

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 (including interactive maps) 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>

While discounted tickets from the diocese are no longer available, a few of our parishes have not used all the tickets that they purchased. So, if you are still looking to attend the Congress and are interested in a discounted ticket, please e-mail Deacon Agnoli at agnoli@davenportdiocese.org, and he will put you in contact with one of these parishes.

The Solidarity Fund is an initiative led by the Bishops of the United States to help those in need of financial assistance for registration for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. For more information, please visit: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund>.

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.

OCP PARISH GRANTS

The OCP Parish Grants Program is a unique program of direct financial grants authorized by the OCP Board of Directors to provide assistance to parishes and campus ministries seeking to enhance the worship experience of their community. Applications are being accepted now through May 30, 2024 at ocp.org/parish-grants.

FROM THE DICASTERY FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH: *GESTIS VERBISQUE* (DEEDS AND WORDS)

This Note from the DDF, issued on January 31, and currently available only in Italian (https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_ddf_doc_20240202_gestis-verbisque_it.html), “reaffirms the Catholic Church’s traditional teaching on the administration of the sacraments and insists that it is essential to use the correct form of words and the proper matter to ensure the validity of the sacraments” (Collins, *America*, on-line at: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2024/02/03/ddf-invalid-sacraments-247108>). The publication of this Note was prompted by multiple reports of priests not following the liturgical books and thus celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and baptism, invalidly. A sacrament celebrated invalidly has no recognized effect. The Prefect of the DDF reminds us that the sacraments are “masterpieces of God” that are “instituted by Christ” – and not the private property of clerics to do with them as they please, thereby imperiling the care of souls and depriving the Faithful of what is their right and due.

LITURGICAL FORMATION WAS THE FOCUS OF DDWDS ASSEMBLY ON FEBRUARY 6-9

From Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 February 2024, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments convened in Plenary Assembly at the General Curia of the Society of Jesus, on the theme “*Euntes parate nobis Pascha*” (“Go prepare for us the Passover” - Lk 22:8): pathways of liturgical formation for ordained ministers and lay faithful”. The meeting was attended by all the Members of the Dicastery, together with some Consultors, who discussed the challenges and opportunities facing of liturgical formation in the Church today. The discussion of the members revolved around three reports:

- Liturgical formation from *Sacrosanctum Concilium* to *Desiderio desideravi*.
- Mystagogues for the People of God: What liturgical formation for ordained ministers? An experience: theological formation at Mount Angel Seminary (Oregon)
- The liturgy is the “primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit” (SC 14). Pathways of liturgical formation for the people of God.

Pope Francis’ address to the convocation can be found here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2024/february/documents/20240208-plenaria-culto-divino.html>.

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

VATICAN NEWS - Pope Francis announced the Year of Prayer ahead of the Jubilee during the Angelus on 21 January, when he called on the faithful “to intensify your prayers in order to prepare ourselves to live this event of grace well, and to experience the strength of God’s hope.” Explaining the purpose of the Year of Prayer, the Pope said the year is “dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.”

The Vatican’s Dicastery for Evangelization has issued a new resource on prayer aimed at inviting the faithful to “intensify prayer as a personal dialogue with God” and to reflect on their faith and commitment in today’s world. The new guidebook, entitled *Teach Us to Pray* (Italian: “*Insegnaci a pregare*”), is the latest in a series of resources provided by the Dicastery to assist the Church as she prepares for the celebration of Jubilee 2025. The title is taken from the request of Jesus’ disciples in the Gospel of St. Luke, which provides the framework for the Church’s preparation for the Jubilee. Inspired by the authoritative teaching of Pope Francis, *Teach Us to Pray* consists of chapters dedicated to prayer in the parish and in the family; the prayer of young people; prayer in cloistered communities; catechesis; and spiritual retreats; and concludes with a section on “The prayer of the faithful for Jubilee 2025.” The Italian version of *Teach Us to Pray* is currently available to download at no cost from the website of the Dicastery for Evangelization. English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Polish versions will be made available soon.

January 13, 2022	Pope Francis announces a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025 Theme will be “Pilgrims of Hope.” The website for Jubilee 2025 is: https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html .
January 21, 2024	On the fifth observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the Holy Father launches a year of prayer in anticipation of the Jubilee Year [https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/verso-il-giubileo/2024-anno-della-preghiera.html]
February 11, 2024	In a letter to the Dicastery for Evangelization, Pope Francis officially appoints this dicastery to lead the effort. [https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/lettera-di-papa-francesco.html]
February 21, 2024	The Dicastery for Evangelization releases a resource for the year of prayer “Teach us to Pray.” (Italian today, other languages soon.) [http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/it.html] [English site: http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en.html]
May 9, 2024	Publication of the official Papal Bull on the Year of Hope
December 24, 2024	The Pope will open the Jubilee Door at the Saint Peter’s Basilica. (Doors at St. John Lateran, St. Paul outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major will be opened on the following days.)
Jan 24, 2025	Jubilee of World of Communication
Feb 15, 2025	Jubilee for Artists
April 5, 2025	Jubilee for the Sick and Healthcare World
May 1, 2025	Jubilee of Workers
May 30, 2025	Jubilee of Families
July 28, 2025	Jubilee of Youth
October 11, 2025	Jubilee for Marian Spirituality
January 6, 2026	Epiphany -- Close of Jubilee Year

FROM THE FEDERATION OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS

Newly-Revised: *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass*

This liturgical text is part of the Roman Ritual. The revised rites were approved by Pope Paul VI and promulgated by the Congregation of Divine Worship on June 21, 1973, the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. *That editio typica* was entitled *De sacra communion et de culta mysrerii eucharistici extra Missam*. Our current English translation has been in use in the dioceses of the United States since 1976.

In recent years, this rite has undergone a revision and retranslation. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) completed its work in 2020. On November 17, 2021, the United States Bishops approved a new translation and sent it to the Holy See. The Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments approved that text on March 7, 2023 (the feast of Saints Perpetua and Felicity). After the usual dialogue, proofing and editing, a Decree of Publication was issued by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, President of the USCCB, on January 25, 2024.

The text may be used in the liturgy on September 14, 2024, the Exaltation of the Cross. Its use is mandatory on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. The ritual edition may be sold by publishers no sooner than August 1, 2024. It will be printed by several publishers -- Catholic Book Publishing, Liturgical Press, Liturgy Training Publications, Magnificat, and Midwest Theological Forum. [N.B. Watch our website and *LiturgyNotes* for formation opportunities!]

LiturgyNotes – March 2024

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

Coming in May - Related Formation Opportunities

FREE FDLC WEBINAR SERIES - WEDNESDAYS 1:00 to 2:15

Registration information will be listed here once it becomes available.

May 1 REV. ED FOLEY, OFM, CAPUCHIN

History and Theology of Eucharistic Adoration after Vatican II, Part 1

May 8 REV. ED FOLEY, OFM, CAPUCHIN

History and Theology of Eucharistic Adoration after Vatican II, Part 2

May 15 DR. STEVE JANCO

Music for a Period of Exposition

May 22 REV. MATTHEW ERNEST

Best Practices for Adoration and Exposition

June 5 REV. DUSTIN DOUGHT (BCDW) AND FDLC STAFF

An examination of the newly revised liturgical text, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass*

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.

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: NEXT MONTH

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>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD

THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE

May is traditionally regarded as a Marian month. Please recall, however, that the Easter Season should remain the primary focus in both prayer and in the liturgical environment. Popular devotions are to take their life from the liturgy, not overshadow it.

Sunday, May 12, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, is also Mother’s Day this year. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery and Eastertime. The Book of Blessings (#1724ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use. The same applies to Father’s Day, June 16 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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MAY

- May 12 (Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 12): World Communications Day
See: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/theme-for-2024-world-communication-day-artificial-intelligence.html>
- May 19: Pentecost
- May 20: Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; please see <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/mother-of-the-church> for the Mass texts.
- May 22: National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea (USA)
- May 24: World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES

CHRISM MASS 2024

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:30am on Monday, March 25. A light reception, and tour of the cathedral for those interested, will follow. Parishes have been contacted to find out how much of the blessed oils and consecrated Chrism they will need this year; if you have not yet done so, please reply ASAP.

