

WITH HUMBLE SPIRIT

JANUARY 2026

CALENDAR NOTES

JAN 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- Holy Day of Obligation.
- The GLORIA and CREED are said.

JAN 3-4

Epiphany of the Lord

- **PROPER VIGIL MASS:** The proper vigil Mass should be celebrated on Saturday evening.
- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER & THE MOVEABLE FEASTS:** The proclamation found in Appendix I may be proclaimed after the Gospel at the Mass during the day of Epiphany.
- **BLESSED CHALK:** There is a tradition of blessing chalk for families to take home on Epiphany to bless their houses for a new year. Priests can use different formulae to bless the chalk outside of Mass or within Mass, but [here is a suggestion](#).

JAN 11

The Baptism of the Lord

- The GLORIA and CREED are said.

▪ **READINGS:** Note there are 2 options for the readings to be proclaimed.

JAN 12

Ordinary Time Begins

- **NB:** The daily Mass Lectionary cycle is year II.

JAN 18-25

Week of Christian Unity

- Consider inserting prayers for Christian Unity in the general intercessions at Mass, using the Mass formulary, "For the Unity of Christians" (VN #17), or others as noted in the Ordo, p 37.

JAN 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Anniversary of Roe v. Wade)

- Consult Ordo for possible Masses to be celebrated, VN #48/1 A or B, "For Giving thanks to God for the gift of Human Life." More information can be found online [here](#).

JAN 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** Declared in 2019 by Pope Francis. While no particular tradition or rite has developed, the theme can readily be included in the Homily or the Universal Prayers.

JAN 25-JAN 31

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

- Consider using Book of Blessings, Ch. 5, "Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers." (Universal Prayers, Blessing). A Votive Mass of the patron/patroness of the school might appropriately be celebrated.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Presentation of the Lord (Feb 2): Plan and prepare Blessing of Candles/Procession; Blessing of Throats (Feb 3)
- World Marriage Day (Feb 8)
- World Day of the Sick (Feb 11)
- Ash Wednesday (Feb 18)

NEWS

NEW ANOINTING OF THE SICK BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

We have been anticipating the arrival of the revised edition of the Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care ritual books, and this past week, they arrived! If you pre-ordered a book through the Secretariat for Divine Worship, they are available in our office now. You may come pick yours up at anytime during normal business hours. We will also have them available for pick up at clergy days on March 23-24. Remember, these new ritual texts may be used beginning Wednesday, February 11, and must be used beginning Easter Sunday, April 5.

All priests and deacons who care for the sick should purchase a new ritual book. If you have not done so yet, you are still able to place an order for a revised edition of the ritual book through our office. Please email Michael Scott at the mscott@archokc.org for more information.



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