

LITURGYNOTES

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

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Diocese of Davenport

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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>

Eucharistic Sacred Art Exhibit (Deadline: February 20)

Creative Catholics from all over the country are invited to share their talents and spread the beauty of our faith through art, particularly exploring the Eucharistic mystery and Eucharistic themes. First place will receive a cash prize of \$2000. Total awards will amount to over \$3000 in total. Selected works will be showcased at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, exhibited in a premiere show at the Museum of Blessed Michael McGivney Center in Connecticut, and displayed at other locations as a part of the Eucharistic Sacred Art Exhibit. Please visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/youre-invited-enter-the-national-eucharistic-art-competition> to learn more about this exciting opportunity or to enter the competition.

NEWS & NOTICES

PRAYER RESOURCES – VACANT SEE

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

YEAR OF PRAYER: PREPARING FOR JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS IN HOPE

At the *Angelus* on the Sunday of the Word of God (1/21), Pope Francis called on the Church to observe a Year of Prayer in preparation of the Jubilee Year 2025: "The coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace, and to experience the strength of God's hope. Therefore, today we begin the *Year of Prayer*; that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great

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value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world. We will also be helped by the resources that the Dicastery for Evangelization will make available.”

While Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year in 2025 (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/lettera-di-papa-francesco.html>), the formal Bull of Indiction is expected on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, as is tradition. 2025 will be a remarkable year: the 60th anniversary of the close of Vatican II, the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, and a year in which the dates that the Churches of the East and West celebrate Easter will coincide! The website for Jubilee 2025 is: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: THIS MONTH

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

FAST—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ABSTINENCE—Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older. If members of the Faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.

FEBRUARY

- February 1 – registrations for the Rite of Election are due (please see below)
- February 2: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (Celebrated in Parishes February 3-4)
Resources: <https://www.usccb.org/events/2024/world-day-prayer-consecrated-life>
- February 7-14: National Marriage Week / World Marriage Day (Feb 11)
Resources: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week>
- February 8: World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
Resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/administrative/february-8th-international-day-prayer-and-awareness-against-human>
- February 11: World Day of the Sick
Resources: <https://www.chausa.org/prayers/world-day-of-the-sick> and <https://www.nacc.org/resources/spirituality-and-prayer-resources/world-day-of-the-sick/>
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday; Day of Fast & Abstinence
The Book of Blessings (chapter 52) includes a rite for blessing and distributing ashes outside of Mass, in the context of a celebration of the word of God. It may also be used when bringing ashes to the sick. When led by a deacon (or priest), ashes may be blessed as part of the rite. When led by a lay minister, ashes blessed at an earlier liturgy are to be used. If this rite is used, please use the newly translated formulas for imposing ashes found in the Missal (“Repent, and believe in the Gospel” OR “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”). The call to conversion symbolized by the imposition of ashes is a call answered within the context of the Church gathered liturgically as the Body of Christ. In the Body, especially in the liturgy, each member has their own proper place. The imposition of ashes is an official action of the Church, not a private act of personal piety. Thus, it is proper that only an official representative of the Church—such as a priest or deacon, who by virtue of ordination also represents Christ in a particular way in the community—imposes the ashes. As with communion, if there is need, extraordinary ministers may be deputed to assist in this ministry. But, just as with communion, to simply pass ashes around with everyone imposing ashes on each other—that is, everyone acting as extraordinary ministers—is contrary to what the Church intends and therefore not permitted.

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- February 18 – First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election

Registration for and information about the Rite of Election: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH

MARCH

- March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins. Spring ahead!
- The *Chrism Mass* is scheduled for March 25, the Monday of Holy Week, beginning at 10:30 am. The Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral, and a light reception will follow. Note that the Annunciation is moved to April 8.
- 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. <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/triduum>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Resources from the USCCB are available at:
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/child-abuse-prevention-month-how-and-why>
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/april-national-child-abuse-prevention-month>
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources>
<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/upload/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.pdf>
- April 7: 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday>
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/holy-hour-divine-mercy-sunday>
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/divine-mercy-action-guide>
- April 8: Solemnity of the Annunciation – transferred from March 25

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday April 6	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	2 nd Sunday of Easter	EP I of the 2 nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday April 7	2 nd Sunday of Easter	2 nd Sunday of Easter		EP II of the 2 nd Sunday of Easter
Monday, April 8	Annunciation	Annunciation		EP II of the Annunciation

- April 21: 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) / World Day of Prayer for Vocations
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/world-day-prayer-vocations>.
- April 22: Earth Day
<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/programs/earth-day/>
<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/care-for-creation>
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/renewing-earth>

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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!

RCIA: MYSTAGOGY

In the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis (or Mystagogy), a number of rites can be celebrated—the most important of which are the "neophyte Masses" in which all those who have been baptized at the Vigil gather together again to celebrate the liturgy. Pentecost Sunday and the anniversary of their baptism would be other special days to keep in mind. Please see RCIA #244-251. The National Statutes for the RCIA (# 24) state that this period should last a year, with at least monthly meetings.

