

LITURGYNOTES

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

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Diocese of Davenport

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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. We will be focusing on the Liturgy of the Word.

NEWS FROM THE USCCB’S COMMITTEE ON DIVINE LITURGY

Liturgy of the Hours

Six months after the final vote on its elements by the body of bishops, the manuscript and accompanying documentation of the *Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition* was transmitted to the Holy See’s Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on May 29, 2025, the memorial of Pope St. Paul VI. The final publication phase, however, can only begin after confirmation by this Dicastery. One possible timeline that projects confirmation by the end of this year could result in printed books in 2027 and 2028. Further updates on the progress of the project will continue to be posted at www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/liturgy-of-the-hours-second-edition.

Liturgical Bible

The Doctrine Subcommittee on the Translation of Scripture Text completed its work on revisions to the *New American Bible, Revised Edition*. A biblical text consisting of the 2010 Old Testament, 2018 *Abbey Psalms and Canticles*, and 2024 New Testament was approved by the USCCB Administrative Committee for devotional use of the faithful in September 2024, and the body of bishops approved it two months later to serve as the liturgical Bible for the United States. The liturgical Bible was confirmed by the Holy See on April 13, and work is proceeding on the Bible’s publication. Readings from the liturgical Bible were incorporated into the manuscript of the breviary, and they will also form the core of the future *Lectionary for Mass*.

Resource: *The Transforming Power of the Liturgy*

From February to November 2023, the *BCDW Newsletter* presented a series of catechetical articles on the transforming power of participation in the liturgy. The six topics were related to migrants, refugees and the poor; mission; our common home; all races and ethnicities; the sick and the dying, and vocations. These have now been assembled on the USCCB website for a free download! They may be reproduced free of charge in printed form (for non-commercial purposes and in publications not for sale). www.USCCB.org/resources/transforming-power-liturgy

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: THIS MONTH

JULY

- July 20-26: Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (USA)
See: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>
- July 22: Feast of Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles
<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-mary-magdalene>
- July 29: Memorial of SS. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/saints-martha-mary-and-lazarus>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH

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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

- September 1 – Labor Day (see below)
- September 1 — World Day of Prayer of the Care of Creation [start of Season of Creation, to Oct. 4] (see below)
- September 8 — World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (moved from July in US).
<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/grandparents-elderly>
- September 9 — Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities (USA)
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism/combating-racism-parish-resources> and <https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism>
- September 11 (see below) – National Day of Mourning and Remembrance
- September 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 - Replaces the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 21 (Third Sunday in September; USA) — Catechetical Sunday
<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/catechetical-sunday-about> and <https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-sunday-2025>
- September 22-28 (Last Week in September) — National Migration Week (USA)
<https://justiceformigrants.org/national-migration-week-2025/>
- September 27: Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Dennis Walsh as the 10th Bishop of Davenport
 - The anniversary of the bishop’s episcopal ordination should be celebrated in each church. The Mass for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For the Church, 3. For the Bishop may be used.
- September 28 (Last Sunday in September) — World Day of Migrants and Refugees
<https://migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees/>
- September 28 (Last Sunday in Sept) — Priesthood Sunday
<https://serraus.org/priesthood-sunday/>

Monday, September 1: Labor Day / World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Parishes may wish to celebrate the Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (#26; readings from #907-911) on this day. Preface V for Sunday is used, and white vestments are worn (since it is a special observation in the US).

This is also an appropriate Mass to celebrate in observation of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (see below).

On Labor Day weekend, intercessions for workers ought to be included in the Universal Prayer; for example:

- For those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those seeking work; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection, [especially during this pandemic]; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

- For migrant workers and all who work the land and the waters, so we might be fed; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who work in the service of their sisters and brothers; that they would not be discouraged by lack of support or progress; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For all employers, that they may seek to provide a just work environment; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Brief pastoral visits (observing appropriate physical distancing and wearing masks) could be made to places of work, and the following rites could be used: (18) Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory; (23) Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment, and (26) Blessing of Fields and Flocks.

Or, at Sunday Masses or at Mass on Labor Day itself, workers could bring the tools of their trades to be blessed, and (24) Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work be used. A brief gathering outdoors after Mass might be a good way to do this. Special attention should be paid to laborers and those seeking work during the Prayer of the Faithful, as should those who are treated unjustly in the workplace, as in the examples above.

September 1 also inaugurates the “Season of Creation,” which culminates on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology. Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015 as a practical step following the publication of his encyclical *Laudato Si’*. September 1 was chosen for the yearly observance, as it is the same date chosen by the Orthodox Church in 1989. The day of prayer gives Catholics the opportunity to give thanks to God for the creation of the world and of humanity, and to recall and strengthen the responsibility of men and women to care for that creation. Some options for the liturgy on this day include:

