

LITURGYNOTES – FOR APRIL 2018

LITURGY NEWS

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NEW MEMORIAL: MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

In a decree dated February 11, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) announced that the obligatory memorial honoring Mary as Mother of the Church has been added to the universal calendar—to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost.

Decree:

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2018/03/03/0168/00350.html#ingD>

Commentary:

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2018/03/03/0168/00350.html#ingI>

The USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship has now posted information about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm>

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, not optional. They are slightly different than what is in the Lectionary for Mass (Lectionary Number 1002- I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

FDLC UPDATE: FORMATION FOR THE MISAL ROMANO

Workshop registration is now open. Please visit <https://fdlc.org/misalworkshops> for more information or to register for the workshop.

For more information, please see the March issue of the FDLC Newsletter:

<https://fdlc.org/system/files/2018%20March%20Newsletter%20B.pdf>

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMANAE VITAE

July 25, 2018 commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the encyclical, *Humanae vitae*. Encouraged by Pope Francis, this anniversary year provides us with a wonderful opportunity to help the faithful learn and embrace God's beautiful plan for married love and the gift of life. Resources are available on the USSCCB website at: <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/resources/humanae-vitae.cfm>. See also our diocesan website: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/marriage-family>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

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. Parishes may want to consider including intercessions for the candidates. For example:

For Terry Ball and John Lamansky as they are ordained for service in the Davenport Diocese; that their lives and ministry would be marked by grace and compassion. We pray to the Lord:

That Terry and John, who will be ordained for our diocese, would be filled with every grace and blessing. We pray:

For Terry Ball as he is ordained a deacon; and for John Lamansky as he is ordained a priest. We pray:

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.

POLICY UPDATES

The priests (and deacons) of the diocese have received updated faculties. As a result, a number of other policies (and related documents) have also been updated. Redline versions are available on the website.

- The Confirmation Compendium:
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/3/Confirmation%20Compendium%20rev031918.pdf>
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/3/Extraordinary%20Ministers%20of%20Holy%20Communion%20-%20revised%20031918.pdf>
- Funeral Policies
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/3/Funeral%20Policies%20and%20Pastoral%20Guidelines%20-%20Rev031918.pdf>
- Order of Celebrating Matrimony
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/3/OCMatrimony-Implementation-Rev031918.pdf>

RESOURCES

PREACHING RESOURCES FROM THE MARTEN PROGRAM AT NOTRE DAME

2018 Marten Lecture. The 2018 Marten Lecture was given on Friday, Feb. 16, by Deacon James Keating of the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University. Two videos are available:

Keating's homily at the Mass for the Friday after Ash Wednesday: <https://youtu.be/1l8soxx4k7Y>

Keating's lecture, entitled "Contemplative Homiletics: Being Carried into Reality":

<https://youtu.be/FGB8QjuwmZY>

Fall 2017 Marten Fellow in Preaching Special Lecture. The 2017 Marten Fellow in Preaching, Fr. Ed Griswold, gave a special lecture on October 23, 2017, entitled "Pre-Conciliar Preaching in the USA."

Griswold lecture: https://youtu.be/A7cF_CkvjQ0

2017 Conference Videos Now Available. The July 2017 conference was entitled, "'To Set the Earth on Fire': Effective Catholic Preaching." The list of speakers and their presentation titles, with links to the videos of their presentations, appears below. Also, the conference presentations will be published this

fall by LTP. Use the links below or go to their website: <https://theology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/the-marten-program/conferences-and-events/2017-conference/>

Keynote Speakers

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. - "Preaching In The Mother Tongue - Calming the Deep Fires inside our Listeners"

Dr. Ann Garrido - "Does It Resound? Creating Homilies that Both Echo Forth and are Received at the Other End"

Fr. Michael Connors, C.S.C. - "To What Effect? Qualities of Effective Catholic Preaching and How to Get There"

Workshops

Bishop Sylvester Ryan - [Emmaus Revisited: Hearts Aflame through the Convergence of the Word Proclaimed and the Eucharist Celebrated](#)

Dr. Karla Bellinger - [The Holy Spirit and Listener Receptivity: Preaching that Soaks in like Good Butter on Warm Toast](#)

Dr. Richard Stern - [Fired Up or Burned Out?](#)

John "Jack" Shea - [Telling Stories, Making Points](#)

Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie - [Making a Scene in the Pulpit: Vivid Preaching for Visual Listeners](#)

Fr. Gueric DeBona - [Seven Steps for Effective Preaching](#)

Dr. Deborah Wilhelm - ["Murder Your Darlings": How to Edit Your Words for Effective Preaching](#)

Fr. Peter McCormick, C.S.C. - [Preaching for Youth Today: "If You're Not Real, I'm Not Coming"](#)

Dr. Suzanne Nawrocki - [If "Our Hearts are on Fire," What are Our Bodies Doing?](#)

Fr. Joseph Juknialis - [Preaching Hope in a Post-Modern Age](#)

Dr. Fred and Patricia Baumer - [Spirituality: Preaching's Catalyst](#)

Deacon David Shea - [Entertain or Else! The Preacher as Performer in Attending to Augustine's 'Delight'](#)

Rev. Dr. Richard Eslinger - [Plotting a Path for People to Follow](#)

Fr. Jeff Nicolas and Dr. Sharon Schuhmann - [Igniting the Flame of Intentional Listeners: How to Set Ablaze the Preaching Encounter by Transforming Your Assembly Into Intentional Listeners.](#)

Fr. Edward Griswold - [Focus and Function: Kindling the Fire](#)

Mark your calendar for the 2019 Marten Preaching Conference, "Mystic and Mystagogue: Preaching as Spiritual Leadership: June 24-26, 2019. Keynote speakers: Bishop Robert Morneau, Megan McKenna, Deacon James Keating, Fr. Brian Daley, SJ. Plus ~20 workshops.

