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LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Friday, November 1, 2019

The Solemnity of All Saints Day is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

(ALL SOULS' DAY)

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Only the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass can take place on All Souls Day.

The evening Mass on Saturday, November 2, 2019, is for Sunday, the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

—Priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day—

The revised *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [2010] in chapter IV, section II, on the concelebrated Mass, states:

204. *For a particular reason, having to do either with the significance of the rite or of the festivity, the faculty is given to celebrate or concelebrate more than once on the same day in the following cases: [...]*
 - d) *On the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) all priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided that the celebrations take place at different times, and that the norms established regarding the application of second and third Masses are observed.*

The norms established, and referenced in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, are those of Pope Benedict XV, in his Apostolic Constitution *Incruentum altaris sacrificium*, August 10, 1915. The norms state:

All priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day, provided these take place at different times and on condition, moreover, that while they may at their preference apply one of the Masses in favor of any person and accept for that Mass a stipend, they may not accept a stipend for the second or for the third Mass, the second of which they are bound to apply respectively for all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday, November 24, 2019

The Committee for Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has identified the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as a fitting moment in the liturgical year to promote the Church's teaching on religious freedom. Therefore, the Committee has prepared materials to help educate the faithful about this Solemnity, which the Church celebrates this year on November 24, 2019. These materials are available at www.usccb.org/freedom.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 28, 2019

The US proper for Thanksgiving Day found in the *Roman Missal* may be used. If the proper Mass is used, the *Lectionary* texts may come from the readings of the day or from the *Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, In Thanksgiving to God*. If food is brought to Mass for a blessing in preparation for the Thanksgiving Day meal, the Order for the Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving Day may be used as found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 58.

A PLAN FOR AN INTERFAITH OR ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN ANTICIPATION OF THANKSGIVING DAY

Many parishes join neighboring religious communities for an interfaith or ecumenical service as part of the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. This is a commendable practice and in some areas a long-standing tradition.

The following is a plan for such a service:

If the service takes place in a Catholic Church, then only a Catholic priest presides from the priest celebrant's chair. Interfaith and ecumenical representatives may take a place in the sanctuary. The priest celebrant wears a surplice/alb and white stole. A cope may also be worn. Liturgical ministers may be representatives of the religious communities participating in the service. A collection of money or food for the poor may be a part of the service.

INTRODUCTION

--The service begins with a suitable psalm or hymn

--A greeting from the Roman Missal and/or an introduction to the service
--A collect from the Roman Missal, perhaps from Thanksgiving Day or For Giving Thanks to God

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

--This part of the service follows the order for the Liturgy of the Word with the usual chants. The choice of texts, in addition to a consideration of the theme, should also be considerate of the interfaith or ecumenical assembly for this occasion. The Lectionary texts may come from the section, In Thanksgiving to God. There need only be the Gospel or the usual other readings depending on the circumstances.

--A homily or reflection may follow by the priest or by a representative of the other religious communities.

--A hymn of praise may follow the homily or reflection.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

--The Universal Prayer takes place as usual. In an ecumenical service the Lord's Prayer concludes the Universal Prayer. In an interfaith service, a concluding prayer, perhaps one of the collects not used during the Introduction may be used. The service ends with a Trinitarian blessing in an ecumenical service or a suitable prayer of blessing in an interfaith service.

--The service ends with a suitable psalm or hymn.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 1, 2019

As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, please note the Lectionary cycles for 2019 are:

- *Sunday Cycle – Year A*
- *Weekday Cycle – II*

The Blessing of an Advent Wreath may take place at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer on this Sunday. See *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 47, Order for the Blessing of an Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath needs only to be blessed once, perhaps at the Anticipated Mass for the First Sunday of Advent.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Observed on Monday, December 9, 2019

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States of America, is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday.

