

LITURGYNOTES – FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

LITURGY NEWS

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Year of Mercy:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/YearOfMercy.htm>

With the release of the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* (OCM) we've added a new page to our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/new-order-of-celebrating-matrimony>. There, you will find new diocesan resources, such as:

- Our updated diocesan policies (these replace the *Music Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage*): *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony Second Edition: Policies for the Diocese of Davenport*;

Please note: an updated version of the Policies was posted to the website on September 1. If you downloaded an earlier version, or attended the OCM workshop in Iowa City, please download the updated version.

- A liturgy preparation guide for couples: *Becoming One: A Resource for Couples Preparing their Wedding Liturgy*;
- Revised liturgy preparation forms for all three liturgies (within Mass, without Mass, and the celebration of matrimony between a Catholic and a non-Christian);
- A music selection form that can be given to the music minister.

In addition, we've provided links to vendors who are publishing the ritual book as well as other resources for implementing the new OCM.

Please visit and let us know if there are other resources or helps that we can post, or questions that you might have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Celebrating the Year of Mercy

September 17: CLINTON DEANERY:

Communal Penance Liturgy (Jesus Christ Prince of Peace, Clinton, 11:00 a.m.)

September 27: KEOKUK DEANERY:

Mass with Anointing of the Sick (SS. Mary & Joseph, Ft. Madison; 10:30 a.m.)

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Order of Celebrating Matrimony Workshops

Workshops to introduce the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* and present updates in marriage preparation in the diocese are being held in each deanery. The schedule of remaining workshops is:

- Sept 3 = St. Patrick, Ottumwa
- Sept 17 = Holy Family, Fort Madison
- Sept 20 (Tuesday) = St. Mary, Pella (NEW!)
- Oct 1 = Sacred Heart, Newton
- Nov 5 = St. Joseph, DeWitt
- Dec 2 (Friday) = Chancery, Davenport (NEW!)
- Dec 3 = Chancery, Davenport

Register at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocm-workshop-registration>.

LTP Virtual Workshops: <http://www.ltp.org/s-47-virtual-workshops.aspx>

Children's Liturgy of the Word in your Parish Community: Training Leaders in Theory and Practice
September 21, 2016: 7:30 pm (ET) / Order code: VW14CLW \$10
Presented by Mary DuQuaine

This Virtual Workshop provides a primer on children's Liturgy of the Word for those who are leaders of children's Liturgy of the Word or who are looking to establish a children's Liturgy of the Word program at their parish. Though focus will be placed on those directly involved in the ministry of leading Children's Liturgy of the Word, members of the clergy, pastoral staff, and various other liturgical ministries will find this workshop informative and useful in future collaborative efforts.

Forming Children as Classroom Prayer Leaders
September 7, 2016: 7:30 pm (ET) / Order code: VWFCCP \$10
Presented by Lisa Orchen

Foster active classroom participation with techniques that will empower children of all ages to assist in collaboratively preparing and leading daily or weekly prayer services.

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

RELIGIOUS SUPPLY: ANNUAL RESOURCES FROM LTP, NEW ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

LTP has announced that its annual resources are once again available. You may order your materials directly from LTP, 800-533-1900 or from Religious Supply Center in Davenport. Religious Supply is also ready to assist with orders for the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. For details, questions, information about discounts, or to place your order, call Jim, 563-324-0669 or 800-292-0052, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday. Resources will be delivered to the Clergy Overnighter in November.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

9/9 Set as Day of Prayer

In the wake of tragic moments within many of our communities, Archbishop Kurtz called for a National Day of Prayer on September 9, the feast of St. Peter Claver, as one way of helping to nurture open, honest and civil dialogue in our communities struggling with violence in many forms. The Cathedral in Davenport will host a period of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration on that day, beginning immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. Adorers are welcome any time. Benediction will be at 10:00 PM on the 9th. Additional resources may be found at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/news/september-9-national-day-of-prayer>.

Priesthood Sunday: October 30, 2016

Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday of October, is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. For more information and resources, please visit: <http://www.priestsunday.org/>.

November 1: The Solemnity of All Saints

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore, Ritual Masses and Funeral Masses are prohibited.

November 15: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

In the Cathedral itself, the anniversary is celebrated as a Solemnity. Therefore, at the Cathedral, it may be moved to Sunday. The anniversary is celebrated as a Feast in the rest of the diocese.

