

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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

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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 150<sup>th</sup> 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](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 THE DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD 2023**

The following intention is recommended for the Universal Prayer (first category) for occasional use for Sundays throughout the Diocesan Phase of the Synod (October 2021-April 2022).

*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.*

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

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

## **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.

## **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**

### **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

*—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 *Incrumentum 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.*

## **HOLY MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

All priests are welcome to concelebrate the Mass.

## **SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

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. These materials are available at [www.usccb.org/freedom](http://www.usccb.org/freedom).

## **THANKSGIVING DAY**

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

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.

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

*As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, please note the Lectionary cycles for 2022 are:*

- *Sunday Cycle – Year C*
- *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**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

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.

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not observed this year since it coincides with the Third Sunday of Advent which cannot be displaced. It is possible to commemorate Our Lady of Guadalupe with some of the liturgical music, in the homily and the Universal Prayer. The *Las Mañanitas* may take place as usual on December 12, 2021.

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS**

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

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 time for Vigil Masses for Christmas in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM, without exception.** There is no requirement to celebrate an evening Mass on Saturday, December 25, 2021. All Masses celebrated on Saturday evening, December 25, 2021, would be the *Christmas Mass during the Day*. Both the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord and the Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, are days of precept, days of obligation. However, the Nativity of the Lord is of a higher rank on the Table of Liturgical

Days. If someone has already attended Mass for Christmas, at the Vigil or earlier in the day, then the Saturday evening Mass would satisfy the obligation for Sunday.

On Saturday evening, December 25, 2021, Evening Prayer is Evening Prayer II for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation, except when it falls on a Monday or Saturday as it does this year.

There is no requirement to celebrate an evening Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2022. All parish Masses on Saturday evening January 1, 2022, would be the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

On Saturday evening, January 1, 2022, Evening Prayer is Evening Prayer I for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

## ***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. 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*

## **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](mailto: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, November 30, 2021**

**Saint Patrick Church**

Malvern, Pennsylvania

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
18<sup>th</sup> Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto: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](mailto:worship@archphila.org)



## *Liturgical Music Workshop*

**Wednesday, March 15, 2022**

Saint Helena Church, Blue Bell, PA

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto: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.

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## 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.

## 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/>.

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