

LITURGYNOTES – FOR APRIL 2020 (UPDATED)

“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 AND COVID-19

DIOCESAN WEBPAGES

Pandemic Policies and Resources:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu>

Prayer and Support:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/prayer-and-support>

Q and A:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/qa>

LENTEN DISPENSATION

In this current crisis, all essential workers, all those ill with COVID-19, and all those caring for them, in order to maintain or regain their health and strength, are dispensed from the requirement of abstinence on the Fridays of Lent, and of fasting and abstinence on Good Friday (cc. 1245, 1251). This dispensation applies to all Catholics of the Diocese of Davenport, whether they are within or outside of the Diocese, and to all travelers within the Diocese on these days. (c. 136).

PLENARY INDULGENCE

The Church has granted a plenary indulgence to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As underlined in the decree, the indulgence applies differently to 3 different groups: the sick and isolated, caregivers, and the faithful in general. In addition, we are reminded of the Church's indulgence for those at the point of death. Details may be found here:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2020/3/Indulgences2020.pdf>

In Spanish:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2020/3/Spanish-Indulgences2020.pdf>

We have also produced a prayer resource that includes rites to be used in an emergency, which includes instructions on how to baptize someone in danger of death, information about the indulgence mentioned above, how to make an act of perfect contrition (when access to confession is not possible), and prayers around the time of death. It is available in English and Spanish (Vietnamese pending).

English: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2020/3/RitesForEmergencies.pdf>

(other formats available at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/prayer-and-support>)

Spanish: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2020/3/RitesForEmergencies-Espanol-SmFile.pdf>

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VATICAN DIRECTIVES ON HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM

PALM SUNDAY

According to directives from the Holy See, the third form (simple entrance; no blessing of palms) is to be used in all parish churches. In other words, palms are NOT to be blessed or distributed at parishes.

HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week, various communities celebrate a variety of popular devotions connected to the Passion of our Lord, such as the Stations of the Cross. Some parishes are celebrating these virtually. Another option to consider is to postpone their celebration until the time around September 14-15, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows.

Chrism Mass: Monday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.

The Bishop will celebrate this liturgy with the Vicar General and Deans. All are invited to join in prayer at this time, especially for our priests. The liturgy will be livestreamed; you may link to it at:

www.youtube.com/user/diocesefofdavenport

TRIDUUM

Even without an assembly present, if at all possible the Triduum is to be celebrated at the cathedral and in every parish church. The directions for doing so are given below. The times when these liturgies are to be celebrated are to be publicized, so the faithful can join themselves in prayer to the liturgy being celebrated. Resources will be made available to help the faithful do so. The liturgies are to be celebrated at the times prescribed in the liturgical books: in the evening for Holy Thursday, at the usual time on Good Friday (3pm; later if necessary), and after dark (8:30pm here) for the Vigil.

Bishop will preside at these liturgies at St. Paul the Apostle in Davenport; they will be livestreamed and can be watched here: www.facebook.com/stpauldisciples/.

- Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Super - 6:30 PM
- Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM
- Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM

WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE PALMS?

One option might be to spread them out (use the tables in the parish hall?) and let them dry naturally. They can be blessed (outside Mass) and distributed when we can gather again.

Here's another idea from Fr. Kevin Anstey: make palm crosses for distribution later.

To be especially careful, the bag (still sealed) is wiped down with Lysol or another sanitizer and then given to a volunteer. At home, the fronds are then washed in soap and water. They can then braid the fronds into crosses and let them dry at home. Volunteers should wash their hands carefully after any handling of the palms. The dried palm crosses can be blessed (outside of Mass) and then distributed at the first Mass we can celebrate together in the church.

The coronavirus does live on surfaces for a while; the latest paper suggests 1 day on cardboard and 3 days on plastic. Given the time it takes to ship the palms, and their refrigerated storage, by the time the volunteers handle them they should be safe. Of course, anyone at particular risk of severe COVID-19 may not want to take that chance. The advice above (basically, to treat the palms like groceries being brought into the home from a store—see: <https://youtu.be/sjDuwc9KBps>) is intended to reduce risk; the only way to eliminate risk completely is to not use the palms at all.

