

# LITURGYNOTES

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

## April 2025

Diocese of Davenport

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### CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

- **13: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
- **14: Chrism Mass**
- **17-20: Paschal Triduum**
- **22: Earth Day**
- **27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday**

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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/>.



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

Here is the schedule of activities for our diocese:

### WEDNESDAY 5/21

Bishop Tylka of Peoria will cross the Mississippi River at Burlington by boat with the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Walsh will meet him at Bluff Harbor Marina (weather permitting).

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| 2:00-2:30 | Procession (1 mi) from Bluff Harbor to St. Paul Church                     |
| 2:30-2:45 | Prayer at St. Paul Church, Burlington                                      |
| 2:45-4:45 | Procession (3.6 mi) from St. Paul to SS. Mary and Patrick, West Burlington |
| 5:00-5:30 | Mass at SS. Mary and Patrick, West Burlington                              |
| 7:30-8:30 | St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant: Holy Hour with Night Prayer (Compline)        |

### THURSDAY 5/22

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| 9:00-10:00 | Adoration in St. James Church, Washington; close w. Benediction (Please do not arrive early or enter the church while the preceding school Mass is taking place.) |
| 12:00-2:00 | Procession from St. Mary Church, Riverside, to St. Francis Vet Clinic (2 mi)  |
| 3:00-4:00  | St. Patrick, Iowa City: Exposition. Procession around property. Adoration. Benediction.   |
| 5:30-7:00  | Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport: Pot-luck Dinner  |
| 7:00-8:00  | SHC: Holy Hour with Evening Prayer (Vespers)  |
| 8:00-9:00  | SHC: Confessions  |

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

### FRIDAY 5/23

7:00-11:00 St. Anthony, Davenport: Exposition, Adoration, Benediction.  
Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 8am; Rosary at 10am  
12:05-12:30 St. Anthony: Parish Mass.

Registration for these events will be through the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage website, and should be open soon.

Priests and deacons who wish to participate are responsible for bringing their own vestments. We will have more information and instructions coming soon!

## **NEWS & NOTICES**

### NEWS FROM THE BCDW

#### *Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care*

Set for implementation in early 2026 (first use February 11; mandatory use April 5), this ritual book will replace the current *Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum*, and will be available in English and Spanish. This new ritual book will return to the ordering of the Latin typical edition and reduce the number of options available, and is intended for use only by priests and deacons. A separate ritual book for lay ministers will be produced by the USCCB. As more information becomes available, we will share it here and through other media.

### Resources from the BCDW

Beginning in February 2023 and concluding in November 2023, the *BCDW Newsletter* ran a series on the Transforming Power of the Liturgy. Those have now been translated into Spanish and formatted into a bulletin insert format. The resource page with all the PDFs is here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/transforming-power-liturgy>, and the landing page for the series is here: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/transforming-power-liturgy>.

### NEWS FROM THE FDLC

#### Save the Dates

At the kind invitation of Archbishop William Lori, the fifty-sixth national meeting of diocesan liturgical commissions will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from **September 30 to October 2, 2025**. The focus will be on the **Liturgy of the Hours**. The good folks of Region Four look forward to welcoming you! For more information, please visit: <https://fdlc.org/56th-fdlc-national-meeting/>.

Speakers will include Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican and Abbot Gregory Polan, OSB, who recently returned to the United States after completing his term as the tenth Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order (2016-2024). His expertise as a Scripture scholar, linguist, and musician all contributed to his leadership of the monks of Conception Abbey and their work on The Abbey Psalm and Canticles – the psalms now approved for liturgical use in the United States.

And, it looks as if our region – Region Nine – will be hosting the 2026 meeting... here, in our diocese! The topic is still to be decided, and we've yet to finalize the location and dates, but thanks to Bishop Walsh for extending the invitation to the FDLC to hold their national meeting – for the first time ever – in the Diocese of Davenport!

The Tabat Scholarship <https://fdlc.org/2021/09/tabat-scholarship/>

This scholarship benefits those who are pursuing a graduate degree in the field of liturgical studies or related fields. Please note the new window for applications -- these applications used to be accepted until June 1!

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025** (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>) (<https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>)



Diocesan information is 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). Information about the Jubilee Indulgence and on pilgrimage churches in the diocese is also available.

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: THIS MONTH

#### HOLY WEEK / TRIDUUM / EASTER 2025

- The *Chrism Mass* is 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.

