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CALENDAR NOTES

APR 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- **COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE:** Based on circumstances, plan for the appropriate form used to commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, which may not be omitted.

APR 4

Tuesday of Holy Week

- **CHRISM MASS:** 6:00pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

APR 6

Holy Thursday

- **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM:** Consult the Ordo for important notes and information regarding the Triduum and liturgical law which governs these celebrations.
- **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** Consider using the [Order for the Reception of the Holy Oils](#).

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Good Friday

- **CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD:** Presently no added intercessions have been promulgated to be prayed.

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Holy Saturday

- **PREPARATION RITES:** For candidates and catechumens, it may be appropriate to gather for the preparation rites according to RCIA #185ff.
- **EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT:** See the Missal and the Ordo for pertinent instructions and suggestions. The normal start of the Easter Vigil is at 8:30pm. It may not begin before 8:00pm without the explicit permission of the Archbishop. It is advised to prepare the rite written in full before the celebration of the Mass. Consider preparing a binder with all the pertinent texts for the entirety of the celebration. If catechumens and candidates will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, cf. RCIA #566ff. If only catechumens will receive the sacraments of initiation, cf. RCIA #218ff.

APR 9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- **SEQUENCE:** The Sequence, *Victimae Paschali Laudes* (Christians to the Paschal Victim) may not be omitted. It is sung or said after the second reading while all are seated.

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■ **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:** In place of the Creed, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises may be said as in the Easter Vigil, #55.

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Octave of Easter

■ **GLORIA, NO CREED:** At every Mass (except Funeral Masses), the Gloria is said, but the Creed is omitted. (This was incorrectly printed last year.)

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Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

- **SPRINKLING RITE:** It is appropriate during the Easter Season to celebrate the Sprinkling Rite on Sundays in place of the Penitential Act. Cf. Appendix II.
- **INDULGENCE:** The opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence should be announced and the appropriate prayers should be led after Mass or at another time.
- **REVISED ORDER OF PENANCE:** The revised order of penance including the retranslated prayer of absolution must be used beginning today.

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Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius J. Beltran.

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Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist

■ **GLORIA**

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

■ **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY /
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS:** Prayers for vocations
should be inserted in the general
intercessions.

LOOKING AHEAD

ASCENSION OF THE LORD (*Sunday,
May 21*)

CORPUS CHRISTI (*Sunday, June 11*)

*Please plan your parish's Eucharistic
Procession to be on or around the Solemnity.*

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: THE EASTER VIGIL PART II

Having discussed the first two parts of the Easter Vigil in the previous issue, we now turn to a consideration of the last two parts: the Baptismal Liturgy and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Preparation of the Baptismal Liturgy requires serious study, planning, and coordination. The ritual is outlined in the Roman Missal, but the wide variety of possible situations and options requires the sober judgement and planning of the Priest and his ministers. If children (infants) will be baptized, the Order for the Baptism of Children should be consulted. If adolescents or adults will be baptized and confirmed, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) should be consulted, although the Order for the Baptism of Children might be consulted as well for the sake of using a newer translation for certain texts. If both infants and adults are being baptized, certain rites might be combined and overlap. For each celebration, though, an order should be maintained that validly confers the sacraments while inviting and fostering the

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participation of all who are gathered for this most sacred night.

Unless the baptismal font is not to be blessed, the liturgy begins with the Litany. This happens while those to be baptized process to the font, or while they are near the font or sanctuary depending on the location of the font. Then, at or near the font, the catechumens or parents of infants make the renunciation of sin.

The anointing with Oil of the Catechumens then happens immediately before the profession of faith, unless the catechumens have already been anointed at a previous time. Then the catechumens or parents of infants are asked to make the triple profession of faith.

The renewal of baptismal promises of all the baptized present is an important part of the Easter Vigil and should not be omitted. In the Roman Missal, it indicates the possibility of this renewal happening for all the baptized immediately after (not simultaneous with) the catechumens. However, the appropriate time for the renewal of baptismal promises is after the full initiation of catechumens (their baptism and confirmation), with the sprinkling of the blessed water to follow.

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During the confirmation, before the renewal of baptismal promises, servers should be preparing the congregation with their lit candles.

Then, if some are to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, their profession of the Catholic faith and the celebration of Confirmation would happen after the renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling with blessed water.