Advent

1. With the new liturgical year, we begin the use of Cycle A in the Sunday Lectionary and Year I in the Weekday Lectionary. For more information, especially in regards to the Missal and Advent, please see our webpage on the liturgical seasons (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons>) or go directly to http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/FDLC7-Navigating_RM01_Advent.pdf.
2. The color of Advent is a bluer shade of violet, to distinguish it from the purple of penitence in Lent. Blue is not an allowed color in the U.S. Rose is an optional color for the vesture on the Third Sunday of Advent, signaling that the full joy of Christmas is drawing near. The vestments worn should not have a cross, nails, etc. on them – they should not be Lenten.
3. The Advent wreath is blessed only at the first mass, after the intercessions. See the Book of Blessings, #1509ff, chapter 47. On the other Sundays of Advent, it is lit before Mass begins and no additional prayers are said. The traditional wreath is a circle of evergreen branches that bears four candles. The dominant tradition calls for three violet and one rose candle, but four violet or four white candles may also be used. Some communities add a fifth candle, white, for Christmas. The wreath should be large enough for all to see, but not obstruct the view of the altar, ambo or chair.
4. A good Penitential Act to use would be the third form, #I (now found in Appendix VI of the Missal).
5. Don't anticipate Christmas with music and environment. Rather, make use of a full spectrum of Advent music.

6. Don't make believe Jesus never came – focus on the second coming. Even though we aren't using this as a memorial acclamation at Mass anymore, it is still true: Christ *has* died, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.

7. Giving trees should not be in the sanctuary. Remember you can transform them for Christmas. They are better placed in the entryway or some location other than the sanctuary, lest the simplicity of Advent decor be compromised. Likewise, while Jesse trees are good for religious education they should not be in the church.

8. The *Gloria* is omitted (though there are exceptions when it comes to certain ritual Masses).

9. This season should reflect quiet and a subdued peace, as well as a sense of anticipation.

10. Remember that Advent and Christmas are the perfect times to remember Mary, our ultimate model for discipleship. The following Marian feasts and solemnities are observed during Advent:

- a. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Thursday, Dec. 8) is a Holy Day of obligation.
- b. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed on Monday, December 12. It may not be anticipated on the previous evening.

The Advent Lectionary and Judaism

Excerpts from: *God's Mercy Endures Forever: Guidelines on the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Preaching* (Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops September, 1988):

The lectionary readings from the prophets are selected to bring out the ancient Christian theme that Jesus is the "fulfillment" of the biblical message of hope and promise, the inauguration of the "days to come" described, for example, by the daily Advent Masses, and on Sundays by Isaiah in cycle A and Jeremiah in cycle C for the First Sunday of Advent. This truth needs to be framed very carefully. (11) Christians proclaim that the Messiah has indeed come and that God's Reign is "at hand." With the Jewish people, we await the complete realization of the messianic age. In underlining the eschatological dimension of Christianity, we shall reach a greater awareness that the people of God of the Old and the New Testament are tending toward a like end in the future: the coming or return of the Messiah--even if they start from two different points of view (1985 Notes, nos. 18-19). (12) Other difficulties may be less theologically momentous but can still be troublesome. For example, the reading from Baruch in cycle C or from Isaiah in cycle A for the Second Sunday of Advent can leave the impression that pre-Jesus Israel was wholly guilt-ridden and in mourning (*see next page), and Judaism virtually moribund. In fact, in their original historical settings, such passages reveal Judaism's remarkable capacity for self-criticism.... (13)

The full text may be found at:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litGodsMercyEnduresForever-Advent.pdf>.

*So perhaps we may also need to rethink the use of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” as one of our Advent Hymns – especially the first verse. Some authors concerned with Jewish-Christian relations have suggested alternative verses:

*Come, O come, Immanuel
And bless the place your people dwell,
Protect and keep us day and night.
And bring the blessing of your Light*

*Come, Tree of Life from tender shoot,
Come from the past, from Jesse’s root,
Break through the stone in every heart,
Bring hope and joy, new life impart.*

*Come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Bless ev’ry people, ev’ry race,
Embrace us, young and old, within your grace.*

From: *Has God Only One Blessing?* By Mary C. Boys (Paulist, 2000). The lyricist is Professor Barbara Lundblad, who has produced other alternative verses as well, including a set keyed to the Advent Cycle A readings from Isaiah in the Revised Common Lectionary; see <http://easternsynod.org/ministries/worship/2013/11/27/o-come-o-come-immanuel-yr-a-verses/>.

OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 2002, the US Bishops released *When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women*. They began with an unequivocal condemnation of violence against women:

As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence. We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many causes, and many victims—men as well as women.

In this document, they called upon the Church in the United States to reach out to both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. Among the recommendations that they made is to use opportunities within the liturgy and in sacramental preparation programs to draw attention to violence and abuse.

Their statement, and further resources and recommendations, may be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/>.

In addition, resources are available on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-formation-resources#DomesticViolence>.

INTERCESSIONS

Here are resources for the Universal Prayer:

(1) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at:

<http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>

(2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:

http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx

(3) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(4) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>

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