

LITURGYNOTES – FOR MARCH 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>

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

LITURGY NEWS

EASTER VIGIL START TIME

A reminder that the Easter Vigil may not start any earlier than 8:30 pm this year.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Save the date! This special observance will fall on January 24 next year... and we will plan on gathering at both St. Patrick in Iowa City (Dr. Johnson will reprise this year's presentation) and at the Cathedral. Watch *LiturgyNotes* and our website for details as we get closer to the date...



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

OCP PARISH GRANTS: Now accepting applications through May 30, 2020.

The OCP Parish Grants program is a unique program of direct financial grants authorized by the OCP Board of Directors to provide assistance to parishes seeking to enhance the worship experience of their parish community. Grants are awarded annually, and the number and amounts given vary from year to year. It was established as a means of providing Catholic churches with financial support for religious, educational and charitable purposes. Parish Grant applications are open to Roman Catholic parishes located within the 50 US states that did not receive an OCP Parish Grant in 2019. Recipients of a Parish Grant must use the money for liturgical and/or musical purposes. Parish Grants are commonly used for:

- Improving multicultural ministries (additional training, purchasing of bilingual worship materials);
- Providing online, digital or electronic resources to support liturgy preparation;
- Upkeep, repair and replacement of musical instruments, equipment and facilities;
- Purchasing music, hymnals and other worship materials;
- Attending or hosting musical or liturgical conferences or workshops.

Website for more information and to apply: <https://ocp.org/en-us/parish-grants>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

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

Parishes have been asked about the amount of oil they wish to order. Deadline is March 4 for ordering.

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! We will leave the survey up until the end of the month.

Two Virtual Workshops on the new OBC from LTP:

The Order of Celebrating Baptism of Children: What's New in the Rite?

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm ET / Order code: VWOBC \$10

Link: <https://www.ltp.org/products/details/VWOBC>

This workshop discusses the revised translation of the *Order of Baptism of Children* and explores the new appendix on how to celebrate Baptism during Sunday Mass. Anyone involved in baptismal preparation won't want to miss this presentation.

Celebrating Parish Baptisms: A community-Based Approach

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 / 1:00pm-2:30pm ET / Order code: VWCPB \$10

Link: <https://www.ltp.org/products/details/VWCPB>

This workshop walks through the ritual and provides practical advice and insight on best practices for preparing and celebrating Baptism with a focus on the role of the community.

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/>.

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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.

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.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

FAST—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ABSTINENCE—Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older. If members of the Faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.

Lent: Prayers over the People

Each day in Lent is assigned its own Prayer over the People, for use as part of the final blessing before the dismissal. On Ash Wednesday and on the Sundays of Lent, their use is mandatory. On weekdays, their use is optional.

The Paschal Candle and Font during Lent

Outside of Eastertime, the paschal candle is to remain by the font and is used for funerals and baptisms as usual. There is no provision anywhere for the candle to be removed during Lent. The norms for liturgy during Lent specify such things as not using flowers and not using instrumental music; there is NO mention of removing the Paschal Candle in the GIRM, the Missal or on the USCCB website.

In addition, when addressing the question of whether or not water should be removed from fonts during Lent, the Congregation ruled that such a practice is not permitted. They stated that we do not “fast” from sacramentals – and that emptying the fonts “is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent,” which is both a season of penance and one *rich in baptismal imagery*. Applying that same reasoning to this question, I would also conclude that the paschal candle should remain in place during Lent.

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Return to Daylight Saving Time

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8 (2nd Sunday of Lent).

The Months of May and June

May is traditionally regarded as a Marian month. Please recall, however, that the Easter Season should remain the primary focus in both prayer and in the liturgical environment. Popular devotions are to take their life from the liturgy, not overshadow it.

Sunday, May 10, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, is also Mother’s Day this year. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery and Eastertime. The Book of Blessings (#1724ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use. The same applies to Father’s Day, June 21 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

June 1

This new obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost. Please see <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm> for the Mass texts. The memorial for St. Justin Martyr is omitted this year.

June 22

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Zinkula, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on Monday, June 22. The Mass “For the Bishop” (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I. For the Church 3. For the Bishop) with its appropriate readings should be celebrated. It would also be appropriate to include a particular petition for the Bishop as part of the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of June 20-21 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

June 28-29

The liturgies to be celebrated this weekend are as follows:

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, June 28	13 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	13 th Sunday of Ordinary Time		EP I Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul
Monday, June 29	Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul	Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul		EP II Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul

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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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