

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/>

**INFORMATION ON THE EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress>

LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

**RECURRING INFORMATION**

**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.

**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 rogamus óyenos.*

**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 be the celebration of one Mass at least for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

**TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2024**

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 7:23 PM on March 30, 2024. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2023-2024. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN FOR USE WITH THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION**

The three *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* for use with the *Roman Missal* are now available as a supplement to the Missal. Copies of these prayers can be obtained from Catholic Book Publishing, <https://catholicbookpublishing.com/product/1650>.

The introduction to the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* highlights several significant pastoral and ritual issues. The *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* are strictly limited to Masses celebrated with children (no. 14). Emphasis is to be given to singing the responses and acclamations proper to the Prayers. Catechetical instruction on “internal participation” in the saving event of the Eucharistic Prayer should precede celebrations with children and the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children*.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

**Friday, September 1, 2023**

Pope Francis established this observance in September 2015 following a similar observance in the Eastern Church. The homily on this day, as well as an intention in the Universal Prayer, should call to mind this observance.

Additional resources for Prayers to Care of Creation can be found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>.

## **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

The Church in the United States will observe Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2023, with the theme of “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened (Matthew 11:28).” On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Please see the website of the USCCB for additional resources:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/come-me-all-you-who-labor-and-are-burdened>.

## **MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

A votive *Mass of the Holy Spirit* may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The *Roman Missal* provides three

options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The Lectionary texts for the day are preferable.

Also, see the options in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to celebrate liturgically the opening of the academic year.

## 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*.

**INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION**  
**Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:00 AM to 12 NOON**  
**Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium**  
**222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103**  
**Parking available**

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter Director, Office for Divine Worship  
All priests, deacons, DRE's, Christian Initiation coordinators and teams,  
catechists and liturgical musicians are welcome!

## PREPARE FOR THE RECEPTION AND USE OF THE ANTICIPATED REVISED ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The workshop will look at what is new and different with the revised ritual book, parish plans for implementation and best practices, discussion of pastoral and canonical concerns and norms for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Register by e-mail at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).

Please mail a check (with the name of the participant(s) for \$25.00 per person  
To the Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Registration deadline is October 2, 2023.

Please bring your own copy of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* with you.  
There is Holy Mass at 12:05 PM in the Cathedral Chapel following the workshop.

## 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) for someone 14 years of age or older. 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 2023 and Spring 2024 workshops for liturgical ministers is posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).*

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Glen Mills  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
Saint John Bosco Church, Hatboro  
7:00 to 9:00 PM  
Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
Saint Isaac Jogues Church, Wayne  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting  
7:00 to 9:00 PM  
Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

## Bilingual Workshop

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors  
Saturday, November 18, 2023  
Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia  
9:00 AM to 12 Noon

## Lectors

Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
Mother of Divine Providence Church, King of Prussia  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Please register 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 to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.*

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

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, without exception, are to have a current appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- **Extraordinary Ministers who serve in institutions and schools throughout the Archdiocese are typically commissioned for service in their parishes and likewise commissioned for service in the institution and/or school.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, not in an invalid marriage, recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution/school. Pastors/chaplains are reminded to be discerning in the invitation to members of the lay faithful to carry out this ministry.
- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Letters of Appointment from

the Archbishop will then follow. *Veteran Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to attend.*

- 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 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution/school.
- **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/schools 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. They are excellent refresher courses as well as new learning opportunities for liturgical ministers and catechists.

## LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

### THE LITURGICAL EXCHANGE

For information about the new Liturgical Exchange in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, please see: <https://www.liturgicaexchange.com/>.

### 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:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/newsletter>.

### FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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