

LITURGYNOTES – FOR OCTOBER 2016

LITURGY NEWS

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Year of Mercy:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/YearOfMercy.htm>

FLU SEASON

As flu season begins, make sure you have the needed materials on hand and know what to do if we experience a significant outbreak. Please see our website (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu>) for details.

Parishes and schools should move from the remote to the immediate preparation phase.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Liturgy Events webpage at:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Celebrating the Year of Mercy

The Doors of Mercy are to close on Sunday, November 13 (they will close in Rome the following Sunday). At the Cathedral, the closing of the doors will be celebrated at the 4pm Mass on Saturday, November 12, with Bishop Amos presiding.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Order of Celebrating Matrimony Workshops

Workshops to introduce the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* and present updates in marriage preparation in the diocese are being held in each deanery. The schedule of remaining workshops is:

Oct 1 = Sacred Heart, Newton = **CANCELLED**

Nov 5 = St. Joseph, DeWitt

Dec 2 (Friday) = Chancery, Davenport

Dec 3 = Chancery, Davenport

Register at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocm-workshop-registration>.

Policies and other information/resources at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/new-order-of-celebrating-matrimony>

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

OTHER EVENT: ORGAN RECITAL

In celebration of 60 years as a musician, and 16 as Director of Music at St. Mary of the Visitation in Ottumwa, Mr. Tom Shadonix would like to invite the faithful of the diocese to an organ recital at St. Mary's on October 30 at 3pm. The recital will feature a number of major works for the organ. Mr. Shadonix will be joined on one number by the singers from Seton Catholic School and on another by string players from the Ottumwa Symphony.

RELIGIOUS SUPPLY: ANNUAL RESOURCES FROM LTP, NEW ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

LTP has announced that its annual resources are once again available. You may order your materials directly from LTP, 800-533-1900 or from Religious Supply Center in Davenport. Religious Supply is also ready to assist with orders for the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. For details, questions, information about discounts, or to place your order, call Jim, 563-324-0669 or 800-292-0052, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday. Resources will be delivered to the Clergy Overnighter in November.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The 2017 Liturgical Calendar is also being sent with this edition of LiturgyNotes.

Please note that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on November 6 – set your clocks back an hour!

November 1: The Solemnity of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation; only the Mass of the Day is permitted. Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated during Mass on that day must use the readings and orations of the holy day. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.

November 15: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

In the Cathedral itself, the anniversary is celebrated as a Solemnity, and therefore may be moved to the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary time there (it may not replace Christ the King). The anniversary is celebrated as a Feast in the rest of the diocese.

December 8: Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation; only the Mass of the Day is permitted. Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated during Mass on that day must use the readings and orations of the holy day. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.

Christmas and Christmastime

(see: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons#AdventChristmas>)

1. God reveals God's self to us as the One who loves us. The feast days during Christmas remind us of this revelation and seek our response to it.
2. The color is white or gold; it is ideal if vestments and fabrics used are different from those used at Easter.
3. A good Penitential Rite is the third form, #II (now found in Appendix VI of the Missal).
4. Sing the Gloria the entire season. The carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" may not replace the Gloria.
5. Christ is present here and now. TODAY is born our Savior. Avoid historicizing. For example, use Christmas music with good theology for the whole season (Hark the Herald Angels Sing) and avoid historical settings (O Little Town of Bethlehem).
6. Make sure your decorating reflects all that is important: the Word, the people.... Enhance the whole building, not just the sanctuary. Remember: less is more!
7. Remember that Advent and Christmas are the perfect times to remember Mary, our ultimate model for behavior. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, observed on January 1, falls on a Sunday this year and so is a Holy Day of obligation; neither Ritual Masses nor Funeral Masses may be celebrated.
8. There are two customary proclamations used during the Christmas Season. The deacon, reader, or cantor may sing/proclaim these texts, which will now be found in Appendix I of the Missal. See the diocesan website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.
 - a. At Christmas Midnight Mass, after the greeting and introduction, the "Proclamation of the Birth of Christ" is sung or proclaimed. The Gloria immediately follows.
 - b. On Epiphany, the "Proclamation of the Date of Easter" is sung or proclaimed after the homily or after the prayer after communion.
9. During most of the year, we make a profound bow during the Proclamation of Faith while speaking the words: "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." During the Vigil of Christmas and all the Masses of Christmas, we genuflect at this time—highlighting the awesome mystery of the Incarnation.
10. Regarding the various Christmas Masses:
 - a. For prayers, the *Missal* has five different Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Mass for December 24 is the proper text for Masses in the morning of December 24. The proper text for Masses in the evening (= after 4 p.m.) of December 24 is the Christmas – Vigil Mass. The text for Christmas – Mass at Midnight is to be used for Masses beginning "at night," preferably on or around midnight between December 24 and 25. The proper text for the first Mass in the morning of December 25 is the Christmas – Mass at Dawn. Later Masses on December 25 should use the text for Christmas – Mass during the Day.

- b. The Mass at Midnight may be preceded by a more prolonged vigil, taken from the Office of Readings (see the *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* #71-73, 98, 215). This extended vigil is the preferred time for the blessing of the crèche (*Book of Blessings*, ch. 48, §1542-44).
- c. According to the *Lectionary for Mass*, for the three Masses of Christmas (Midnight, Dawn, Day), the proper readings for the Mass may be used or the readings may be chosen from among any of the readings for Christmas or the Vigil—based on pastoral need. Pastors should carefully discern those needs before selecting readings other than those proper to each Mass. Only the Vigil readings may be used at the Vigil Mass.

11. The crèche does not go under the altar or even in the sanctuary. It is preferable to put out a crèche that represents the whole story; there is no need to have “traveling kings.” Please see the *Book of Blessings*, chapter 48, §1544. Additional information can be found in the GIRM §299 and in *Built of Living Stones* §§124, 125, and 128.

12. There is a tradition of blessing chalk on the Epiphany, which is then used by the faithful to bless their homes. In addition, this would be a proper time to celebrate the “Order for the Blessing of Homes during the Christmas and Easter Seasons” found in the *Book of Blessings* §§ 1597-1621. The Epiphany blessing is also available on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons> OR <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litEpiphanyChalkBlessing.pdf>.

13. This year, there are a couple of calendar adjustment as well (see the Diocesan Liturgical Calendar for details)

- a. In 2016, since a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on Friday, December 30, with only one reading before the Gospel.
- b. In 2017, since the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to the following Monday, January 9, with only one reading before the Gospel.

INTERCESSIONS

Here are resources for the Universal Prayer:

- (1) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at:
<http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>
- (2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:
http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx
- (3) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>
- (4) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:
<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>

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