ORDINATIONS 2024

Seminarians will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 1. In the meantime, please consider including these men in your intercessions; for example:

For those who will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Davenport this year, that they would be faithful and compassionate ministers of the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY VIRTUAL SEMINAR SERIES – NEW PASTORAL STATEMENT

Thursdays from 3-4:30 pm ET on March 7, 14, 21, and April 11, 18, 25

NCPD and the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame will offer education to Church leadership in relation to the new pastoral statement being written on disability, belonging, and the Church. It will explore foundational and aspirational concepts related to the full participation of persons with disabilities in the Church across six seminars. The series features Archbishop Emeritus Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., persons who experience a broad spectrum of disabilities, and theologians such as Dr. Jana Bennet from the University of Dayton and Dr. David Cloutier from The Catholic University of America, to name a few. No cost to attend. To register, please visit:

<https://ncpd.org/events/communion-advancing-full-participation-persons-disabilities-church>

2024 NATIONAL GATHERING ON CHRISTIAN INITIATION (NGCI): JULY 31-AUGUST 1, 2024

The 7th annual National Gathering on Christian Initiation® will focus on “Evangelization and the OCIA” and the evangelizing power of the baptismal catechumenate. Together we will consider how liturgy, catechesis, and the parish community all serve as agents of evangelization. We will also take time to look at the four distinct periods of the OCIA and how evangelization inspires everything we do. See: <https://ngci.org/2024>. Registration is now open.

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FDLC ANNUAL MEETING: OCTOBER 1-3, 2024

Please join the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions for their fifty-fifth annual national meeting 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.

NOTRE DAME PREACHING CONFERENCE: JUNE 16-18, 2025

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

This Year's Convergence of Ramadan, Easter, and Passover

This spring will see the convergence of three major religious observances: Ramadan is expected to begin around March 10; Easter is on March 31 in Western Christianity and May 5 for Orthodox Christians; and the first night of Passover is on April 22. This confluence presents a ready-made interreligious learning opportunity. The *Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies (ICJS)* has some helpful resources, including a video, [Lived Diversity: Observing Passover, Easter, and Ramadan](https://icjs.org/lived-diversity/), (<https://icjs.org/lived-diversity/>) which also has a Dialogue Facilitation Guide with questions for discussion and resources for further reading. They also have a downloadable guide, [Planning an Interfaith Event? 10 Questions to Consider](https://icjs.org/interfaith-event/) (<https://icjs.org/interfaith-event/>).

WINE FOR SACRAMENTAL USE

In light of *Gestis Verbisque* (see above), it would be good to recall the criteria for validity and liceity when it comes the wine used at Eucharist. Essentially, only wine that results from the natural fermentation of grapes (no other fruit or grains; outside of a small amount of grape sugar if needed for proper fermentation, no added sugars), without the addition of other flavorings (fruit wines, flavors, or extracts), not “sparkling,” and not exceeding 14% alcohol by volume (“fortified” wine) may be used. The addition of sulfites as a preservative is permitted. It is incumbent on pastors to ensure that any wine used in the Diocese of Davenport is both valid and licit. The best course of action is to use wine specifically labeled for sacramental use. If table wine is used, then due diligence is required (read labels carefully, contact the vintner). These criteria are reviewed in our resource, *Wines for Eucharist*, which was just updated; please see: <https://files.ecatholic.com/13543/documents/2024/2/WinesEucharist-updated022224.pdf>.

REMINDER: DON'T ADD PRAYERS TO MASS

From Fr. Paul Turner's blog...

Q: What are your thoughts on adding prayers after communion such as the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel that many bishops are promoting? [or the Hail, Mary after the intercessions, etc.]

A: Just say no. The group working on the revisions of the Order of Mass in the years after Vatican II made studied choices about what to remove, what to retain, and what to alter. These decisions cohere extremely well in the missal that we received from the Vatican, and that has twice gone through an upgrade with its second and third editions. The mass that we have does not need any fixing. Any individual who wishes to pray to St. Michael may do so privately, but there is no space for it as public prayer within the Order of Mass, and it disrupts the flow and meaning of the final parts of liturgy. If there is a particular concern that drives the addition of a prayer, then that concern belongs in the Universal Prayer. That is why that part of the mass was restored after Vatican II.

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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