

February and March 2025 Liturgical Resources

Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel: Resource Packet February 8-9, 2025

https://www.usccb.org/resources/Jubilee2025_Armed%20Forces%20Police%20Security.pdf

An example of a petition for the Prayer of the Faithful might include: For Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel in this parish and in our community: that they may always remain close to Christ and that they be kept safe from all harm, we pray to the Lord

Jubilee for Artists: Resource Packet February 16-18, 2025

https://www.usccb.org/resources/Jubilee2025_Armed%20Forces%20Police%20Security.pdf

An example of a petition for the Prayer of the Faithful might include: For artists in this parish, in the wider community and in our families, and for artists who are distant from the faith, that they may rediscover the hope that Jesus brings, we pray to the Lord.

Jubilee of Deacons: Resource Packet February 21-23, 2025

https://www.usccb.org/resources/Jubilee2025_Deacons.pdf

Lent 2025 and Jubilee Year 2025

"24 Hours for the Lord—Penance Service, Examination of Conscience, Lectio Divina guide for Lent

You Are My Hope (Ps. 71:5)

PASTORAL HANDBOOK

English:

<http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpne/image/24ore/2025/ENG%20Sussidio%2024ore%2025.pdf>

Spanish:

<http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpne/image/24ore/2025/ESP%20Sussidio%2024ore%2025.pdf>

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering: Resource Packet March 8-9, 2025

https://www.usccb.org/resources/Jubilee2025_Volunteers.pdf

Mass for the Holy Year of Jubilee 2025

The Church celebrates the "year of favor from the Lord"

Introduction

The theme of the Jubilee Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope," is uniquely captured in the prayers, readings, and options of the Mass for the Holy Year. They stress the themes of pilgrimage and hope.

Incorporated into Christ, the faithful are a Body of believers, filled with hope. They look forward to the Lord's coming in the present and at the end of the ages, an expectation which gives them an eternal vision and moves them to make pilgrimage to God and neighbor.

Approved by the Holy See on May 13, 2024 in eight languages, the Mass for the Holy Year may be used in the liturgy for the duration of the Jubilee, celebrated in the dioceses of the United States from

December 29, 2024 to December 28, 2025. It contains three formularies, a set of Lectionary readings, five sets of tropes for the Penitential Act, and four sets of introductions, responses, and conclusions for the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful).

The USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship has prepared PDF resources of the Mass formulary options in English, Spanish, and Latin to facilitate their use:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/mass-for-the-holy-year#tab--formulary-a>

A RECENT VATICAN RULING ON THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS WHEN A HOLY DAY IS TRANSFERRED

Dear Colleagues,

This comes to provide an update on the issue of the obligation to attend Mass when the DATE of a holyday has been transferred. You may recall that the issue arose in 2024 when the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception was transferred to Monday, December 9 because the Second Sunday of Advent (a day of higher rank) fell on December 8.

Following the ruling last fall by the Dicastery for Legislative Texts, several requests for clarification were sent to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments. Last week, Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the DDWDS issued a response (Prot.51/25). The full text of that response is attached in English and Spanish.

KEY POINTS:

- The Dicastery responded to a specific question “[I]n the case of the transfer of a holyday of obligation, is one bound on the day *ad quem* to observe the obligation to attend Mass?”
- The response references the *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* and its *Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence* (cf. nos. 59-60).
- Recognizing that this was a liturgical matter not expressly regulated by the Code of Canon Law (CIC), the Note acknowledges a “well-established practice” that the Dicastery had followed.
- The note concludes **“Since this practice is not contrary to the canons of the CIC, it is to be considered liturgical law (cf. Canon 2) that in the event of the occasional transfer of a holyday of obligation, the obligation to attend Mass is not transferred to the day *ad quem*.”**

The full note has now been published on the Vatican website: <https://www.cultodivino.va/it/attivita/2025/nota-precetto.html>

LITURGY PREPARATION AID FOR LENT-TRIDUUM-EASTER (YEAR C)

The English version of the seasonal preparation aid for Lent-Triduum-Easter Season has been posted to the FDLC website. As always, this is a free download.

<https://fdlc.org/2025/01/liturgical-preparation-aid-for-lent-the-sacred-paschal-triduum-and-the-easter-season-2025-year-c/>

The public may also access it from the main page of our website.

I updated all the quotations and preparation sheets with the latest OCIA texts, since the mandatory use date is Ash Wednesday.

As always, many thanks to ICEL, the USCCB, and the Confraternity for Christian Doctrine for their kind permission to distribute their copyrighted material.



SAVE THE DATES – FDLC WEBINAR SERIES ON ARS CELEBRANDI

“But in order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds should be attuned to their voices, and that they should cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain. Pastors of souls must therefore realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required than the mere observation of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 11).

Please mark your calendars for our next FREE webinar series – **“The Art of Celebrating: Something More is Required.”** The series is scheduled for **five Wednesdays this spring – May 7 to June 4, 1:00 PM Eastern**. The sessions will last seventy-five minutes. If you have a conflict one day...not to worry. As always, each registered person will receive a link to see the recorded session.

«Speakers will include **Bishop Mark Seitz, Father Paul Turner, Fr. Bruce Cinquegrani, Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, Msgr. Michael Begolly, and more!** We will open registration soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendars for this important series.

- May 7 – Understanding *Ars Celebrandi*
- May 14 – The Role of the Assembly
- May 21 – Artful Presiding
- May 28 – Lay Liturgical Ministers
- June 4 – The Art of Liturgical Music