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Holy Thursday

The washing of the feet and the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to a separate place of reposition are omitted. The Blessed Sacrament is simply kept in the tabernacle. On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in a suitable place, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests. Priests who do not celebrate this Mass are to pray Vespers for this day.

Good Friday

The liturgy of the Passion of the Lord is celebrated in its entirety. The Decree directs the local bishop to add an intention to the Universal Prayer for the sick, the dying, and all who are dismayed.

Easter Vigil

The lighting of the Easter Fire is omitted. The Paschal Candle is prepared ahead of time (not as part of the ritual) and simply lit at the start of the liturgy. The procession is omitted. The Exsultet is sung (or said if necessary). The Liturgy of the Word is celebrated according to the rubrics. The blessing of the font/water is omitted. The Renewal of Baptismal promises takes place. The sprinkling with holy water is omitted. The Liturgy of the Eucharist and Concluding Rites follow as usual. Priests who are unable to celebrate the Vigil are to pray the Office of Readings for Easter Sunday instead. If the Vigil is not celebrated, the Candle is simply prepared ahead of time and lit on Sunday morning.

THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Candidates for Full Communion / Catholics Completing Initiation

Since the Reception of Candidates for full communion and the completion of initiation of those already baptized as Catholics are not tied to the Easter Vigil, these should be celebrated as soon as possible after we are able to gather again for the liturgy.

The Elect

According to RCIA #26-30 (Initiation “Outside the Usual Time”), in extraordinary circumstances, a day other than the Easter Vigil may be chosen for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. If done, the Mass of that Day (or, if allowed, one of the ritual Masses “Christian Initiation: Baptism”) is used. At this point in time, the Bishop is not ready to set a specific date; there are too many unknowns. But he is planning on setting a single date for the diocese to celebrate these Sacraments.

The Rite of Election

For those who already did so, the Rite of Election is not repeated. If a parish catechumen who did not do so at the start of this Lent is now deemed to be ready for the Sacraments, the Rite of Election may be celebrated in the parish (if possible to do so).

The Scrutinies

Given how events have unfolded in this diocese, the Elect should have already celebrated one Scrutiny. If not, once we are able to gather again, all 3 Scrutinies should be celebrated. If not possible to celebrate

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all 3, they must celebrate 1 (and are dispensed from the other 2). If an Elect has already celebrated one of the Scrutinies, and it is possible to do so, they should celebrate the other two. Otherwise, they are dispensed. The Scrutinies do not have to be celebrated at Sunday Mass; they may be celebrated at a weekday Mass or in the context of a Liturgy of the Word. Specific guidance will be given once a date for Initiation in the diocese is set.

The Presentations

If not already done, the Creed and Lord’s Prayer should be presented to the Elect. These are usually done during the week, in the context of Mass or a Liturgy of the Word.

Initiation in Extraordinary Circumstances

In cases of great necessity, the Bishop may permit the omission of certain rites that lead to initiation. Such allowances are handled on a case-by-case basis.

Emergencies

Please keep in mind that the RCIA includes rites for initiation in the danger of death.

IDEAS FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Resource

FDLC Region 7 is preparing a resource for use at home.

Observing Holy Week at Home

Families may be encouraged to participate in the Stations on-line or on TV. In addition, they may do the same as a family at home.

Observing Holy Thursday at Home

In addition to joining in prayer at the time of the parish’s Mass, or participating in it by electronic means, families may want to consider other ways to observe this day as well:

- Baking bread as a family.
- Reading the gospel account together and then washing one another’s feet before supper.