New books:

1) Michael E. Connors, CSC, ed. *What We Have Seen and Heard: Fostering Baptismal Witness in the World*. Pickwick Publications, 2017. Papers from the 2015 Marten preaching conference. <https://wipfandstock.com/what-we-have-seen-and-heard.html>

2) Michael E. Connors, CSC. *Preaching for Discipleship: Preparing Homilies for Christian Initiation*. LTP, 2018 (forthcoming, March 2018). An exploration of the homiletic possibilities of the rites and seasons of the Christian Initiation process, with reflections on the evangelizing parish and on preaching to cultivate committed discipleship. <http://www.ltp.org/products/details/PDH/preaching-for-discipleship>

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Lent/Triduum 2019

Next year, *Ash Wednesday* falls on March 6.

We will celebrate the *Rite of Election* at Saint Patrick in Iowa City on Sunday, March 10 at 3pm (1st Sunday of Lent).

The date and time of the celebration of the *Chrism Mass* is TBD. We will keep you posted!

The Triduum falls on Thursday, April 18 through Sunday, April 21 – with the *Easter Vigil* falling on the night of Saturday, April 20. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:30pm.

Ordinary Time

As you begin looking ahead to ordinary time—and especially weekday celebrations—please remember that a wealth of Votive Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are available. You may also want to consider a number of rites from the Book of Blessings as the summer approaches, for example:

For new drivers, especially as school lets out: Order for the Blessing of the Various Means of Transportation.

Especially for rural parishes: Order for the Blessing of Boats and Fishing Gear; Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks; and Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time.

Since this is a common time for moves to take place: Order for Welcoming of New Parishioners; and Order for the Blessing of a Departing Parishioner.

Especially for rural communities, celebrating a Novena in honor of St. Isidore (feast is May 15) is appropriate: see <https://s3.amazonaws.com/catholicrurallife/wp-content/uploads/IsidoreNovena.pdf>.

Ordinary Time and Judaism

Excerpted 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); full document at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/jewish/upload/God-s-Mercy-Endures-Forever-Guidelines-on-the-Presentation-of-Jews-and-Judaism-in-Catholic-Preaching-1988.pdf>.

30. The challenges that peak in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter are present throughout the year in the juxtaposition of the lectionary readings. There are many occasions when it is difficult to avoid a reference either to Jews or Judaism in a homily based upon a text from the Scriptures. For all Scripture, including the New Testament, deals with Jews and Jewish themes.

31. Throughout the year, the following general principles will be helpful:

- Consistently affirm the value of the whole Bible. While "among all the Scriptures, even those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special preeminence" (*Dei Verbum*, 18), the Hebrew Scriptures are the word of God and have validity and dignity in and of themselves (*ibid.*, 15). Keep in view the intentions of the biblical authors (*ibid.*, 19).
- Place the typology inherent in the lectionary in a proper context, neither overemphasizing nor avoiding it. Show that the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures for their original audience is not limited to nor diminished by New Testament applications (1985 Notes, II).
- Communicate a reverence for the Hebrew Scriptures and avoid approaches that reduce them to a propaedeutic or background for the New Testament. It is God who speaks, communicating himself through divine revelation (*Dei Verbum*, 6).
- Show the connectedness between the Scriptures. The Hebrew Bible and the Jewish tradition founded on it must not be set against the New Testament in such a way that the former seems to constitute a religion of only retributive justice, fear, and legalism, with no appeal to love of God and neighbor (cf. Dt 6:5; Lv 19:18,32; Hos 11:1-9; Mt 22:34-40).
- Enliven the eschatological hope, the "not yet" aspect of the kerygma. The biblical promises are realized in Christ. But the Church awaits their perfect fulfillment in Christ's glorious return when all creation is made free (1974 Guidelines, II).
- Emphasize the Jewishness of Jesus and his teachings and highlight the similarities of the teachings of the Pharisees with those of Christ (1985 Notes, III and IV).
- Respect the continuing validity of God's covenant with the Jewish people and their responsive faithfulness, despite centuries of suffering, to the divine call that is theirs (1985 Notes, VI).
- Frame homilies to show that Christians and Jews together are "trustees and witnesses of an ethic marked by the Ten Commandments, in the observance of which humanity finds its truth and freedom" (John Paul II, Rome Synagogue, April 13, 1986).
- Be free to draw on Jewish sources (rabbinic, medieval, and modern) in expounding the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures and the apostolic writings. The 1974 Guidelines observe that "the history of Judaism did not end with the destruction of Jerusalem, but went on to develop a religious tradition., rich in religious values." The 1985 Notes (no. 14) thus speak of Christians "profiting discerningly from the traditions of Jewish readings" of the sacred texts.

32. The 1985 Notes describe what is central to the role of the homilist: "Attentive to the same God who has spoken, hanging on the same word, we have to witness to one same memory and one common hope in him who is master of history. We must also accept our responsibility to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah by working together for social justice, respect for the rights of persons and nations, and for social and international reconciliation. To this we are driven, Jews and Christians, by the command to love our neighbor, by a common hope for the kingdom of God, and by the great heritage of the prophets" (1985 Notes, no. 19; see also Lv 19:18, 32).

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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