The major temptation in parish celebrations is to lump all Baptisms and all Confirmations together. However, the Easter Vigil is first and foremost for the full initiation of catechumens. Therefore, it is most fitting to only celebrate the Baptism of infants and the full initiation of adult catechumens at the Easter Vigil. However, where there is also the reception into full communion with the Catholic Church with Confirmation, it is most appropriate for that to take place after the renewal of baptismal promises of all the baptized.

A reminder regarding the proper form for the sacrament of Confirmation: the words “N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” must be said during the anointing with chrism in the sign of the cross on the

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forehead. Especially in repeating the form several times, it can be easy to omit a word or replace a word inadvertently. Special care must be taken to intentionally repeat the form as given.

The Baptismal liturgy is reduced to a prayer of blessing water and the renewal of baptismal promises with sprinkling when there is no one to be baptized.

After the Baptismal Liturgy is completed with the Universal Prayer, which is not omitted, the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues as usual. The Missal gives a few helpful reminders and hints for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, however. If there are newly baptized or parents of newly baptized infants, they could be the ones to bring up the gifts of bread and wine in the procession. Preface I of Easter must be prayed. The interpolated proper intercessions of the Eucharistic Prayer must also be prayed, found in the Roman Missal, Ritual Masses, 3. For the Conferral of Baptism. There is an option for the newly baptized to receive an instruction by the celebrant right before the invitation, “Behold the Lamb of God.” Finally, there is the express desire of the Church for the newly baptized and all the faithful to receive

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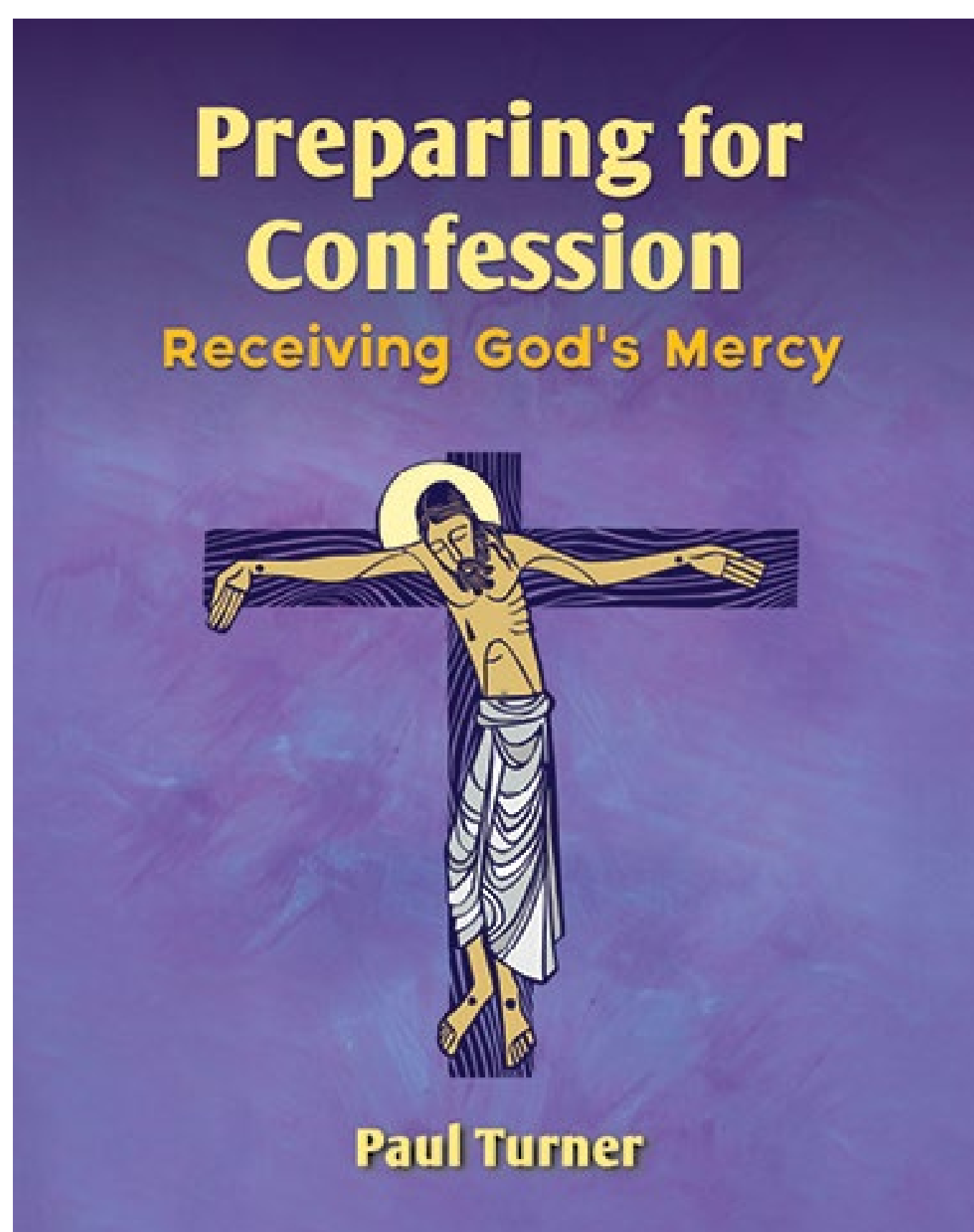
Holy Communion under both kinds.

