

WITH HUMBLE SPIRIT

SEPTEMBER 2025

CALENDAR NOTES

SEP 1

- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION** – Several options are given in the Ordo on how to liturgically celebrate this day. The new Mass formulary: “For the Care of Creation” is only available in [Latin](#). In the years to come, vernacular translations will be approved for use.
- **LABOR DAY** – Suggested: Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor, VN #26 A or B.

SEP 5

Optional Memorial of St. Theresa of Calcutta, Virgin

- **UPDATED COLLECT** – As Pope Francis inscribed this optional memorial into the General Roman Calendar, indications about the Mass formulary were released. The proper Collect prayer and other information may located [here](#).

SEP 11

- **Remembering the Events of 9-11-2001**
Suggested Mass texts: For those in Public Office, VN #22 or For the Preservation of Peace and Justice, VN #30.

SEP 14

Exultation of the Holy Cross

- This Feast ranks higher on the Liturgical Table and thus must be celebrated instead of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- The Gloria and Creed are said.

Looking Ahead

- **Oct 15: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** – outside of the cathedral parish, this anniversary is celebrated as a Feast. The Gloria is said.
- **Sunday, Nov 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.**

REVISED RITUAL

NEW ORDER OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND OF THEIR PASTORAL CARE

In decrees dated November 30, 2024, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed both the English translation of the *Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of Their Pastoral Care* and the Spanish translation of the *Ritual de la Unción de los enfermos y de su atención pastoral* for liturgical use in our country. Following a customary editorial review, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, USCCB President, promulgated these texts on January 23, 2025.

The new rites may be used beginning February 11, 2026—the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and the annual World Day of the Sick—and their use will be obligatory starting Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

These revised texts will replace the current *Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum* and its Spanish counterpart, in use since the early 1980s. Notably, the new *Order of the Anointing of the Sick* restores the arrangement of the Latin typical edition and streamlines the options for prayers and readings. By orienting the ritual book exclusively toward use by priests and deacons, this revision should be simpler to navigate and apply in pastoral settings, especially during hospital visits or other urgent circumstances.

While the new edition is directed toward clergy, the USCCB will ensure that lay ministers continue to have access to the texts they need for ministry to the sick and homebound. This will help preserve the strong pastoral outreach that is already present in our parishes.

As the implementation date approaches, further guidance, catechesis, and practical resources will be shared to help you prepare to use these new rites with confidence and pastoral effectiveness. During our Spring Clergy days, we will include a short workshop on how to use the revised order. While this comes in a long line of revised translations and change can seem overwhelming, I encourage you to see this as an opportunity to renew our ministry to the sick and suffering with clarity, reverence, and pastoral care. Personally, I hope this revised *Order* will be a significant improvement over the previous publication.

Five publishers will be selling this new *Order*, and our office will be ordering copies for purchase. During Clergy Days and Priest Retreat this month, we will have a sign-up if you would like to pre-order the green, pocket size, Catholic Book Publishing edition of this revised order in English or Bilingual. The books should be available by January of next year.

Rev. Zachary Boazman

UPCOMING FEASTS

This fall, there are a few complicated calendar situations to be aware of:

On **Sunday, September 14**, we celebrate the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross, and on **Sunday, November 9**, we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Both of these are “Feasts of the Lord,” ranked above Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because they fall on Sunday, we celebrate them instead of the Sunday in Ordinary Time. On both Saturdays before the Sundays listed above, normally scheduled anticipated Masses should also be for the feast.

On **Sunday, November 2**, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day). Every priest is permitted to celebrate 3 Masses on this day; however, the intentions for two of the three Masses are determined by the Holy Father to be “For all the faithful departed in purgatory” and “For the Holy Father and his intentions” (Cf. Benedict XV, *Incruentum altaris sacrificium*).

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated on **Saturday, November 1**, and so it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Furthermore, because Sunday is a day of precept, regularly scheduled anticipated Masses on Saturday evening should be for All Souls’, not All Saints.

Finally, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **December 8** is always a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. This year, it falls on a Monday. (Remember, last year’s dispute centered around the transfer of the Feast to Monday and whether or not the obligation transferred.)

RESOURCES FROM OUR OFFICE

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

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Available January 2026

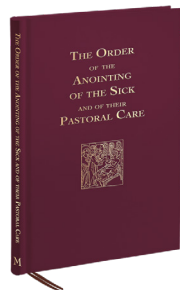


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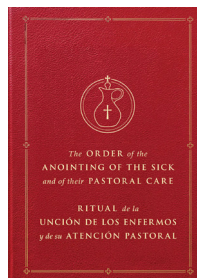
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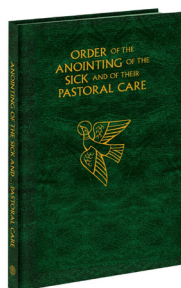


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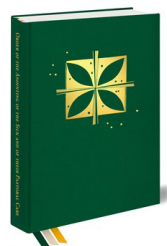
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