

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 2019

“Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations weaken and destroy it.”

LITURGY NEWS

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Vision 20/20

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-liturgy>

Misal Romano

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/misal-romano>

Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor

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

VISION 2020

A *huge thanks* to all who offered their gifts for the celebration of the various liturgies at the Convocation: music ministers... presiders... deacons... readers... servers... gift-bearers... those in the opening and closing processions... those who helped with the art and environment and with hospitality... and the many, many others behind the scenes! Thank you!

OFFICE CLOSED JULY 15-24

Please get any needed liturgy preparation forms to me before then. During this time, any questions should be directed to Deacon Montgomery.

HOLY SEE CONFIRMS ORDER OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN (OBC), SECOND EDITION (FROM THE FDLC)

The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the Order of Baptism of Children, second Edition for the dioceses of the United States. All the textual amendments made by the USCCB to the ICEL text were confirmed by the CDWDS as well as five adaptations approved by the USCCB (OBC 24):

- The text of an optional introduction
- The addition of a simple acclamation after each baptism
- Rubrics which incorporate previous adaptations made in previous USCCB editions
- An option to expand the Litany of the Saints
- A new appendix with the Baptism of Children within Mass (with a detailed outline).

The first three of these appeared in the Spanish-language USA edition – *Ritual para el Bautismo de los Niños* -- which was implemented in 2008. In addition, some prayers have slight variations in translations: The Anointing after Baptism, the Clothing with the White Garment, the Handing on of a Lighted Candle, and the Ephphetha rite. Portions of the new translation may already be found in the 2011 Roman Missal: Easter Vigil. Chapter Seven contains the options for readings, acclamations, petitions, and prayer formulas. The publication date is still to be determined.

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Formation on The Order Of Baptism of Children

Stay tuned for more information on FDLC resources to assist you and your parishes in implementing the revised translation of the rite. These will include a remarkable program of baptismal preparation for parents and godparents as developed by Sr. Sandra DeMasi, SSJ (Region Three).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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RCIA Workshops

Registration is open for two upcoming RCIA workshops! One workshop (Saturday, August 3) will focus on RCIA paragraph 75, and will be led by Diana Macalintal from TeamRCIA. The other (Sunday, August 4) will explore the RCIA adapted for children, and will be led by Michael Ruzicki of LTP.

>>See <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia-august> for more information!

Registration deadline is July 29! See: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia-august-registration...>

FDLC: Chicago

Plan now to attend the FDLC's Fiftieth Anniversary celebration! Circle these dates on your calendar or set your digital calendar for an important meeting! Join us at the lovely Sheraton Grand Hotel, on the banks of the Chicago River, October 8-11, 2019. Website: <https://fdlc.org/50>.

New Programs at St. John's, Collegeville

>Questions? Contact the Admissions Office at: 320-363-2896 / gradschool@csbsju.edu

A New Degree Program in Liturgical Design

St. John's University (Collegeville, MN) and the Association of Consultants for Liturgical Spaces (ACLS) have announced the development of a new degree program in liturgical design. Early promotional materials note that the program will "...utilize a ritual-based approach with cross training in art, architecture and liturgy. This certification program will prepare students to serve as liturgical design consultants and/or serve their diocese in the assessment and approval process for church building and renovation.

The courses begin with the Summer Session next year -- June 15 -27, 2020. Two intensive all day, one week courses are required. The first will be "Liturgical Consultancy I" (taught by Carol Frenning) and the second will be "Sacred Architecture" (taught by Dr. Johan Van Parys).

During the academic year 2020-2021, students will take one three-credit online course from the School of Theology each semester. These will be paired with a year-long independent on site project, supervised by an advisor. The Fall 2020 course will be "Rites" (Johan van Parys) and the Spring course

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will be “Initiation and Eucharist” (Anthony Ruff, OSB). Other online presenters will share specific expertise, such as acoustics or accessibility issues.

In 2021, the second summer session intensives will include “Liturgical Consultancy II” (Carol Frenning) and “Sacred Art” (Johan van Parys).

New Graduate Certificate in Liturgical Music

Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota, the only Catholic institution in the U.S. to offer an ATS-accredited masters degree in church music, is now also offering a Graduate Certificate in Liturgical Music.

The new program responds to the current shortage of trained liturgical musicians, with the goal of helping musicians hone their musical skills while becoming more theologically and pastorally informed.

This new 18-credit program is for those who would like to complete their studies in one academic year, or spread the certificate requirements over a longer period of time for part-time study.

The flexible certificate requirements foresee 6 credits in theology and liturgy, 4 credits in Liturgical Music Seminar including Chapel Choir, and 4-6 credits in applied music (organ, voice, piano), with further electives possible in those areas or choral conducting, choral literature, Gregorian chant, or theology and liturgy. Qualified students may do supervised lab conducting of Chapel Choir.

Theology and liturgy courses may be taken online; residency is required for the Seminar, Applied lessons, and Choral Conducting courses.

The application process includes submission of a recording demonstrating one’s abilities in singing or playing. Basic musical proficiency in one area (keyboard, voice, conducting) is to be demonstrated for completion of the certificate.

POLICY UPDATES

BUILDING DOCUMENTS

§V-3000 Policies Relating to Building and Renovation Projects in Parishes, Schools, and Other Diocesan Entities has been updated. Terms of service of members appointed to the Diocesan Building Commission have been changed, and a section on safe environment requirements (reflecting existing diocesan policies) has been added for clarity.

