

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>

Following the Eucharistic Congress, we are now entering into the "Missionary Year" of the Revival. Please see our diocesan page: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/missionary-year-2024-2025>.

As part of that year, there will be a national pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Los Angeles, arriving on Corpus Christi. Please see: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>.



First, please know that Bishop Walsh has given permission for the Pilgrimage to pass through our diocese on May 21-23, 2025!

Specifics will be shared as soon as they become available.

Second, the Revival is still looking for "perpetual pilgrims" to make the journey from Indy to LA. For more information, please see the pilgrimage webpage listed above.

NEWS & NOTICES

NEW LITURGICAL BOOKS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Formation: HCWEMOM

We continue to work on a series of short videos to introduce the new translation of this ritual text; stay tuned! In the meantime, please see our article series in the *Messenger*!

Formation: OCIA

We've invited Liturgy Training Publications to offer a series of both live and virtual formation sessions as we prepare to implement the new translation of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)*.

These opportunities are being co-sponsored by the Office of Liturgy and the Office of Faith Formation. There will be no charge to participants.

REGISTRATION: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia-workshops>

1. In-Person Sessions this Fall: “The New Translation of the OCIA: An Opportunity to Re-envision Catechumenal Ministry”

Saturday, November 16, at St. Mary in Pella: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Sunday, November 17, at St. Patrick in Iowa City: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

2. Virtual Sessions after the New Year

On the evening of **Thursday, January 23**, we will offer a 90-minute version of the workshop in both English and Spanish. The two sessions will run simultaneously from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

In addition, during the afternoon of **Tuesday, January 21 (1:30pm-3:00pm)**, we will offer a special virtual session for clergy: “Preparing for the OCIA: Changes in Translation, Opportunities for Renewal.” In this workshop, clergy will have the chance to examine the newly translated ritual text and consider the ways they can implement the vision of the OCIA throughout all parish life, thus renewing the life-giving fire of the catechumenate.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: THIS MONTH

November

- Black Catholic History Month; Native American Heritage 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”);
 - Evening Prayer II of All Souls is said. For evening Masses in anticipation of Sunday, use the Sunday Mass.
- November 3: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (replaces the feast of St. Martin de Porres); Daylight Savings Time Ends

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Friday, Nov 1	All Saints	All Saints		EP II for All Saints
Saturday, Nov 2	All Souls	All Souls	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Nov 3	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time		EP II for 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- November 5: Election Day
- November 9: Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran.
 - Evening Prayer II of the Feast is said. For evening Masses in anticipation of Sunday, use the Sunday Mass.
- 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 17: World Day of the Poor (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- November 24: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH

December

- December 1: First Sunday of Advent; new liturgical year begins

- December 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9. In the past, when this happened, the obligation was abrogated. That is no longer the case. Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited, though a marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony and the Order of Christian Funerals. See below.
- December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (see below)
- December 29: Feast of the Holy Family; Opening of the Jubilee Year around the world (see box below)

December 8-9

The liturgies over the 8th and 9th are celebrated as follows:

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, December 8	2 nd Sunday of Advent	2 nd Sunday of Advent		EP II of 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Monday, December 9	Immaculate Conception	Immaculate Conception		EP II of Immaculate Conception

Yes, the USCCB calendar and Ordo say that there is no obligation this year. And, when these were prepared, that was true. But the USCCB asked the Vatican to clarify the rules around the obligation when the solemnity is moved to the 9th, and in October they did let us know that the obligation DOES remain. So, as a result, there are two obligations which must be met: for the Sunday and for the Holy Day. So, this year, the obligations for the 2nd Sunday of Advent and for the Immaculate Conception may be met as follows:

Second Sunday of Advent	Immaculate Conception
Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening (after 4pm) of Saturday, December 7 and throughout Sunday, December 8	Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening (after 4pm) of Sunday, December 8 and throughout Monday, December 9
Obligation may be fulfilled at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any evening Mass (after 4pm) on December 7 • Any Mass on December 8 	Obligation may be fulfilled at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any evening Mass (after 4pm) on December 8 • Any Mass on December 9

December 24-25, 2024

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. The Mass during the 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).

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

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“The Eucharist commits us to the poor” (CCC #1397).

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.

On December 25, 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.

Jubilee Year 2025 (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>) (<https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>)

The Holy Year will open at the Vatican on December 24, when the holy Father will open the Holy Doors at St. Peter’s Basilica. Cathedrals around the world will inaugurate the Holy Year on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 29.

In our diocese, weather permitting, we will gather at St. Anthony Church in Davenport at 2pm, celebrate the special opening rites there, process to the Cathedral, and celebrate Mass there. The liturgy will be followed by a reception.

Diocesan information will be posted at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy#Jubilee2025>. For example, cards with the Jubilee Prayer are available for download there (bilingual English/Spanish and English/Vietnamese).

The Vatican has released a special Mass for the Holy Year, which is posted on the USCCB website: [USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/mass-for-the-holy-year](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/mass-for-the-holy-year)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD

January

- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation; 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.
- January 5 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 12 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- January 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
<http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/2024/2024-05-20-wpcu-2025.html>
<https://www.atonementfriars.org/2025-week-of-prayer-theme-announced-do-you-believe/>
- January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
<https://www.usccb.org/january-22>
- January 26 – Sunday of the Word of God
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election is celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent: March 9, 2025. Given that we have a new bishop, details regarding how we will celebrate the Rite this year are still pending. Information regarding registration, as well as further details, will be published in the December issue of *LiturgyNotes* and be sent directly to pastors and RCIA contacts as soon as they are available.

UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES

DECEMBER 29: OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR



Bishop Walsh will celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year with a special liturgy beginning at St. Anthony Church in Davenport at 2pm. Those who wish will then process (weather permitting) to Sacred Heart Cathedral, where Mass will be celebrated. We will end the day with time for visiting and enjoying some light refreshments. We'll provide any additional details here next month.

Priests who wish to concelebrate, and deacons who wish to vest, are asked to let Deacon Agnoli know at agnoli@davenportdiocese.org. Likewise, if pastors know that a group will be coming from their parish, please do let us know so we can plan accordingly.

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 26, 2025

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. We're working on the specifics for this year, and will let you know more in the December issue.

NOTRE DAME PREACHING CONFERENCE: JUNE 16-18, 2025 VIEW DETAILS AND

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The 2024-2025 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar (updated) is now available at:
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2024/9/LiturgicalCalendar2025.pdf>

Lent / Triduum / Easter 2025

- *Ash Wednesday* will fall on March 5, 2025.
- The *Rite of Election* is scheduled for March 9, the 1st Sunday of Lent.
- The *Chrism Mass* is tentatively scheduled for April 14, the Monday of Holy Week.
- The *Triduum* falls on Thursday, April 17 through Sunday, April 20 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, April 19. On that night, sunset is at ~7:45 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 8:30 pm CDT, preferably 8:45 pm.

NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE 2024

A Novena to St. Isidore may take place starting eight days before Thanksgiving: November 20th–28th. St. Isidore, the farmer, born in Madrid, Spain was employed as a laborer on a farm outside the city; he married Maria de la Cabeza. Both Isidore and Maria worked hard and were very charitable to their neighbors and the poor. Through the centuries, Isidore and Maria have been revered as an example of the vocational meaning of marriage, not only as an institution that addresses a need for affection but also through which people can achieve holiness. The virtual novena from Catholic Rural Life can be found here: <https://catholicrurallife.org/resources/spiritual/novena-to-st-isidore/>.

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 (general intercessions for Sundays)

<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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