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.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:30am on Monday, March 25. A light reception will follow. Parishes are being contacted to find out how much of the blessed oils and consecrated Chrism they will need this year. Please respond before the end of the month so we can order the oils.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

FDLC ANNUAL MEETING: SAVE THE DATES!

Please join the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions for their fifty-fifth annual national on October 1-3 in Pittsburgh at the lovely Omni William Penn Hotel – the site of the FDLC's very first gathering in 1969! The theme is "Bridges of Hope: Merging Parishes." The conference will address the canonical, liturgical, and pastoral issues associated with merging parishes.

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RESOURCE FOR PREACHERS

NOTRE DAME PREACHING CONFERENCE

The videos of the presentations at the 2023 conference – “Visions of the Reign of God: Preaching and Catholic Social Teaching” – may be linked to from the Marten website (<https://theology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/initiatives/marten-program/conferences-lectures/>) or may be found directly on GoogleDocs (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uRvtZaJ948AOT8_JuoGjBHcSquBixVXK).

Mark your calendar! Dates are set for another major preaching conference at Notre Dame, June 16-18, 2025. Tentative theme: “‘Amen I Say to You’: Substance and Urgency in Preaching.”

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGY PREPARATION AID 2024: LENT- TRIDUUM-EASTER

As usual, the FDLC is making available their annual Liturgical Preparation Aid for the Great Ninety Days. This resource in English is available at: www.fdlc.org/LentEaster2024. The Spanish resource will be posted to the same site as soon as it is available. You may also access these resources from our website at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons#LentTriduumEaster>.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Lent: Prayers over the People

Each day in Lent is assigned its own Prayer over the People, for use as part of the final blessing before the dismissal. On Ash Wednesday and on the Sundays of Lent, their use is mandatory. On weekdays, their use is optional.

Easter time and Pentecost

- The days of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response (just for the octave and on Pentecost; *not* for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.
- The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Resources from the USCCB are available at: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday>.
- Have the neophytes (the newly baptized) sit in a special place during the Easter Season. Remember them in the intercessions. Please see RCIA #244-251.
- The paschal candle should be kept by the altar or ambo, and lit during liturgies until Evening Prayer II on Pentecost.
- Remember: we “fast for 40” but we “feast for 50!!”

Easter time and Judaism

Excerpted from *God's Mercy Endures Forever: Guidelines on the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Preaching* (Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, September, 1988); full document at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/jewish/upload/God-s-Mercy-Endures-Forever-Guidelines-on-the-Presentation-of-Jews-and-Judaism-in-Catholic-Preaching-1988.pdf>.

26. The readings of the Easter season, especially those from the book of Acts, which is used extensively throughout this liturgical period, require particular attention from the homilist in light of the enduring bond between Jews and Christians. Some of these readings from Acts (e.g., cycles A and B for the Third and Fourth Sundays of Easter) can leave an impression of collective Jewish responsibility for the crucifixion ("You put to death the author of life...." Acts 3:15). In such cases, the homilist should put before the assembly the teachings of *Nostra Aetate* in this regard (see no. 22 above), as well as the fact noted in Acts 3:17 that what was done by some individual Jews was done "out of ignorance" so that no unwarranted conclusion about collective guilt is drawn by the hearers. The Acts may be dealing with a reflection of the Jewish-Christian relationship as it existed toward the end of the first century (when Acts was composed) rather than with the actual attitudes of the post-Easter Jerusalem Church. Homilists should desire to convey the spirit and enthusiasm of the early Church that marks these Easter season readings. But in doing so, statements about Jewish responsibility have to be kept in context. This is part of the reconciliation between Jews and Christians to which we are all called.

Some helpful resources from our website as we head into Lent, Triduum, and Eastertime....

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/preaching-links#AvoidingAntiJudaism>

Catholic Biblical Association Fact Sheets (*These are posted with the kind permission of the CBA.*)

- [Introduction](#)
- [On Jewish Responsibility for the Death of Jesus](#)
- [On Lepers](#)
- [On the Pharisees](#)
- [On Women](#)

Video Series: Presenting the Passion... without blaming "the Jews"

1. [Judas and Betrayal](#) ("Do you betray me with a kiss?") with Ruth Langer and Jesper Svartvik
2. [The Jewish Leaders and Conspiracy](#) ("Looking for a way to arrest Jesus...and kill him.") with Katharina von Kellenbach and Peter A. Pettit
3. [The Jewish Crowd, Pilate, and Guilt](#) ("His blood be on us and our children.") with Victoria Barnett, Philip Cunningham, and Adam Gregerman
4. [The Crucifixion and Accountability](#) ("And they took him away and crucified him.") with Mary Boys, John Pawlikowski, and Elena Procario-Foley

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

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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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