#### APRIL

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Resources from the USCCB are available at:  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources>  
<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/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/upload/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.pdf>
- 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>  
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/care-for-creation>
- April 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH**

MAY

- May 11: 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) / World Day of Prayer for Vocations / Mother’s Day  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/world-day-prayer-vocations>.
- 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

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 11, the Fourth 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 15 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD**

JUNE

- June 1: Ascension of the Lord (replaces 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)
- June 8: Pentecost
- June 9: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
Please see <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/mother-of-the-church>
- June 19: Juneteenth  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism>
- June 22–29 — Religious Freedom Week (USA)  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>
- June 27: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus — World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/world-day-prayer-sanctification-priests>
- June 29: Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul: replaces 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES**

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:30am on Monday, April 14. A light reception will follow.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

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

FDLC WEBINAR SERIES ON ARS CELEBRANDI

On Wednesdays, from May 7 to June 4, the FDLC will be hosting another free webinar series. The topic will be *The Art of Celebrating: Something More is Required*.

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTERS
May 7	Understanding <i>Ars celebrandi</i>	Fr. Paul Turner and Fr. Bruce Cinquegrani
May 14	The Role of the Assembly	Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, CppS
May 21	The Role of the Presider	Bishop Mark Seitz
May 28	Lay Ministers	Msgr. Michael Begolly and Victoria Tufano
June 4	Music and the Liturgy	Dr. Dolores Martinez and Dr. Steve Janco

Registration is now live at: [www.fdlc.org/artofcelebrating2025](http://www.fdlc.org/artofcelebrating2025). As always, if you ever have a conflict with your schedule, all registered persons will receive a link to watch the recording.

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. The theme will be: JESUS, DEAD AND RISEN, JESUS LIVING IN THE CHURCH: PREACHING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Taking a line from a work by the great French theologian, Louis Bouyer, the theme this summer is the Paschal Mystery (Jesus, dead and risen) as both the central content of our preaching and also the mystery that formats our reading, praying, and preaching of the Scriptures. Keynote speakers include Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, Hans Boersma, Karla Bellinger, Fr Robert Imbelli, and Fr Sergius Halvorsen.

Registration is open; please visit: <https://theology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/initiatives/marten-program/conferences-lectures/2025-preaching-conference/>

GIA SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE: JULY 9-11, 2025

A summer conference for musicians, conductors, and educators in all settings, to be held on the campus of North Central College in Naperville, IL. For more information or to register, please visit: <https://institute.giamusic.com/>.

NATIONAL GATHERING ON CHRISTIAN INITIATION® ON JULY 30–31

The Theme for 2025 is The Table of the Word: Scripture and the OCIA. Throughout the initiation process, we invite catechumens and candidates to join with us and feast at the table of the Word. Not only are we nourished by Scripture, we are formed by it to be missionary disciples—bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. For more information or to register, please visit: <https://ngci.org/2025> (early bird discount ends March 5<sup>th</sup>).

## LITURGY PREPARATION

### LITURGY PREPARATION AID 2025: 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: <https://fdlc.org/2025/01/liturgical-preparation-aid-for-lent-the-sacred-paschal-triduum-and-the-easter-season-2025-year-c/>. The Spanish resource has been posted. You may also access these resources from our website at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons#LentTriduumEaster>.

### A PASTORAL NOTE ON THE PASSION NARRATIVES (SOURCE: BCDW NEWSLETTER, JAN 2024)

*The Chairmen of the Committees on Divine Worship and Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs issued a memo to the publishers of worship aids, hymnals, and missals on February 1, 2023. The memo requires the following statement to be printed before the text of the Passion narrative on Good Friday in all future publications beginning in 2024. In the 1990s and again in the 2000s the Committees provided guidance on the preparation of homilies and created a similar statement to be included in worship aids alongside the proclamation of the passion during Holy Week to help ensure that the proclamation of the Lord’s Passion is not misused to promote anti-Jewish sentiment. The statement is available in English and Spanish:*

The passion narratives are proclaimed in full so that all see vividly the love of Christ for each person. In light of this, the crimes during the Passion of Christ cannot be attributed, in either preaching or catechesis, indiscriminately to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish people should not be referred to as though rejected or cursed, as if this view followed from Scripture. The Church ever keeps in mind that Jesus, his mother Mary, and the apostles all were Jewish. As the Church has always held, Christ freely suffered his passion and death because of the sins of all, that all might be saved.

Las narraciones de la pasión se proclaman en su totalidad para que todos vean vívidamente el amor de Cristo por cada persona. A la luz de esto, los crímenes durante la Pasión de Cristo no pueden atribuirse, ni en la predicación ni en la catequesis, indiscriminadamente a todos los judíos de ese tiempo, ni a los judíos de hoy. El pueblo judío no debe ser referido como si fuera reprobado de Dios o maldito, como si este punto de vista se dedujera de las Sagradas Escrituras. La Iglesia siempre tiene en mente que Jesús, su madre María y los apóstoles eran todos judíos. Como la Iglesia siempre ha sostenido, Cristo sufrió libremente su pasión y muerte a causa de los pecados de todos, para que todos pudieran ser salvados.

### 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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