

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR FEBRUARY 2020

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

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### **Vision 20/20**

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

**Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor**

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

### LITURGY NEWS

#### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Many thanks to Fr. Jim Vrba, Mr. Ken Miller, Mr. Steve Imming (from Holy Family), and St. John Vianney parish for hosting an afternoon of prayer and reflection on the Spirituality and Ministry of the Reader. Led by Dr. Ella Johnson, theology professor at St. Ambrose University, about 50 attendees explored how their spiritual lives are enriched by being rooted in the Bible, whether they formally proclaim the Scriptures at Mass or do so informally by their lives.

In the first hour Dr. Johnson introduced participants to and led a discussion on Pope Francis' establishment of this observation and on the iconic logo of the Sunday of the Word of God.



Logo courtesy of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization; please see:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/domenica-parola/logo.html>

Prayerful communal reading (*lectio divina*) on the Emmaus story, discussion at table, and then sharing with the larger group rounded out the first hour of the afternoon. In the second hour, she talked about the spirituality of the proclamation of the Word.

What did other parishes do to observe the first Sunday of the Word of God in our diocese? Please let me know and we'll include them in the next issue of *LiturgyNotes*.

We'll observe the Sunday of the Word of God on January 24 of next year... what might *your parish or community* want to do to observe this special day? Let us know!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

#### DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Rite of Election: Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 3pm (Saint Patrick, Iowa City)

**Registrations were due no later than FEBRUARY 1...** *if you have not already done so, please complete your registration. And please make sure that any issues that might prevent the celebration of the sacraments have been resolved.* Registration for and information about the 2020 Rite of Election may be found at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election>.

Chrism Mass: Monday, April 6, 2:30 pm (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport)

Parishes will be asked about the amount of oil they wish to order this month. Please respond to the request in a timely manner. Thanks!

Ordination: Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport)

Two seminarians are scheduled to be ordained this year, one each to the diaconate and priesthood.

#### CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

#### Liturgy Survey 2020

As we continue on our Vision 2020 journey, we are wondering how we might best help your efforts to embrace the Joy of the Gospel and become more intentional evangelizing communities. Therefore, we created this survey: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-survey-2020>. Your answers will help us figure out how to support your liturgical ministry. Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions!

#### One Bread, One Cup 2020

Each summer, Saint Meinrad hosts several "One Bread, One Cup" gatherings. At these five-day liturgical leadership conferences, youth and adults discover the Catholic Church's treasures of Word, Sacrament and Mission and enjoy opportunities for fellowship and fun (team building, outdoor recreation, variety show and dance). Participants come to appreciate the Benedictine balance of prayer, work and recreation. St. Meinrad will be holding these weeks on June 15-19, June 26-30, and July 6-10. For more information or to register, go to: <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/youth/summer-conferences/>.

#### Notre Dame Liturgy Week 2020: “The Liturgical Orientation of Catholic Education.”

The focus of this week (June 22-25) will be to explore the liturgy's role in Catholic education as it takes place in not only in the school, but also in the parish and the home. Please visit their website (<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/summer-institute/liturgy-week/>) to learn more about the topic, speakers, schedule, and registration deadlines.

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### NPM Annual Convention: “Called from Living Waters”

Save the date! The National Association will meet in Louisville, KY on July 7-10. Please see their website (<https://npm.org/2020-annual-convention/>) for details and registration.

#### ***THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS***

Please see: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia>

### RCIA: MYSTAGOGY

In the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis (or Mystagogy), a number of rites can be celebrated—the most important of which are the “neophyte Masses” in which all those who have been baptized at the Vigil gather together again to celebrate the liturgy. Pentecost Sunday and the anniversary of their baptism would be other special days to keep in mind. Please see RCIA #244-251. The National Statutes for the RCIA (# 24) state that this period should last a year, with at least monthly meetings.

#### ***LITURGY PREPARATION***

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### Feb. 7-14, 2020: National Marriage Week USA / Sunday, Feb. 9: World Marriage Day

This week is part of an international event seeking to mobilize individuals, organizations, and businesses in a common purpose to strengthen marriage in communities and influence the culture. For information and resources, visit <https://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/> and <http://www.wvme.org/wpd-wmd>.

We’ve posted homily resources and a virtual retreat on our website:  
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/events/national-marriage-week-usa>.

#### March 1: Safe Haven Sunday

For more information, please visit: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/pornography-awareness>.

Sample intercessions and homily helps may be found at:  
<https://www.covenanteyes.com/resources/parish-resources-year-1/>

### Easter time and Pentecost

- The days of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response (just for the octave and on Pentecost; *not* for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.
- The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. See the Liturgy Events webpage for resources.
- Have the neophytes (the newly baptized) sit in a special place during the Easter Season. Remember them in the intercessions. Please see RCIA #244-251.
- The paschal candle should be kept by the altar or ambo, and lit during liturgies until Evening Prayer II on Pentecost.

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- The Easter Season is a great time to celebrate infant baptisms at the Sunday liturgy, and to use the Sprinkling Rite instead of the Penitential Rite.
- This is also a traditional time for home blessings (see Book of Blessings #1597-1621).
- Remember: we “fast for 40” but we “feast for 50!!”

### Eastertime 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>.

26. The readings of the Easter season, especially those from the book of Acts, which is used extensively throughout this liturgical period, require particular attention from the homilist in light of the enduring bond between Jews and Christians. Some of these readings from Acts (e.g., cycles A and B for the Third and Fourth Sundays of Easter) can leave an impression of collective Jewish responsibility for the crucifixion (“You put to death the author of life....” Acts 3:15). In such cases, the homilist should put before the assembly the teachings of *Nostra Aetate* in this regard (see no. 22 above), as well as the fact noted in Acts 3:17 that what was done by some individual Jews was done “out of ignorance” so that no unwarranted conclusion about collective guilt is drawn by the hearers. The Acts may be dealing with a reflection of the Jewish-Christian relationship as it existed toward the end of the first century (when Acts was composed) rather than with the actual attitudes of the post-Easter Jerusalem Church. Homilists should desire to convey the spirit and enthusiasm of the early Church that marks these Easter season readings. But in doing so, statements about Jewish responsibility have to be kept in context. This is part of the reconciliation between Jews and Christians to which we are all called.

### 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](http://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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