- As noted above, celebrating the Mass “For the Sanctification of Human Labor” from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (no. 26; see especially the second Collect of formulary A) may be a fitting option.
 - This formulary requires the use of Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, entitled simply “Creation.” The preface speaks eloquently of God’s creation of the world, and the need of humanity to praise God by caring for that creation. Connections between human labor and the care of creation can be drawn out by the formulary itself, and in the homily and Universal Prayer.
 - Since this is also Labor Day in the US this year, white vestments are worn.
 - The readings may be taken from the appropriate selection in volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass (see Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911; see especially 907-2 and 909-1).
- Even if no special Mass formulary or readings are selected for the occasion, it would still be appropriate to mention the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and its significance in the homily, petitions, and/or concluding announcements (on this day and on the preceding Sunday).
- Other resources:
 - <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/care-for-creation>
 - <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/season-of-creation/>
 - <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litWorldDayofPrayerforCreation2015.pdf>
 - <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-formation-resources/#LaudatoSi>
 - Catholic Climate Covenant: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/learn/resources/>
 - Laudato Si’ Movement: <https://laudatosimovement.org/>
 - Season of Creation: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>
 - USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>
 - Laudato Si’ Action Platform: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

Thursday, September 11

On September 11, parishes may wish to celebrate a special Mass for “first responders” – such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics – using the Mass for Those in Public Office (#22) or the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30). Appropriate intercessions could also be included at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of September 7-8. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/september-11-patriot-day>

A NOTE ON ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS FROM THE USCCB

On Friday evening, October 31, Evening Prayer I of All Saints is celebrated. On Saturday, November 1, both Morning and Evening Prayer II of All Saints Day are celebrated, though for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, Evening Prayer II may be followed by Evening Prayer for the Dead. For Sunday, November 2, the Office for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time is said, especially in individual recitation; the Office of the Dead may be used, however, if Morning or Evening Prayer is celebrated with the people (see Liturgy of the Hours, vol. IV, Proper of Saints, November 2).

On Friday evening, Masses are those of the day since All Saints Day is not a day of precept this year and thus may not be anticipated. On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for All Souls’ Day. (If desired for pastoral reasons, a Mass of All Saints Day outside the usual Mass schedule may be celebrated on Saturday evening.) The following chart may be helpful in this regard:

Date	Evening Mass	Liturgy of the Hours
Saturday, November 1, 2025	All Souls (anticipated)	Morning & Evening Prayer II of All Saints (EP of the Dead optional after EP II of All Saints)
Sunday, November 2, 2025	All Souls	<i>Individual recitation:</i> Morning & Evening Prayer II of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Celebrated with the people:</i> Office of the Dead

Since Saturday is a common day for the celebration of Marriage in the United States, it should also be noted that Ritual Masses are forbidden on All Saints Day (GIRM, no. 372). While the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, the Mass of the day with the ritual itself and the nuptial blessing could be celebrated. Alternatively, the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass could also be used if the celebration of Marriage is to take place on this day. (Ritual Masses are also forbidden on All Souls’ Day.) As a reminder, All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation this year, owing to the 1992 decision of the USCCB abrogating the precept to attend Mass when November 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday. Therefore, funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day (see GIRM, no. 380).

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

INSTALLATION AS LECTORS: JULY 13

The eleven men in formation for the diaconate for our diocese will be installed as Lectors on Sunday, July 13, at St. Ann Church in Long Grove. The Mass will begin at 10:30am. Please keep these men and their families in your prayers. For example:

- For the men in formation for the diaconate for our diocese, as they are installed as lectors, and for their families; that they may meditate constantly on God’s word and so grow in wisdom and fidelity. Let us pray to the Lord.

ORDINATION: AUGUST 2

Seminarian Alfonso Pizano will be ordained to the (“transitional”) diaconate by Bishop Walsh on August 2 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>.

LITURGY PREPARATION

PRAYING FOR PEACE: LITURGICAL RESOURCES

See: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/masses-for-current-events>

Mass Texts

When permitted by the Calendar, parishes ought to consider celebrating one of the following Masses for Various Needs and Occasions:

- the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30)
see Lectionary for Mass, 887-891
- the Mass for use In Time of War and Civil Disturbance (#31)
see Lectionary for Mass, 897-901
- the Mass for Refugees and Exiles (#32)
see Lectionary for Mass, 927-931

Intercessions (adapted from the FDLC)

- For all those effected by the scourge of war -- for those who have lost lives, loved ones and homes, we pray.
- For the dignity of every person and the sovereignty of every nation, for they are the work of your creation we pray.

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

- For leaders of nations, that they may seek diplomatic solutions to conflict and war, we pray.
- For the Church in troubled lands, that the People of God may be free to worship in peace, we pray.
- For our allies and our enemies, that God may guide them to the way of peace, we pray.
- For the courage to demand an end to war and for the grace to work toward it, we pray.
- For the people of lands ravaged by war and violence, those who have died, and the millions who have fled and seek refuge in other countries, especially for the children. We pray.
- For all soldiers and citizens who have lost their lives to the madness of war. We pray.

Music Suggestions (from the FDLC)

- Anthem (Conroy)
- Bearers of Peace (Farrell)
- Dona Nobis Pacem (Norbet) or (Kodner)
- For the Healing of the Nations (Kaan/ Wade)
- Give Us Your Peace (Muhler)
- God of Day and God of Darkness (Haugen/ BEACH SPRING)
- Let There be Peace on Earth (Miller and Jackson)
- Make me a Channel of Your Peace (Temple)
- God of Every Nation (Reid/ PASSION CHORALE)
- This is My Song (Stone/FINLANDIA)
- Ubi Caritas (Hurd and others)
- We will walk with God (Swaziland Traditional/ Bell)
- World Peace Prayer (Haugen)

RESOURCES FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(1) Synod on Synodality

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>

(2) The Center for Liturgy (general intercessions for Sundays)

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(3) 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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