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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 CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

RECURRING INFORMATION

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

On December 8, 2020, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced *The Year of Saint Joseph* that began that day and will continue through December 8, 2021. *The Year of Saint Joseph* commemorates the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. You can read the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, on Saint Joseph here:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html.

For Information on the Archdiocesan Observance of the *Year of Saint Joseph*, please see: <http://archphila.org/joseph/>.

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.

TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2022

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and not in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 7:40 PM on April 16, 2022. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2021-2022. **In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.**

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, October 3, 2021

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 be 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

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

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.

**OPENING MASS FOR THE XVI SYNOD IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

The following intention is recommended for the Universal Prayer for all Sunday Masses on this Sunday throughout the Archdiocese, for the first category for the Church:

For the Diocesan Phase of the next Synod of Bishops, that this consultation with the members of our local church will bear fruit in a greater commitment to living out the demands of the Gospel as we journey together with Christ as the Head of his Body, the Church.

Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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*.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Monday, November 1, 2021

The Solemnity of all Saints is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday. The liturgical observance of a Solemnity typically begins the evening before with Evening Prayer I. The celebration of the Eucharist on the evening before would be the proper Vigil Mass of the Solemnity or, if there is no proper Vigil Mass, the Anticipated Mass. Since the Solemnity of All Saints is not a day of obligation this year and the day before is a day of obligation, Sunday, the day of obligation takes precedence for the evening Mass. So, the Parish Sunday evening Mass on October 31, 2021 would be of the Sunday. Evening Prayer would be Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity of All Saints.

SAVE THE DATE

Holy Mass for Deceased Priests

Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, celebrant and homilist
All priests are welcome to concelebrate.

SAVE THE NEW DATE

Upon the recommendation of the Pilgrimage Office at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC, the anticipated Archdiocesan Pilgrimage scheduled for this fall, Saturday, October 16, 2021, **is re-scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022.**

Planning details will follow at a later date. All parishes, religious communities and institutions are asked to mark the date to allow for the broadest possible participation of clergy and faithful from all throughout the Archdiocese.

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*

Please see the attached flyer for more information for the Institute for Christian Initiation 2021:

Saturday, October 30, 2021

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, *lunch included*

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

Auditorium A & B

222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking available

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter

Director, Office for Divine Worship

Register by e-mail at worship@archphila.org

**Also, please make check payable to - Archdiocese of Philadelphia
with the name(s) of the participant(s) in the amount of \$50.00 per participant
and mail to - Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Registration deadline is October 15, 2021**

CONFIRMATION FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC ADULTS

The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized Roman Catholics is the Bishop. Typically, this occurs during the pastoral visit of the Bishop to the parish. *Every effort should be made to prepare Catholic Adults for Confirmation to participate in the parish celebration with the Bishop.*

- **Priests of the Archdiocese need to request the faculty from the Archbishop once again as of September 1, 2021, to confirm Catholic adults (those who have completed fourteen years of age and older).**
- The 2016 edition of the *Order of Confirmation* must be used for the Conferral of the Sacrament. A copy can be provided by the Office for Divine Worship.
- The celebration of Confirmation is recorded in the parish Confirmation Register and at the church of Baptism.

PLEASE NOTE

Full Sacramental Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first Reception of Holy Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside of 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 Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 workshops for liturgical ministers are posted 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 to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The following resources is available from the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein for the formation of parish liturgical ministers, <https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/instructions-for-liturgical-ministers>.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshops

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Central Association of the Miraculous Medal Shrine

475 E. Chelton Ave, Philadelphia

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in Church

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Saint Jerome Church

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

Glen Mills, Pennsylvania

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Saint John Bosco Church

235 East County Line Road

Hatboro, Pennsylvania

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Spanish Liturgical Ministry Workshop

Saturday, November 20, 2021
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Chapel)
10:00 AM to 12 Noon
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Lector Workshop

Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Saint Jerome Church
Philadelphia Pennsylvania
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Church
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/>.

SPECIAL BUNDLES OF COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY DESIGNED
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Please take a moment and look at the link below:

<https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/philadelphia>

The **Liturgical Institute** at Mundelein (at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake) has made available to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a special bundle of their on-line courses at a most reasonable rate. These courses provide foundational information on the Sacred Liturgy for clergy and the lay faithful.

The summer may be an ideal time for many to take advantage of the opportunity to take these on-line courses. They are excellent refresher courses as well as new learning opportunities for liturgical ministers and catechists.

STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF THE MUSIC COMPOSED
BY CESAREO GABARAIN

The liturgical music composed by Cesáreo Gabaráin will no longer be used for Archdiocesan and Cathedral celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy. Parishes, religious communities and institutions throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are encouraged to do the same. This is in response to the recent allegations of inappropriate conduct and the investigation of these allegations. The Office for Divine Worship stands in solidarity with all victims of sexual violence and harassment and is committed to promoting and maintaining safe environments. For additional information, please see the statement of Oregon Catholic Press: <https://www.ocp.org/en-us/blog/entry/statement-regarding-father-cesareo-gabarain>.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

**FOR AN UPDATED SUPPLEMENT WITH NEW LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES
FOR THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Contact Dominican Liturgy Publications:

<https://www.lulu.com/spotlight/athompsonatdsptdotcom> it is the second item on the page.

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/>.