

LITURGYNOTES – FOR MARCH 2017

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The Liturgy Office will not be staffed during the first two weeks of May. Therefore, all May liturgy plans (for liturgies with the Bishop – such as Confirmations) need to be submitted before the end of April.

From April 30 through May 14, please direct any questions regarding the liturgy to Deacon David Montgomery (montgomery@davenportdiocese.org / 563-888-4222).

OUR RELATION WITH ISLAM

The BRIDGE study (see link below) conducted by Georgetown University last year revealed that “nearly half of Catholics can’t name any similarities between Catholicism and Islam, or say explicitly that there are no commonalities.” In addition, 30% of Catholics have an unfavorable view of Islam; fewer than 20% have a favorable view.

Positively, “Catholics who know a Muslim personally, or who have participated in dialogue or community service with Muslims, often have very different views about Islam and interfaith dialogue than those who haven’t interacted with Muslims.” At the same time, negatively, “Those surveyed who consume content from Catholic media outlets have more unfavorable

views of Muslims than those who don’t.” For details, please see the full BRIDGES report: http://bridge.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Bridge_CathReport_Single.pdf).

A good synopsis of the findings is found in *America* magazine (<http://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2016/09/12/report-finds-american-catholics-have-lots-learn-about-islam>).

In our charged political atmosphere, we owe it to ourselves and to our fellow citizens—especially our Muslim neighbors—to be well informed, not just about Islam itself but about what our faith teaches about the world’s second largest religion.

For example, according to the Georgetown study, “Catholics in the United States aren’t sure about what they share in terms of religious belief with the world’s 1.6 billion Muslims. About a third of all U.S. Catholics (32 percent) believe that Catholics and Muslims worship the same God, while 42 percent say they do not. About a quarter of Catholics are unsure.”

In *Nostra Aetate* #3, the Bishops gathered at the Second Vatican Council wrote of our relation to Islam:

The Church regards with esteem also the Moslems. They adore the one God, living and subsisting in Himself; merciful and all-powerful, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has spoken to men; they take pains to submit wholeheartedly to even His inscrutable decrees, just as Abraham, with whom the faith of Islam takes pleasure in linking itself, submitted to God. Though they do not acknowledge Jesus as God, they revere Him as a prophet. They also honor Mary, His virgin Mother; at times they even call on her with devotion. In addition, they await the day of judgment when God will render their deserts to all those who have been raised up from the dead. Finally, they value the moral life and worship God especially through prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Since in the course of centuries not a few quarrels and hostilities have arisen between Christians and Moslems, this sacred synod urges all to forget the past and to work sincerely for mutual understanding and to preserve as well as to promote together for the benefit of all mankind social justice and moral welfare, as well as peace and freedom.

So, yes, our Church teaches that while we may have different understandings regarding the nature of God, we do, indeed share faith in the One God—a faith shared as well with our Jewish brothers and sisters. That this is the faith of the Church was reiterated by Pope St. John Paul II in a 1985 speech to Muslim youth in Morocco: “We believe in the same God, the one God, the living God, the God who created the world.”

Citing *Lumen gentium* (The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church from Vatican II) #16, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#841)—after addressing our special relationship with the Jewish People (#839-40)—reads: “The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day.”

Sadly, and dangerously, there are those who continue to deny that this is the teaching of the Church and insist on painting all of Islam with a single brush. As Catholics and as American citizens, we need to know what the Church actually teaches. Lamentably, not every author, speaker, or website that claims to be Catholic accurately reflects the Church's teaching in this area. Some helpful sites that do so include:

-the USCCB:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/interreligious/islam/index.cfm> and

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/walking-together-on-the-road-to-peace.cfm>

-the Georgetown Bridge Initiative:

<http://bridge.georgetown.edu/>

-the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Center at the University of St. Thomas:

<http://www.stthomas.edu/mcdc/>

HYMNALS AVAILABLE

Our Lady of Victory has approximately 125 *Spirit and Song* First Edition assembly books in good condition available if anyone is interested. The Mass settings were revised since publication of the book, but the songs are still usable. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Zimaneck by April 1st, 2017. 563-340-7722

