

# LITURGYNOTES

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

## May 2025

### Diocese of Davenport

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6. Before our response to his invitation — well before! — there is his desire for us. We may not even be aware of it, but every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by his desire for us. For our part, the possible response — which is also the most demanding asceticism — is, as always, that surrender to this love, that letting ourselves be drawn by him. Indeed, every reception of communion of the Body and Blood of Christ was already desired by him in the Last Supper.

10. Here lies all the powerful beauty of the liturgy. If the resurrection were for us a concept, an idea, a thought; if the Risen One were for us the recollection of the recollection of others, however authoritative, as, for example, of the Apostles; if there were not given also to us the possibility of a true encounter with Him, that would be to declare the newness of the Word made flesh to have been all used up. Instead, the Incarnation, in addition to being the only always new event that history knows, is also the very method that the Holy Trinity has chosen to open to us the way of communion. Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive, or it does not exist.

-Pope Francis, *Desiderio desideravi*

**PAPAL TRANSITION**

Resources to assist with the papal transition are available at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy>.

USCCB: <https://www.usccb.org/pope-francis-resources-memoriam>

FDLC: <https://fdlc.org/2025/04/resources-on-the-death-of-pope-francis/>

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy/eucharistic-revival>



The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, from Indianapolis to Los Angeles, will be passing through our diocese on May 21-23. Registration for these events is through the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage website, found here: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>.

Priests and deacons who wish to participate are responsible for bringing their own vestments. Instructions were sent with ClergyNotes. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Darland: [darland@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:darland@davenportdiocese.org).

Here is the schedule of activities:

**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).

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**

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

**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.

## NEWS & NOTICES

### NEWS FROM THE FDLC

#### National Meeting 2025: Registration Open

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.

#### National Meeting 2026: Save the Dates!

Our region – Region Nine – will be hosting the 2026 meeting... here, in our diocese! We will be meeting at the Graduate in Iowa City from September 29 to October 1. The topic is still to be decided.

#### 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**

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: NEXT MONTH**

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

JULY

- July 20-26: Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (USA)  
See: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD**

HOLY WEEK / TRIDUUM / EASTER 2026

- The *Chrism Mass* is scheduled for March 30, the Monday of Holy Week.
- The *Triduum* falls on Thursday, April 2 through Sunday, April 5 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, April 4. 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.

## LiturgyNotes – May 2025

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES

*See above for information regarding the various liturgies being celebrated as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passing through our diocese.*

### 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>.

### UPDATING YOUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIBRARY

It is that time of year again: new priest assignments have been announced, and the work of letting go and moving on has begun. During this time of transition, let us keep our priests—and parishes—in prayer. With such changes taking place, this is a good time to look through your parish liturgical library and see what needs updating. Here is a list of important books to have on hand:

- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/4/litParishLiturgicalLibrary.pdf>

In addition, here are three other bibliographies that you may find helpful... resources for liturgical study and resources for preaching:

- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/4/litLiturgyBibliography.pdf>
- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/4/litPreachingResources.pdf>
- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2022/4/litSelectBibliography-PreachingAndJudaism.pdf>

### 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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