New Policy:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2019/6/Policies%20Relating%20to%20Building%20and%20Renovation%20Projects%20rev%20061319.pdf>

Redline version:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2019/6/Policies%20Relating%20to%20Building%20and%20Renovation%20Projects%20rev%20061319%20-%20redline.pdf>

THE PREACHING MINISTRY

One of the challenges that we face in our preaching is avoiding unintentional anti-Semitism or anti-Judaism. One way to combat this unfortunate tendency is to become better versed in the Jewish context that gave birth to the New Testament—and the rhetorical strategies used by the authors of the New Testament books to make their arguments.

Among the rhetorical strategies used especially in the Gospels is setting up the Pharisees as “straw men” – exaggerated stereotypes that serve as a “foil” or counter-example to Jesus. For example, how many times have we heard the Pharisees held up as examples of a legalistic approach to faith? The reality of Pharisaic Judaism, the immediate forerunner to rabbinic Judaism, is much more nuanced and complex. The Pontifical Biblical Institute recently held a symposium on this very topic; the videos are available here: <https://www.jesusandthepharisees.org/Video>.

In speaking to those in attendance, Pope Francis noted:

The Conference seeks to understand the at times polemical treatment of the Pharisees in the New Testament and in other ancient sources. In addition, it examines the history of scholarly and popular interpretations among both Jews and Christians. Among Christians and in secular society, in different languages the word “Pharisee” often means “a self-righteous or hypocritical person”. For many Jews, however, the Pharisees are the founders of rabbinic Judaism and hence their own spiritual forebears.

The history of interpretation has fostered a negative image of the Pharisees, often without a concrete basis in the Gospel accounts. Often, over the course of time, that image has been attributed by Christians to Jews in general. In our world, sadly, such negative stereotypes have become quite common. One of the most ancient and most damaging stereotypes is that of a “Pharisee,” especially when used to cast Jews in a negative light.

His entire speech may be found here:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2019/may/documents/papa-francesco_20190509_pont-istitutobiblico.pdf.

Jews (like Jesus and his early followers) observe(d) the Law not to earn God’s love or a place in heaven, but as a response to God’s love. The law was not seen as burdensome or repressive, but as a blessing. Jews certainly debated about what following Torah entailed; some of Jesus’ interpretations were even stricter than those of his contemporaries. We need to be careful not to fall into the trap of painting the Pharisees, or Judaism in general—whether ancient or contemporary—with a broad and negative brush.

I have prepared a list of resources (including official Church documents) that are helpful in broadening one’s perspective and helping the preacher from falling into the trap of unintended anti-Judaism/Anti-Semitism: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2018/4/litSelectBibliography-PreachingAndJudaism-1.pdf>.

And here is the link to a brief article that I wrote for our deacon newsletter:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litPreaching8-AvoidingUnintendedAntiJudaism.pdf>.

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LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

September 1, 2019: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (from the BCDW Newsletter)

Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015 as a practical step following the publication of his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. September 1 was chosen for the yearly observance, as it is the same date chosen by the Orthodox Church in 1989. The day of prayer gives Catholics the opportunity to give thanks to God for the creation of the world and of humanity, and to recall and strengthen the responsibility of men and women to care for that creation. For the first time since its designation in the Catholic Church, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will fall on a Sunday, namely September 1, 2019, the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Some options for the liturgy on this day include:

- Celebrating the Mass “For the Sanctification of Human Labor” from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (no. 26; see especially the second Collect of formulary A) may be a fitting option.
 - This formulary requires the use of Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, entitled simply “Creation.” The preface speaks eloquently of God’s creation of the world, and the need of humanity to praise God by caring for that creation. Connections between human labor and the care of creation can be drawn out by the formulary itself, and in the homily and Universal Prayer. (This task is made easier by the coincidence that the day of prayer this year occurs on the day before Labor Day in the United States.)
 - Since it is a Sunday in Ordinary Time, the green vestments of that season should be used for the Mass.
 - The existing readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time may be proclaimed, since they are already printed in commonly used participation aids. Nevertheless, some or all of the readings could be replaced by others from the appropriate selection in volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass (see Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911; see especially 907-2 and 909-1).
- Even if no special Mass formulary or readings are selected for the occasion, it would still be appropriate to mention the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and its significance in the homily, petitions, and/or concluding announcements.

October 2019: Extraordinary Missionary Month

On Pentecost, Pope Francis released his Message for World Mission Day – which will be observed on October 20 (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papa-francesco_20190609_giornata-missionaria2019.pdf). In addition, the Holy Father has asked that we observe all of October as an Extraordinary Missionary Month (<http://www.october2019.va/en.html>).

As Pope Francis reminds us, and as we’ve been celebrating and exploring through the Vision 2020 process, we are “baptized and sent” as missionary disciples to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The *Ordo* notes that on October 20 the Mass for Evangelization of Peoples (Masses for Various Needs #18) and the related readings (Lectionary Volume IV #872-876) may be used. The Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions III is also recommended.

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Lent/Triduum 2020

Next year, *Ash Wednesday* falls on February 26.

The *Rite of Election* will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City again next year, on the First Sunday of Lent (March 1) at 3:00 p.m. This way, the entire diocese can gather together for this important liturgy.

The plans for celebrating the *Chrism Mass* are still being determined.

The Triduum falls on Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 12 – with the *Easter Vigil* falling on the night of Saturday, April 11. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:30pm.

INTERCESSIONS

Here are other resources for the Universal Prayer:

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

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

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/index.cfm>

Subscribe at: www.bit.ly/word-of-life

(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>

(5) Diocese of Davenport Vision 2020: Intercessions for Sundays, Seasons, and Holy Days

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-liturgy>

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