

LITURGYNOTES – FOR SEPTEMBER 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>

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

NEWS

More Rites Being Retranslated

Translation work has started on the next editions of “The Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care” and of “Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass.” Green Books (or first drafts) of the rites have been sent to the Bishops for comment.

Prayer in Times of Violence

The Catholic Health Association has made available resources for prayer in times of violence, a prayer for victims (<https://www.chausa.org/prayers/general-prayers-and-prayer-services/healing-and-health/prayer-for-the-victims-of-violence>) as well as a prayer service (<https://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/prayers/prayer-service-in-a-time-of-violence-2019.pdf>).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

50th-plus Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sacred Heart Cathedral, on Sunday, October 27, at 2:00 pm

Information regarding this celebration has been sent to parishes from the Office of Faith Formation, and is being published in the Mini-Messenger. Couples interested in attending should contact their parishes to register as soon as possible. Questions? Please contact Barb Butterworth (563-888-4240 / butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org). If any priests or deacons will be attending and wish to concelebrate / vest, please notify Deacon Agnoli in the Liturgy Office (563-888-4257 / agnoli@davenportdiocese.org).

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CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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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>.

GIA Fall Institute

The Institute will be held October 17-19, 2019, at Fourth Presbyterian Church on Chicago’s Michigan Avenue, and feature keynotes, workshops, intensive courses, and performances. Please visit <https://institute.giamusic.com> for more information and to register.

RCIA Formation from LTP

Do you need excellent and accessible formation resources? Are you charged with forming a parish initiation team? Please take advantage of the wonderful series of workshops regarding Christian Initiation which we produced last year. They have all been archived and they are available to view for a very reasonable charge. As you can see in the chart below, the topics are very timely and cover a wide variety of important issues. They are all available in one convenient spot on the LTP website: <https://ltp.org/fdlc>. Choose one, choose a few, or choose them all! Handouts and discussion materials are also available.

TOPIC	PRESENTER	UNLIMITED \$25	SINGLE VIEW \$15
Recapturing the Richness: The Vision of the RCIA	Lovrien	VWFCI01C	VWFCI01O
The Initiating Parish	Truxaw	VWFCI02C	VWFCI02O
Discernment in the RCIA	Steffen	VWFCI03C	VWFCI03O
Concerning the Baptized	Colella	VWFCI04C	VWFCI04O
Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate	Landry	VWFCI05C	VWFCI05O
Rite of Acceptance/ Welcome	Tufano/Williamson	VWFCI06C	VWFCI06O
Period of the Catechumenate	Dudoit-Raiche	VWFCI07C	VWFCI07O
RCIA as Adapted for Children of Catechetical Age	DeMasi	VWFCI08C	VWFCI08O
Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion	Williamson	VWFCI09C	VWFCI09O
Period of Purification & Enlightenment	Johnston	VWFCI10C	VWFCI10O
Rites of Initiation and Reception	Thiron	VWFCI11C	VWFCI11O
National Statutes for the Catechumenate	Thiron	VWFCI13C	VWFCI13O
The Period of Mystagogia	Kane	VWFCI12C	VWFCI12O
Preaching for the Rites	Joncas	VWFCI14C	VWFCI14O

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THE PREACHING MINISTRY

MYSTIC AND MYSTAGOGUE: PREACHING AS SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Videos from the June 2019 preaching conference at Notre Dame are now available online. For the list of presenters, titles, and links, please go here: <https://theology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/initiatives/marten-program/conferences-lectures/2019-conference/>.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Friday, November 1: All Saints

November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Only the Mass of the Day is permitted. Ritual Masses and Funeral Masses may not be celebrated.

Friday, November 15: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

For the Diocese of Davenport, the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral is observed on November 15. At the Cathedral itself it is observed as a Solemnity—and may be transferred to the preceding Sunday.

Advent

1. With the new liturgical year, we begin the use of Cycle **A** in the Sunday Lectionary and Year **II** 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, #1 (Appendix VI of the Missal).
5. Don't anticipate Christmas with music and environment. Rather, make use of a full spectrum of Advent music.

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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. Because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent this year, it is transferred to Monday, December 9, and is NOT a Holy Day of obligation.
- b. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed on Thursday, 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:

<https://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/>.

RESOURCES FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(1) Diocese of Davenport Vision 2020: Intercessions for Sundays, Seasons, and Holy Days
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-liturgy>

(2) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(3) 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

(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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