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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

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

Please see the link below for sheet music for the hymn of the Eucharistic Revival, Let the Earth Acclaim (in English and Spanish):

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/sheet-music-available-for-new-eucharistic-hymns?_hsmi=283496485&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8yfd0ViHAkXN5FZT2DCEnq-P0agJI9G0394neBfJHvvMS-XjEdilKOITMkYbLjbajvfP0hHylbgj_MMSXFRXxQ1IcCIA

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Jubilee Year was announced by Pope Francis on May 9, 2024,
with the Bull of Indiction,
Spes non confundit (Hope does not disappoint).

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/it.html>

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>

PRINCIPAL ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATIONS

**Archdiocesan Opening of the Jubilee Year is December 29, 2024,
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass**

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

Representatives of every parish, institution and religious community will be invited to come as pilgrims of hope and then return with the message of the Jubilee year to spread throughout the Archdiocese.

**Archdiocesan Closing of the Jubilee Year is December 28, 2025,
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass**

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Please see our own website for the Jubilee Year, <https://archphila.org/holyyear/>. This is the site for local information on the Jubilee Year — archdiocesan observances and resources

WAYS TO OBSERVE THE JUBILEE YEAR

- **Pilgrimages**
 - To the Shrines within the Archdiocese, especially as places to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence
 - To the places of our Baptism
 - To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC (Date for this Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to be announced before the Jubilee Year begins)

- **Renewed Devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist, especially with the Annual Forty Hours Devotion (Forty Hours) in each parish, institution and religious community**
 - With themes identified by Pope Francis in the Bull of Indiction
 - *Peace*
 - *Value of Human Life*
 - *Care for Prisoners*
 - *Care for the Sick, Young People, Migrants, the Elderly (Grandparents)*
 - *The Poor and the Forgiveness of Debts*

- **Emphasis on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**
 - Promotion and reception of the Jubilee Indulgence
 - Promote communal Penance Services for Advent and Lent
 - Promotion of the ministry of the Archdiocesan Missionaries of Mercy

- **An Ecumenical Observance on the 1700th Anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea, celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in May/June 2025**

LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Friday, November 1, 2024

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, 2024

—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.

Please Note: The only type of wedding that can take place on All Souls Day is outside of Mass. The Mass of the day is the Mass for the Dead without exception, which does not allow for any ritual to be associated with it. A Funeral Mass can take place since it is principally a Mass for the Dead.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, November 17, 2024

For the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of the Poor 2024, please see:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20240613-messaggio-viii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2024.html>.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday, November 24, 2024

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: <https://www.usccb.org/christtheking>.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 28, 2024

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, December 1, 2024

As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, please note the Lectionary cycles for 2025 are:

- *Sunday Cycle – Year C*
- *Weekday Cycle – I*

The Blessing of an Advent Wreath may take place at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer 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.

TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2025

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and is 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 7:44 PM on April 19, 2025. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2024-2025. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.

COLDS AND FLU

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.

WEBINAR FOR THE USE OF THE REVISED ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 1:30 to 3:00 PM

To Register: <https://aopcatholicschools-org.zoom.us/j/92982275417>

Meeting ID: 929 8227 5417

Ritual editions will go on sale beginning November 1, 2024, and its optional use will be permitted as of the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. The obligatory use date has been established for the United States as Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

VARIOUS PUBLISHERS FOR THE REVISED RITUAL BOOKS

- Liturgy Training Publications (Chicago, IL) <https://www.ltp.org/#:~:text=Steeped%20in%20the%20spirit%20of%20liturgical%20renewal%20and%20founded%20upon>
- Liturgical Press (Collegeville, MN) <https://litpress.org/>
- Catholic Book (Totowa, NJ) • <https://catholicbookpublishing.com/collections/liturgical-editions>
- Magnificat (Yonkers, NY) <https://bookstore.magnificat.net/«>

- Midwest Theological Forum (Downers Grove, IL)
<https://www.theologicalforum.org/>

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 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 of Philadelphia (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

Fall 2024 / Spring 2025

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 to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop of Philadelphia for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshops

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Main Church

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church (Montgomery County)

PLEASE REGISTER AT: worship@archphila.org

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Saint Katherine of Siena, Frankford Ave.

PLEASE REGISTER AT: worship@archphila.org

Saturday, January 25, 2025

9:30 AM to 11:30 PM

Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul (Philadelphia South)

PLEASE REGISTER AT: worship@archphila.org

Saturday, February 15, 2025

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Saint Richard Church (South Philadelphia)

PLEASE REGISTER AT: worship@archphila.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, without exception, are to have a current appointment letter from the Archbishop of Philadelphia.**
- **Extraordinary Ministers who serve in institutions and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia 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.

GUIDELINES FOR THE BUILDING AND RENOVATING OF CHURCHES AND CHAPELS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in addition to what is described in the liturgical ritual books, follows the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the building and renovating of churches and chapels. These guidelines are found in the USCCB document, *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship*, 2007, Fifth Printing, revised.

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RECURRING INFORMATION

THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

Many parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia 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.

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.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

THE LITURGICAL EXCHANGE

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

Please consider spring cleaning your sacristies and storage areas for liturgical items no longer needed or in use. The *Liturgical Exchange* provides a great service within and outside the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for those looking to repurpose liturgical items for churches and chapels.

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/>.