

LITURGYNOTES

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

October 2024

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. The Revival’s [The Walk with One](#) initiative and the call to go deeper as [Eucharistic Missionaries](#) will be primary focal points for the Year of Mission; the [Year of Mission Playbook](#) is now available for download. Our

Congress webpage has been replaced with one dedicated to the Missionary Year: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/missionary-year-2024-2025>

NEWS & NOTICES

NEW LITURGICAL BOOKS / FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

<i>Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass (HCWEMOM)</i>	<i>Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)</i>
Available now.	Publication: November 1, 2024
You may use this ritual book now!	May use: December 1, 2024 (1 st Sunday Advent)
Must use: December 1, 2024 (1 st Sunday Advent)	Must use: March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday)
https://fdlc.org/2024/03/eucharistic-adoration-webinar-series/	https://fdlc.org/ociawebinars/
Liturgical Press (https://litpress.org/)	
Ritual Book (English) <i>For Extraordinary Ministers:</i> Communion of the Sick (pocket edition for EMHCs) Administration of Communion to the Sick by an Extraordinary Minister (notecard version)	Ritual Book - English Study Edition - English Study Edition - Spanish Discounted Sets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study Set• English Team Study Set• Spanish Team Study Set• Parish Leader Set
Liturgy Training Publications (https://ltp.org/)	
	Ritual Book - English Ritual Book - Spanish Ritual Book - Bilingual
Catholic Book Publishing (https://catholicbookpublishing.com/)	
Ritual Book (English)	Ritual Book - English Ritual Book - Bilingual
Magnificat (https://bookstore.magnificat.net/)	
Ritual Book (English)	Ritual Book - English

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Formation: HCWEMOM

We are working on a series of short videos to introduce the new translation of this ritual text; stay tuned! Also, look for our article series coming this month 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

Intended for clergy and for OCIA team leaders and members. Please plan on attending!

In addition to surveying the changes in the OCIA ritual text, the Christian initiation ministry coordinators, teams, and catechists will assess their current practice of ministry and be inspired to take a renewed approach. Each session will last 3 hours, and will include a closing meal and time for networking.

2. Virtual Sessions after the New Year

For those unable to make it to the in-person workshops, or who find that they need a “refresher” before Lent, we will be offering three virtual sessions in January 2025.

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

October

- World Synod of Bishops: Meeting from Oct 2 to Oct 27
<https://www.synod.va/en.html>
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence>
- Respect Life Month / October 6 — Respect Life Sunday
<https://www.usccb.org/respectlife>
<https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

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- October 20 — World Mission Sunday

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/02/02/240202a.html>

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/national-collections/world-mission-sunday-collection-resources>

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 20, 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!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT 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: LOOKING AHEAD

December

- December 1: First Sunday of Advent; new liturgical year begins
- December 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (moved to Monday; not a Holy Day of Obligation this year); please note that while ritual Masses are not permitted, when the obligation is abrogated funeral Masses may be celebrated. Please note that, on December 8, Evening Prayer II for Sunday is used.
- December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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- December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (see below)
- December 29: Feast of the Holy Family; Opening of the Holy Doors around the world

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 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—including St. John Lateran in Rome, the Pope’s Cathedral—will follow by opening their Holy Doors on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 29. Details regarding our observation of the Jubilee are forthcoming.

The Vatican has released a special Mass for the Holy Year, which is posted on the USCC +B 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)

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>

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 20 at 2pm at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. 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 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 November issue.

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Liturgical Calendar 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar is now available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2024/9/LiturgicalCalendar2025.pdf>

The USCCB calendar may be found at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/2025cal.pdf>.

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 Monday, December 9. It is NOT a holy day of obligation.
 - b. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed on Thursday, December 12.
 - c. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is observed on Wednesday, January 1. It is 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. 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.

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>.

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.

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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 (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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