LITURGY NEWS

THREE PUBLISHERS TO PRODUCE LECTIONARY FOR MASS SUPPLEMENT

Following the announcement of the Lectionary for Mass Supplement in the September 2016 Newsletter, the Secretariat of Divine Worship has approved the ritual editions of the Supplement produced by three liturgical publishers. Editions will be available beginning April 1, 2017, and may be used immediately upon purchase. The publishers of the Lectionary for Mass Supplement, and their editions, are:

- **Catholic Book Publishing Co.** (www.CatholicBookPublishing.com, 877-228-2665)
Hardcover, 8½" × 11", \$21.95
- **Liturgical Press** (www.LitPress.org, 800-858-5450)
Classic edition: hardcover, 8½" × 11", \$39.95;
Chapel edition: hardcover, 7" × 9", \$34.95
- **Liturgy Training Publications** (www.LTP.org, 800-933-1800)
softcover, 9¾" × 12", \$29.95

FROM THE USCCB BCDW'S NEWSLETTER (JAN 2017)

There is a saying: "liturgy before the Liturgy, and liturgy after the Liturgy." Referring to social action for justice and living a daily Christian life, the expression means that what is celebrated in liturgical action is the faith lived and celebrated in the lives of Christians in the world; it is, at the same time, a celebration of life and a sending to mission. Something similar could be said about the Catholic liturgy when one speaks both about the family as domestic church and about the *Ite, missa est*, the commissioning or sending forth at the end of Mass.

In addition to acts of charity, mercy, and social justice, the community works for unity and peace through the liturgical actions of the Church. The August-September 2015 Newsletter offered suggestions for liturgical celebrations to direct prayer in times of persecution of Christians, for the plight of migrants and refugees, and for the care of creation. Praying for those issues remain urgent as ever. In recent months, however, another issue calls out for the concern of the People of God: the need for peace, nonviolence, and unity among peoples, even as men and women of good will seek out solutions to the social and political problems of our time. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* offers a fairly wide latitude in making use of the many options in the Roman Missal, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, particularly where there are important pastoral needs in a community (cf. nos. 368-370, 373-374). In the current political and social climate, some particularly relevant Mass formularies would include: For Promoting Harmony (no. 15), For the Unity of Christians (no. 17), For Persecuted Christians (no. 19), For the Nation or State (no. 21), For Those in Public Office (no. 22), For the Preservation of Peace and Justice (no. 30), For Refugees and Exiles (no. 32), and For Our Oppressors (no. 42). Together with carefully crafted homilies and intercessions, and with appropriate music, these pastoral options can be utilized to address the needs of gathered community.

TAKING CARE OF BELLS

Included with this edition of *LiturgyNotes* is a flyer from the Verdin Bell Company, covering the kind of maintenance needed for bells. Please make sure that you are attending to this important aspect of ongoing maintenance and repair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Chrism Mass

The *Chrism Mass* will be celebrated on Monday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. Because of construction at the Cathedral, the liturgy is being moved to Our Lady of Victory (Davenport).

Ordinations

Due to construction at the cathedral, our candidates for the priesthood will be ordained in their (adopted) home parishes this year:

At 10am on Saturday, May 27, Rev. Mr. Dan Dorau will be ordained a Presbyter at Prince of Peace Church in Clinton.

At 10am on Saturday, June 3, Rev. Mr. Chris Weber will be ordained a Presbyter at SS. Mary & Mathias in Muscatine.

The members of Deacon Formation Class VII will be ordained at St. John Vianney Church in Bettendorf on Saturday, July 8, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the crowd expected, admission will be *by ticket only*. Thank you for your understanding.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

LTP & FDLC Virtual Workshop

In collaboration with FDLC, Liturgy Training Publications is presenting “Promoting the Intercultural Worship of Diverse Communities” featuring Rev. Mark Francis, CSV. Father Francis is the President of Catholic Theological Union (CTU) and is the principle author of one of FDLC’s best-selling books, *Liturgy in a Culturally Diverse Community: A Guide Towards Understanding*. The interactive virtual workshop will air on March 23 at 1:00 (Eastern) and again on June 8 at 1:00 (Eastern). The session only costs \$10. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.ltp.org/p-2987-promoting-the-intercultural-worship-of-diverse-communities.aspx>.

Fr. Jan Michael Joncas: Here in March

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center, a ministry of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, will be hosting Fr. (Jan) Michael Joncas for two events in March: an evening workshop and a weekend retreat.

(1) Singing the Liturgy: Thurs, March 23 | 7:00pm

St Paul the Apostle Church 916 E. Rusholme St., Davenport

Explore the meaning of various elements of the Mass: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of God’s Word, Liturgy of the Lord’s Table, Dismissal Rites. Discover music that helps the “full, conscious and active” participation of the faithful associated with these elements. Fee: Free will offering.

Please see the attached flyer.

(2) Roman Catholic Thought and Practice 50 Years after Vatican II: March 24 – 26 | Fri, 5:00 pm – Sun, 11:00am

Fr. (Jan) Michael Joncas. Explore the meaning of the four great Constitutions of Vatican II 50 years after their publication: *Sacrosanctum Concilium* on the Liturgy; *Lumen Gentium* on the Church; *Dei Verbum* on Sacred Scripture; and *Gaudium et Spes* on the Church in the Modern World. Fee: \$125

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org.

Notre Dame 2017

June 19-23 - Liturgy and Life: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Bible and the Liturgy

June 26-30 - Forming the Sacramental Imagination: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd-The Senses of Scripture

July 17-21 - Liturgical Music Ministers: The Word, Music, and *The Saint John's Bible*

Information at: <http://liturgy.nd.edu/events/summerliturgy/>

June 24-26 - Notre Dame Preaching Conference: To Set the Earth on Fire-Effective Catholic Preaching
Information at: <http://theology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/the-marten-program/conferences-and-events/2017-conference/>

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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA: RESOURCES

TeamRCIA has just published a set of “Prayers Around the Time of the Rite of Election,” including A Catechumen’s Prayer Before the Rite of Election, Prayer of a Catechumen Who Has Decided to Wait, and The Baptized’s Prayer for the Catechumens. They can be found at:

<https://teamrcia.leadpages.co/prayers-around-time-of-election/>

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

FAST—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ABSTINENCE—Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older. If members of the Faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.

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This year, the Commemoration of St. Patrick falls on the Friday of the Second Week of Lent. Therefore, for those who wish to observe the Commemoration of St. Patrick in this manner, Bishop Amos has commuted the observance of the law of abstinence to another day of the Second Week of Lent, exclusive of Sunday. That is, any of the Faithful in the Diocese of Davenport who wish to take meat on Friday, March 17, may do so as long as they abstain from meat on some other day of that week (March 13-18).

Lent: Prayers over the People

Each day in Lent is assigned its own Prayer over the People, for use as part of the final blessing before the dismissal. On Ash Wednesday and on the Sundays of Lent, their use is mandatory. On weekdays, their use is optional.

Lent: Resource from the FDLC

Included with this edition of *LiturgyNotes* is the *Liturgy Preparation Aid for Lent, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and the Easter Season* from the FDLC.

It is also posted on our website on the Liturgical Seasons page, or you can access it directly at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2017/2/FDLC-LentEaster2017YearA.pdf>.

Return to Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12!

The Months of May and June

May is traditionally regarded as a Marian month. Please recall, however, that the Easter Season (including Pentecost) should remain the primary focus in both prayer and in the liturgical environment. Popular devotions are to take their life from the liturgy, not overshadow it.

Sunday, May 14, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, is also Mother's Day this year. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery and the Easter Season. The Book of Blessings (#1724ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use. The same applies to Father's Day, June 18 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*).

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Amos

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Amos, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 7. The Mass "For the Bishop" (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I. For the Church 3. For the Bishop) with its appropriate readings should be celebrated. It would also be appropriate to include a particular petition for the Bishop as part of the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of June 3-4 (Pentecost).

THE PASCHAL CANDLE DURING LENT

Outside of Eastertime, the paschal candle is to remain by the font and is used for funerals and baptisms as usual. There is no provision anywhere for the candle to be removed during Lent. The norms for liturgy during Lent specify such things as not using flowers and not using instrumental music; there is NO mention of removing the Paschal Candle in the GIRM, the Missal or on the USCCB website.

In addition, when addressing the question of whether or not water should be removed from fonts during Lent, the Congregation ruled that such a practice is not permitted. They stated that we do not “fast” from sacramentals – and that emptying the fonts “is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent,” which is both a season of penance and one *rich in baptismal imagery*. Applying that same reasoning to this question, I would also conclude that the paschal candle should remain in place during Lent.

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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