This year December 8th falls on a Sunday. The Second Sunday of Advent displaces the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, the Solemnity is observed the next day, December 9th, but not as a Holy Day of Obligation when it is transferred.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is *always* a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday. **The earliest time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is 4:00 PM.**

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 Chaput delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP ON THE ORDER OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The English Translation of the second edition of the *Order of Baptism of Children* has been approved for use in the United States and replaces the current English edition. The first use date of the revised ritual is February 2, 2020, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and the mandatory use date is April 2, 2020, Easter Sunday.

All Priests, Deacons, DRE's, Catechists for Baptism, and Liturgical Musicians are encouraged to attend a workshop on this new ritual book on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Please register at worship@archphila.org.

To pre-order the second edition of the *Order of Baptism of Children*, please open hyperlink below:
http://store.usccb.org/order-of-baptism-of-children-p/7-641.htm?utm_source=store-homepage&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=order_of_baptism

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2019--2020 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Saint John Neumann Parish, Bryn Mawr

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

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Lectors

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown

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

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Workshop in Spanish

For Parish Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, November 16, 2019

10:00 AM to Noon / 12:05 PM Mass to follow

Cathedral Chapel

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Sick

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

10:00 AM to Noon

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register 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.

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.

COLDS AND FLU SEASON

AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY

- *Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution in the pew before distributing, and after purifying their fingers after the distributing Holy Communion;*
- *People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice.*

Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to allay the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include refraining from the use of the Sign of Peace during the celebration of Mass and reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

From the Office for Liturgical Music

Seek Him

We are weeks away from Advent - a time for Catholics to examine our own relationship with God, in a penitent season which is often blurred amidst the flurry of the coming of Christmas.

Surely, the Christmas Carols will be starting soon – a gross misrepresentation of what should be happening throughout the month of December.

Many of us will perform a “Christmas concert,” and joyfully proclaim the good news of our Lord’s birth quite prematurely.

However, it is the connection with music which tends to bring out nostalgia for Catholics, both practicing and not, as we approach the holidays.

So, what can we do musically to help the parishioners in the pew to realize the reflective nature of Advent, and refocus their energy? I believe that putting the texts of the advent propers into the mouths of the congregation is a positive start.

Week 1: “To you, O Lord, I pray; I trust in your great name”

Week 2: “Behold, O Zion, God will come to save the nations of the earth”

Week 3: “Come, rejoice in God our King; Sing, your voices raising”

Week 4: “O heavens, let the Just One come like rain from clouds above”

Below are some of my favorite resources for simple congregational refrains which can be chanted as part of the Entrance of the Mass in place of a hymn.

Entrance Antiphons for Advent:

<https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/entrance-antiphon-for-advent-print-g7992>

Entrance Antiphons for the Advent Season:

<https://www.canticedistributing.com/entrance-antiphons-for-the-advent-season-br-choral-score-41219.html>

Anglican Chant verses with popular hymn tune Introit texts:

<https://forum.musicasacra.com/forum/uploads/2011/12/Hymn%20Tune%20Introits%20for%20Advent-Revised-spreads.pdf>

Spotlight on Gospel Acclamations

Throughout the course of the year, I will be highlighting some alternatives to the Respond and Acclaim Gospel Acclamations, as a way to introduce accessible refrains to add more variety to what our congregations are singing throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Below, please see the Paul French Acclamation, which cleverly utilizes the
"O Come, Divine Messiah"



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____

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This Alleluia is published through WLP in the Psalms and Ritual Music Collection.

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## Durufié Requiem Mass

Please share the information below with all of your Parishioners regarding the *Requiem* Mass to be sung within the Liturgy, here at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The combined forces of the Cathedral and Archdiocesan Choirs will sing this magnificent work, with a 14 person chamber ensemble within Mass.

### Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 2:30 PM

**NO TICKETS needed as it will be performed within Mass.**

Please encourage everyone in the Archdiocese to come to the Mother Church of Philadelphia for what will be an incredibly memorable experience, commemorating the souls of the faithful departed within our community.

## 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/>