

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 2018

LITURGY NEWS

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PRAYERS FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN

In response to President Trump's policies of overturning asylum protection for victims of domestic violence and of separating children from their families at the border, the Bishops of New Mexico "pray the United States Department of Justice will reverse these practices, as they constitute human rights violations and an offense against the most important unit in society, the family." While an executive order has ended the practice of family separation (for now), HHS has said that they will not make any special efforts to reunite those already separated and traumatized, doubts about the ability to even do so have been raised, and there are also reports of children being abused in custody. Therefore, here are resources that we can use to join the Bishops in their call to prayer:

From the USCCB:

<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/A-Prayer-for-Immigrant-Children.pdf>

Possible Intercessions for the Universal Prayer:

- For the well-being and safety of children separated from their parents at our border; we pray to the Lord.
- For migrants and refugees around the world; we pray to the Lord.
- For the president and his administration, and for our legislators, that their hearts would be moved by compassion and their actions marked by true justice and concern for human rights. We pray to the Lord.
- That the rights of children and families be safeguarded; we pray to the Lord.
- That we would have welcoming hearts, and attend to the needs of those seeking refuge and asylum in our country. We pray to the Lord.
- That human rights and dignity be always protected; that language and actions that dehumanize migrants would cease. We pray to the Lord.
- For the courage to give voice to those who have been silenced, to stand with those who are alone, and defend the least of our brothers and sisters, no matter the cost. We pray.
- That children separated from their parents at the border would be quickly reunited with them. We pray to the Lord.

Particular Masses

On days permitted, the following from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions might be celebrated:

- 12. For the Family
- 32. For Refugees and Exiles (Collect below)
- 42. For Our Oppressors
- 43. For Those Held in Captivity (Collect below)

<p>O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger and from whose help no one is ever distant, look with compassion on refugees and exiles, on segregated persons and on lost children; restore them, we pray, to a homeland, and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers.</p> <p>Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.</p>	<p>O God, whose Son humbled himself and took the form of a slave to redeem the human race from being captive to sin, grant to your servants held in confinement that they may obtain the freedom you destine to all, for we are your sons and daughters.</p> <p>Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.</p>
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Prayers Adapted from the *Book of Blessings*:

These are taken from the Blessing of a Victim of Crime or Oppression (Chapter 2, III) and the Blessing of Children (Chapter 1, IV). Parishes or groups may want to look to those rites as a model for the celebration of a Liturgy of the Word, use the prayers below, or modify the intercessions found there for use at Mass.

<p>(443) Lord God, your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet he prayed for his persecutors and overcame hatred with the blood of the cross. Relieve the suffering of families separated [<i>or</i> detained] at our border; grant them peace of mind and a renewed faith in your protection and care. Protect us all from the violence of others, keep us safe from the weapons of hate, and restore us to tranquility and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>(148) Lord Jesus, even as a child you had to undergo persecution and exile; grant that all children who are victims of the evil of these times may find help and protection. We pray...</p> <p>(148 + 150, modified) Lord, our God, out of the speech of little children you have fashioned a hymn of praise. Look with kindness on the children separated from [<i>or</i> detained with] their families at our border. Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered persecution and exile as a child. Later, he gladly welcomed little children. He took them in his arms, blessed them, and held them, up as an example for all. Grant that all children who are victims of the evil of these times may find help and protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Please note that the date and time of the Chrism Mass is moving this year. The Mass will be celebrated on Monday of Holy Week (April 15) at 2:30 p.m. The time is still being finalized and may be adjusted.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

LITURGY RESOURCE

NEW BOOK: THE PARISH EMERGENCY KIT – RESPONDING WITH COMPASSION WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES

“When tragedy occurs, whether it be violence or natural disaster, the local parish is often a place people turn for help and healing. This booklet helps parish leaders respond to such a tragedy through Mass, prayer services, being a place of gathering, hospitality and welcome, community outreach. It offers assistance in assessing the parish’s ability to provide pastoral care and healing in the short and long term at various ages and stages (children, teens, adults, elderly).” To see a sample or to order, please visit: <http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/paemkitniwic.html>.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

World Day of Prayer for Creation (Saturday, September 1)

Pope Francis has asked that we mark September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for Creation – a day that we now observe in common with the Orthodox. We posted a resource from the FDLC on our website: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litWorldDayofPrayerforCreation2015.pdf>.

