

Dear Co-laborers in the vineyard,

Greetings! The temperatures are getting a bit cooler, and the leaves have begun their colorful dance with death. Soon, the liturgical year will also come to an end—and a new beginning. The paschal mystery is all around us. May your ministry to God's People, your ministry in and through the liturgy, bear much fruit!

Blessings,

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Lectionary for Masses with Children

At their November meeting, the U.S. Bishops will vote on a new translation of the *Lectionary for Masses with Children* (LMC). The previous edition was an adaptation of the Contemporary English Version of the Bible. The new version uses the same translation (New American Bible) as the regular lectionary, but adapts it to the sensitivities and attention span of younger children. The LMC may be used in the full liturgical assembly *only* at weekday Masses comprised primarily of pre-adolescent children. On Sunday and Holy Day Masses, only the *Lectionary for Mass* (adult Lectionary) may be used in the full liturgical assembly. The LCM may be used occasionally for a Liturgy of the Word with children in a separate place, but never on Christmas Day, Epiphany, Passion Sunday, the Easter Triduum, Ascension or Pentecost—on those days, a separate Liturgy of the Word for children is not allowed [See letter of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments granting permission for the experimental use of the *Lectionary for Masses with Children* (Prot. N. 1259/91).]

Diocesan Choir

I was wondering if there was any interest in putting together a diocesan choir to minister at major celebrations—such as the Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, and ordinations? Please let me know if you would want to be part of such an undertaking. Also, is there any interest in forming a diocesan chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM)?

Self-Intinction

Just a reminder (prompted by my counterpart in the Peoria Diocese having to deal with this problem) that “self-intinction” (the communicant receiving the host and then “dipping” the host in the Precious Blood him/herself) is not allowed (see GIRM §§ 285, 287 and *Redemptionis sacramentum* § 104). Pastors and others responsible for the liturgy may want to keep this in mind in their catechesis.

*UPCOMING EVENTS*RCIA: The Precatechumenate and Catechumenate

As the name implies, the *Rite* of Christian Initiation of Adults is marked by the liturgical celebration of the journey towards full initiation through the Easter Sacraments. Most RCIA teams are well aware that the transition from the Precatechumenate to the Catechumenate is celebrated through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (RCIA §§ 41-74), and that the transition from Catechumen to one of the Elect is celebrated in the Rite of Election, preceded by the Rite of Sending (§§ 106-117). There are analogous celebrations for those baptized in other Christian communities who are journeying to full communion (§§ 411-458).

However, during the Catechumenate (see §§ 75-80 for introduction), a number of other rites are available for those not baptized that you may want to use. A number of these may be celebrated by the catechist rather than requiring an ordained minister; please see the texts in question for details.

- Celebrations of the Word of God (§§81-89)
- Minor Exorcisms (§§ 90-94)
- Blessing of Catechumens (§§ 95-97)
- Anointing of Catechumens (§§ 98-103).

In addition, the Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer may be celebrated during this time if necessary (§§ 104-5).

*LITURGY PREPARATION*INTERCESSIONSIntercessions for Life

These intercessions are provided by the USCCB for your use. Please adapt them as you see fit.

Nov 6th THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For every little child, and especially those abused or forgotten, that God might give us the wisdom and the conviction to protect and nurture them; We pray to the Lord:

Nov 13th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who sit on death row, that God might teach us to love them enough to spare their life and work for their conversion; We pray to the Lord:

Nov 20th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

For the Church, that her witness to holiness and truth might draw all legislators to a love for the Gospel of Life; We pray to the Lord:

Nov 27th FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For all fathers awaiting the birth of their child, that they might look to Saint Joseph, who taught us to cherish and protect our children; We pray to the Lord:

Madagascar

As the diocese continues to strengthen its relationship with the Archdiocese of Antsiranana, Madagascar, it would be good to remember our sisters and brothers of that island nation in our prayers. As specific needs are made known, I will offer them here for your use. In the meantime, perhaps intercessions such as these might be used:

For the people of Madagascar, for those working for just and sustainable development; we pray to the Lord:

For the Archdiocese of Antsiranana and for all who share the Gospel in Madagascar; we pray to the Lord:

LITURGICAL CALENDARParticular Calendars

While we follow a universal liturgical calendar, dioceses and parishes also have their own particular feasts and solemnities. For example, parishes are instructed to celebrate the anniversary of their dedication and the title of their church as solemnities (see 4b and 4c in the Table of Liturgical Days According to their Order of Precedence, reproduced below). Because these outrank Sundays in Ordinary Time (6), those celebrations can be moved to the Sunday of the week they fall in as long as we are in Ordinary Time (*Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars*, § 58).

The feast of the principal patron of the diocese (8a) and the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral (8b) are also to be observed, keeping in mind the ranking in the Table. For the Diocese of Davenport, the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral is observed on November 15 (of course, at the Cathedral itself it is observed as a Solemnity). The principal patron of our diocese is... well, we don't have one. At least not any that my sources can identify. If you know any better, please let us know!

In addition, the *Ceremonial of Bishops* states that 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 is used – except on days listed in #'s 1-6 on the Table (§ 1167). Bishop Franklin's anniversary of episcopal ordination is April 1.

The *Ceremonial* also states that each year the anniversary of the last deceased bishop be observed, unless he had been transferred to another diocese (§ 1168). In our case, that would be Bishop O'Keefe, whose anniversary of episcopal ordination is July 2.

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

1. Easter triduum
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season
Ash Wednesday; Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday to Thursday inclusive
Days within the octave of Easter
3. Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints listed in the General Calendar; All Saints
4. Proper solemnities, namely:
 - a. Solemnity of the principal patron of the place (city or state)
 - b. Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary**
 - c. Solemnity of the title of a particular church**
 - d. Solemnity of the title, or of the founder, or of the principal patron of a religious order or congregation
5. Feasts of the Lord in the General Calendar
6. Sundays of the Christmas Season and Sundays in Ordinary Time
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the General Calendar
8. Proper feasts, namely:
 - a. Feast of the principal patron of the diocese**
 - b. Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral**
 - c. Feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory
 - d. Feast of the title, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and of a religious province without prejudice to the directives in no. 4
 - e. Other feasts proper to an individual church
 - f. Other feasts listed in the calendar of a diocese or of a religious order or congregation
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December inclusive.
Days within the octave of Christmas; Weekdays of Lent
10. Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a. memorials of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or province, country, or wider territory, or of an order or congregation and of a religious province
 - b. obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation