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MOST CURRENT LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES WITH REGARD TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship,

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/>

for regular updates.

LITURGICAL AND SPIRITUAL RESOURCES DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

**ONGOING PRAYER FOR HEALING AND PEACE
FOR OUR CITY AND COUNTRY**

The following intention may be included regularly in the Universal Prayer (second category) for Sundays.

*For the eradication of all forms of racism among all peoples
and that all will open wide their hearts with the love of God and neighbor
so that healing and peace will mark our way of life.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Por la erradicación de todas las formas de racismo entre todos los pueblos
y que todos abran sus corazones con el amor de Dios y del prójimo
para que la sanación interior y la paz marquen nuestro estilo de vida.
Roguemos al Señor/Te rogamos óyenos.*

THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

Many parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese have responded positively to pray the prayer to Saint Michael in conjunction with the celebration of Mass. You are reminded that this devotional prayer is to take place outside of Mass. It is not to be prayed as the concluding prayer of the Universal Prayer nor as part of the Communion Rite.

THE TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANTICIPATED MASSES

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS WHEN THE OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED

In the United States, there are three Holy Days, Solemnities, when the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended when the observance falls on a Monday or a Saturday—the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). In these instances, the Mass schedule certainly can be modified.

However, there should at least be the celebration of one Mass for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, October 4, 2020

The USCCB Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. These materials are especially helpful for priests, parish groups, schools, and other organizations. For more information or to request packets, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

Intentions for the Universal Prayer for Respect Life can found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

Priests and deacons may consider, in conjunction with Respect Life Sunday, using the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb, published by the United States Conferences of Catholic Bishops in 2012. For more information on this Rite and to order in English or Spanish, see:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/pro-life-blessings.cfm>.

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
Monday, October 5, 2020

With the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments dated May 18, 2020, Pope Francis established that the Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska be inserted into the General Roman Calendar and be observed on October 5.

At present, there are no approved English or Spanish texts for the celebration. Appropriate texts from the Common of Virgins or the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious may be used at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours. More information will be provided shortly on the USCCB website at: www.USCCB.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-faustina-kowalska.cfm.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, October 18, 2020

The Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples, number 18 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions in the Roman Missal, may be used on World Mission Sunday. The

Readings can be those of the Sunday or those for the *Evangelization of Peoples* in Volume IV of the *Lectionary for Mass*.

SAVE THE DATE

THE BIENNIAL ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
will be on Saturday, October 16, 2021

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship has the responsibility for direction, guidance and support of pastors and those who collaborate with them in the formation of adults for Christian Initiation. Additional information on Christian Initiation for adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

Full Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first reception of Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside the immediate danger of death, requires the permission of the Archbishop (see RCIA, no. 331). Archbishop Perez delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2020-2021 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org.

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship.

If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship for instructional materials and also to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
2020/2021 Workshops

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Sacred Heart Parish, Oxford

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Visitation B.V.M. Parish, Norristown

7:00 to 9:00 PM in LOWER CHURCH

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Warminster

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Saint Andrew Parish, Drexel Hill

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Lector Workshop

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown

7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Bilingual Spanish Ministry Workshop

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103
9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
12:05 Mass to follow
Please register at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick Workshop

Saturday, February 27, 2021

Cathedral Chapel
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103
9:30 AM to 12 Noon
12:05 Mass to follow
Please register at worship@archphila.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, validly married (if married), recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution.
- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to attend.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion typically serve for three years. Pastors/chaplains may renew terms, if agreeable and in consultation with the minister.

- Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Divine Worship if they conduct their own formation and to send to this office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Request forms can be found on the Office for Divine Worship website. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are appointed for a three-year term and for the place where they are commissioned. Terms may be renewed if agreeable to both the pastor/chaplain and the minister.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned after participation in a training session, according to the form found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63, "Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion."**
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only serve in the parishes/institutions for which they are commissioned.

ON-LINE COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY
AVAILABLE FROM THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE AT MUNDELEIN

This is a new online liturgy program as a resource for both church professionals and the laity. This new online program extends the mission of the Institute to diocesan and parish professionals as well as interested individual Catholics. Composed of five one-hour classroom sessions followed by online quizzes, each course awards one-half Continuing Education Unit and brings a fresh, energized approach to the study of liturgical renewal.

For additional information, please see: <https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/>.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online around the fifteenth of the month approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers.

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>.

FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

visit: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>.