

LITURGYNOTES – FOR MARCH 2018

LITURGY NEWS

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Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor

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

A Prayer for Migrants (in English and Spanish) from the USCCB is available at:

[https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/2/Prayer for Migrants.pdf](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/2/Prayer%20for%20Migrants.pdf)

FDLC UPDATE: FORMATION FOR THE MISAL ROMANO

The FDLC is honored to be participating in the formation which will enable clergy, musicians and all the faithful to receive the Misal Romano, tercera edición with greater understanding. Twenty regional workshops have already been scheduled and we will announce the full slate very soon. The model schedule will be an afternoon session for clergy and parish leadership followed (that same day) by an evening session for musicians.

Resources are also being prepared for the faithful. They include a booklet of multiple articles (in English and Spanish) which can be used in various ways in the parish—as bulletin inserts, homily helps, handouts in adult education sessions, RCIA, parent meetings, etc. Online videos and chant recordings are also being prepared. Stay tuned for locations and online registration information!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Chrism Mass

Monday, March 19, 5pm (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport).

Ordination

Two seminarians are scheduled to be ordained this year, one to the diaconate and the other to priesthood. The ordination liturgy will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on June 30, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

2018 National Gathering on Christian Initiation: Liturgy and Catechesis

Save the Date! July 5-6 in Chicago! Please go to <https://www.ngci.org/2018> for details....

2018 Convention: National Association of Pastoral Musicians

NPM will gather in Baltimore on July 9-13 for their 41st Annual Convention. Please see their website for details: <http://npm.org/featured-content/2018-baltimore-convention/>. Early-bird registration is now open!

2018 Notre Dame Center for Liturgy Church Life Summer Institute

Online registration is now available for the 2018 Church Life Summer Institute Liturgy Symposia! This summer, the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy is offering three symposia for anyone involved in liturgical formation, catechesis, or liturgical music ministry (<http://liturgy.nd.edu/events/summerliturgy/>).

Liturgy and Life: June 18–22, 2018

Learn how to evangelize your parish, your school, and the world through the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Sacramental Catechist: June 25–29, 2018

Explore ways to renew catechesis in the Church through a Eucharistic pedagogy inspired by Sofia Cavalletti.

Liturgical Music Ministry: July 16–20, 2018

Discover how the Church's liturgical music deepens the Eucharistic life of your worshipping community.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

FAST—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ABSTINENCE—Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older. If members of the Faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.

Lent: Prayers over the People

Each day in Lent is assigned its own Prayer over the People, for use as part of the final blessing before the dismissal. On Ash Wednesday and on the Sundays of Lent, their use is mandatory. On weekdays, their use is optional.

The Paschal Candle and Font during Lent

Outside of Eastertime, the paschal candle is to remain by the font and is used for funerals and baptisms as usual. There is no provision anywhere for the candle to be removed during Lent. The norms for liturgy during Lent specify such things as not using flowers and not using instrumental music; there is NO mention of removing the Paschal Candle in the GIRM, the Missal or on the USCCB website.

In addition, when addressing the question of whether or not water should be removed from fonts during Lent, the Congregation ruled that such a practice is not permitted. They stated that we do not “fast” from sacramentals – and that emptying the fonts “is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent,” which is both a season of penance and one *rich in baptismal imagery*. Applying that same reasoning to this question, I would also conclude that the paschal candle should remain in place during Lent.

Lent: Resource from the FDLC

A Liturgy Preparation Aid for Lent, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and the Easter Season from the FDLC is available on our website.

>English: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/1/LPA-LentEaster2018YearB.pdf>

>Spanish: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/2/LPA-CuaremaPascua2018-YearB.pdf>

Return to Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11 (4th Sunday of Lent).

March 25, 2018

Since March 25, 2018 is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, normally assigned to this date, is transferred to Monday, April 9, 2018.

The Months of May and June

May is traditionally regarded as a Marian month. Please recall, however, that the Easter Season (including Pentecost) should remain the primary focus in both prayer and in the liturgical environment. Popular devotions are to take their life from the liturgy, not overshadow it.

Sunday, May 13, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, is also Mother's Day this year. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery and the Easter Season. The Book of Blessings (#1724ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use. The same applies to Father's Day, June 17 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

June 9: IHM

Since the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on June 9, 2018, the Optional Memorial of Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church, is omitted this year.

June 22: Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Zinkula

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Zinkula, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on Friday, June 22. The Mass “For the Bishop” (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I. For the Church 3. For the Bishop) with its appropriate readings should be celebrated. It would also be appropriate to include a particular petition for the Bishop as part of the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of June 23-24 (Nativity of St. John the Baptist).

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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