

LITURGYNOTES

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

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Diocese of Davenport

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Leo P.P. XIV

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O God, who chose your servant Leo
in succession to the Apostle Peter
as shepherd of the whole flock,
look favorably on the supplications of your people
and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth,
he may confirm his brethren
and that the whole Church may be in communion with him
in the bond of unity, love and peace,
so that in you, the shepherd of souls,
all may know the truth and attain life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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

We were graced with the presence of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage on May 21-23. Thank you to all who took part, or worked behind the scenes, especially to the host parishes for their gracious hospitality!

So, what comes next? For some ideas on how to carry the revival forward, please visit: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage-2025>.

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)

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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: THIS MONTH

JUNE

- June 1: Ascension of the Lord (replaces 7th Sunday of Easter)
- June 8: Pentecost
A Holy Spirit Novena (May 30-June 7): <https://www.pentecostvigilproject.org/>
- 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 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LiturgyNotes – May 2025

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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.

As we observe Mother’s and Father’s Day, it is important to be pastorally sensitive to those in your parish who are experiencing infertility or loss. The following link from [Springs in the Desert](https://springsinthedesert.org/digital-infertility-toolkit/) offers some free resources (Prayers of the Faithful, Bulletin Announcements, Social Media Posts, Blessings, etc.) for use in your parish <https://springsinthedesert.org/digital-infertility-toolkit/>. Additional ministry resources are available for purchase [here](#). Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) with questions or for more resource options.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH

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

AUGUST

- August 6: The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6, which is also the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, when nature itself was violently transfigured. Perhaps as we gather for Eucharist or pray the Hours this day we would do well to pray for peace and that the horrors of that August 6 eighty years ago will never be repeated.
- August 15: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES

ORDINATION: AUGUST 2

Seminarian Alfonso Pizano will be ordained to the (“transitional”) diaconate by Bishop Walsh on August 2nd at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Mass will begin at 10am. Please include soon-to-be Deacon Pizano in your Universal Prayer, for example:

- For Alfonso Pizano, who will be ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Davenport this year, that he would be a faithful and compassionate minister of the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For Alfonso Pizano, who is to be ordained a deacon, and for all our seminarians. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That our seminarians, especially Alfonso Pizano who is to be ordained a deacon, would continue to grow in faith, hope, and charity. Let us pray to the Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 5th).

LITURGY PREPARATION

COMMUNION

The full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic liturgy is most clearly expressed by the reception of hosts consecrated at the same Mass rather than by the reception of hosts reserved in the tabernacle. In modern times, the importance of communing from the gifts presented and consecrated at the same Mass in which one is present has been stressed by Pope Benedict XIV (*Certiores Effecti*, 1742), Pope Pius XII (*Mediator Dei*, 1947), and the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, who stated: “That more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful, after the priest’s communion, receive the Lord’s body from the sacrifice, is strongly endorsed” (CSL 55).

This priority was echoed again in the GIRM: “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord’s Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (GIRM 85; cf. RS 89). As stated in the February 2007 issue of the *Newsletter of the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy* (page 54):

This participation [of the faithful] is manifested in the two great processions of the faithful at Mass (GIRM #44). In the presentation of the gifts first, the faithful present the bread and wine for the sacrifice—along with the gift of their very lives. The very same bread and wine which they have offered is then consecrated by the action of the Priest and returned to them as the Body and Blood of their Lord when they come forward in procession to receive Holy Communion.

Thus, the gifts of creation—become symbols of our work and our lives, returned in gratitude—are given back to us, transformed, as we are transformed in this holy exchange of gifts. Routine recourse to the tabernacle negates this powerful and active exchange, and risks reducing the assembly to passive observers. In addition, regular communion from the tabernacle blurs the distinction between the Mass and so-called “communion services,” further undermining the significance and meaning of the Eucharistic liturgy.

Therefore, pastors and those charged with the preparation of the liturgy should ensure that a sufficient number of hosts are consecrated at each Mass for all those wishing to receive, so that routine recourse to the tabernacle for communion during the Eucharistic liturgy is avoided. The faithful should be catechized as to the importance of their substantive participation through the presentation of the gifts and in their communion from the very gifts presented (SC 47). Likewise, liturgical hospitality requires that a sufficient quantity of wine is consecrated so that all who desire to receive Communion under both species are able to do so.

Certainly, in the case of need, hosts consecrated at a previous Mass may be distributed. Also, should there be an overabundance of hosts in the tabernacle, in order to avoid the risk of spoilage pastors (assisted by others as needed) may either discretely and reverently consume the excess (as in preparation for Holy Thursday) or, *if necessary*, distribute communion from the reserved Blessed Sacrament (preferably at a weekday rather than a Sunday Eucharist). Over time, as communities become accustomed to preparing only the number of hosts that will be needed, such exceptions should become increasingly rare. If hosts from the tabernacle are to be used, it is preferable that they not be brought to the altar prior to communion but instead be retrieved when it becomes necessary.

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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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