and catechists to avoid falling into inadvertent anti-Judaism as we preach and teach. Available from Paulist Press (2023), I highly recommend it.

**LITURGY PREPARATION**

**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 the *Gloria* the entire season. The carol “Angels We Have Heard on High” may not replace the Gloria.

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 Friday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation.
- b. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed on Tuesday, December 12.
- c. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is observed on Monday, January 1. AS it falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation this year.

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 (*except this year, when we will be observing the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*). 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.

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.

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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>.

### 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](http://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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