Additional resources to help observe this special day may be found at:

- Global Catholic Climate Movement: <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>
- USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>

Labor Day (Monday, September 3)

Parishes may wish to celebrate the Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (#26; readings from #907-911) on this day. Preface V for Sunday is used, and white vestments are worn.

On Labor Day weekend, intercessions for workers ought to be included in the Universal Prayer; for example:

For those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those seeking work; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For migrant workers and all who work the land and the waters, so we might be fed; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who work in the service of their sisters and brothers; that they would not be discouraged by lack of support or progress; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For all employers, that they may seek to provide a just work environment; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Pastoral visits could be made to places of work, and the following rites could be used: (18) Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory; (23) Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment, and (26) Blessing of Fields and Flocks.

Or, at Sunday Masses or at Mass on Labor Day itself, workers could bring the tools of their trades to be blessed, and (24) Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work be used. Special attention should be paid to laborers and those seeking work during the Prayer of the Faithful, as should those who are treated unjustly in the workplace, as in the examples above.

Tuesday, September 11

During the week of September 11, parishes may wish to celebrate a special Mass for “first responders” – such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics – using the Mass for Those in Public Office (#22) or the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30). Appropriate intercessions could also be included at the preceding Sunday Masses.

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 *Chrism Mass* will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Monday, April 15, at 2:30 p.m. (the time is still being finalized and, if changed, we will note it here).

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.

COMMUNION FROM THE MASS BEING CELEBRATED (from Diocesan Policy §IV-240)

The full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic liturgy is most clearly expressed by the reception of hosts consecrated at the same Mass rather than by the reception of hosts reserved in the tabernacle. In modern times, the importance of communing from the gifts presented and consecrated at the same Mass in which one is present has been stressed by Pope Benedict XIV (*Certiores Effecti*, 1742), Pope Pius XII (*Mediator Dei*, 1947), and the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, who stated: “That more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful, after the priest’s communion, receive the Lord’s body from the sacrifice, is strongly endorsed” (CSL 55).

This priority was echoed again in the GIRM: “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord’s Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (GIRM 85; cf. RS 89). As stated in the February 2007 issue of the *Newsletter of the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy* (page 54):

This participation [of the faithful] is manifested in the two great processions of the faithful at Mass (GIRM #44). In the presentation of the gifts first, the faithful present the bread and wine for the sacrifice—along with the gift of their very lives. The very same bread and wine which they have offered is then consecrated by the action of the Priest and returned to them as the Body and Blood of their Lord when they come forward in procession to receive Holy Communion.

Thus, the gifts of creation—become symbols of our work and our lives, returned in gratitude—are given back to us, transformed, as we are transformed in this holy exchange of gifts. Routine recourse to the tabernacle negates this powerful and active exchange, and risks reducing the assembly to passive observers. In addition, regular communion from the tabernacle blurs the distinction between the Mass and so-called “communion services,” further undermining the significance and meaning of the Eucharistic liturgy.

Therefore, pastors and those charged with the preparation of the liturgy should ensure that a sufficient number of hosts are consecrated at each Mass for all those wishing to communicate, so that routine recourse to the tabernacle for communion during the Eucharistic liturgy is avoided. The faithful should be catechized as to the importance of their substantive participation through the presentation of the gifts and in their communion from the very gifts presented (SC 47). Likewise, liturgical hospitality requires that a sufficient quantity of wine is consecrated so that all who desire to receive Communion under both species are able to do so.

Certainly, in the case of need, hosts consecrated at a previous Mass may be distributed. Also, should there be an overabundance of hosts in the tabernacle, in order to avoid the risk of spoilage pastors (assisted by others as needed) may either discretely and reverently consume the excess (as in preparation for Holy Thursday) or, *if necessary*, distribute communion from the reserved Blessed Sacrament (preferably at a weekday rather than a Sunday Eucharist). Over time, as communities become accustomed to preparing only the number of hosts that will be needed, such exceptions should become increasingly rare. If hosts from the tabernacle are to be used, it is preferable that they not be brought to the altar prior to communion but instead be retrieved when it becomes necessary.

N.B. I would also add that good Eucharistic hospitality requires us to ensure that there is enough Precious Blood consecrated for those who wish to receive under both forms... even if that means using extra chalices.

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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