The Easter Vigil ends with a solemn blessing (either the one in the Missal, one from the Order of Baptism of Children, or one from the RCIA). The dismissal ends with the double alleluia.

More detailed descriptions that might help parishes plan their own Easter Vigil may be found in [“The Easter Vigil” by Peter Elliott, Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year.](#)

You will note that Elliot does not consider the possibility of reception of non-Catholics into full communion within the Easter Vigil; however, as mentioned above, the reception of non-Catholics would occur after the renewal of baptismal promises and the sprinkling of water.

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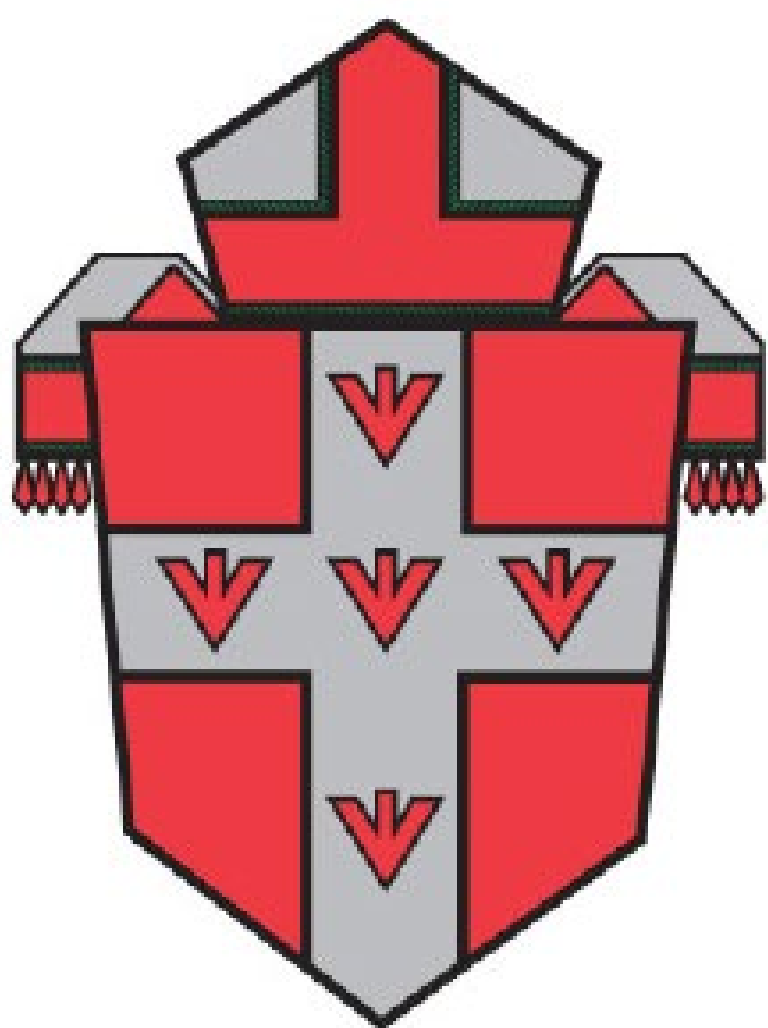
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