Observing Good Friday at Home

In addition to joining in prayer at the time of the parish’s liturgy, or participating in it by electronic means, families may want to consider other ways to observe this day as well:

- Reading the Passion
- Venerating the Cross
- Praying the Solemn Intercessions

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Observing the Easter Vigil at Home

In addition to joining in prayer at the time of the parish’s Mass, or participating in it by electronic means, families may want to consider other ways to observe this day as well:

- Keeping the house dark, and lighting candles
- Praying the Exsultet together
- Reading the Vigil readings together or pray the Office of Readings
- Singing the Gloria while ringing bells
- Renewing their baptismal promises
- Blessing one another with water
- Pulling out and displaying mementos of their baptisms

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LOOKING AHEAD TO LIFE BEYOND COVID-19

5G TECHNOLOGY AND THE IMPACT ON PARISH MICROPHONE SYSTEMS

The major phone and internet providers are all upgrading to 5G technology. While their negotiations with the FCC may have a great benefit for cell phone users, this technology will negatively impact frequencies which are used in many wireless microphones in churches, schools, and theatres.

All this will become effective July 13, 2020. The FCC notes that this will especially impact those systems which operate on frequencies 617-652 and 663-698 (churches) and frequencies 617, 653-698 (schools). If you have a question, please contact your local technician. For more information – www.fcc.gov/consumers.

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....

Logo courtesy of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization:
<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

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. It is not possible to tell yet if we will be able to celebrate this liturgy publicly or not.

Confirmations

Once we are able to celebrate Confirmations again, we will look at a number of possible options. We may reschedule those we've missed, or Bishop may choose to grant the faculty to Confirm to pastors; or we may consider multi-parish or deanery-wide liturgies. No decision has been made yet.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

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.

**If you are interested in any of the “in person” offerings listed below, please contact the sponsoring organization. Some of these may have been cancelled, postponed, or moved into an electronic format.*

Graduate Certificate In Liturgical Art And Architecture

- St. John School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, MN
- Launching Summer 2020 -- June 8-20
- Liturgical Consultancy I (2 credits) / Sacred Architecture (3 credits)
- <https://www.csbsju.edu/sot/academics/non-degree-study/certificate-liturgical-art-and-architecture>

Catholic Theological Union: Course On Initiation

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- Initiating Adults into Christ: A Practical, Theological, Liturgical and Catechetical Endeavor
- Chicago, June 22-26
- Featuring FDLC members Dennis Chriszt, Timothy Johnston, Victoria Tufano and Todd Williamson
- Inspired by the institutes once offered by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.
- Participants can get graduate credit
- For more information or to register go to <https://ctu.edu/summeratctu/>.

Catholic Theological Union: Graduate School Of Theology And Ministry

June 8-12

- Women in the Old Testament (Bergant)
- Saints and Prophets for an Emerging Church (McGrath)
- Practicing Innovation (Rhodes)
- Gospel Portraits of Jesus (Senior)
- Leadership and Authority in Ancient Israel (Schwartz)
- Liturgy Planning for Lay Leaders (McGowan)
- Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

June 15-19

- Women in Theology and Ethics (Lushumbo)
- History and Theology of the Diaconate (Lowry)
- Jesus and Salvation (Ryan)
- God became Human, Not Because of Sin (Horan)
- Womanist Bible Interpretation (Davis)
- Spirituality of Marriage (Zaker)
- St. Paul and the Liturgy: A School of Prayer and Communion (Fragomeni)
- ¿Acaso Dios Tiene Preferidos?

Alverno College: Master Of Arts In Music And Liturgy

- 2020 Summer Intensives in Milwaukee
- June 21-23
 - Technology for Music Ministers
 - Liturgy and Music in Merged and Multi-site parishes
- June 24-26
 - Working with Children’s Choirs
 - Leading Public Prayer

National Gathering On Christian Initiation: The RCIA Adapted For Children

- Sponsored by Liturgy Training Publications
- July 2-3, 2020 \$250
- Tracks: Parish and Diocesan Leaders / Initiation catechists; English and Spanish
- Featuring Sr. Sandra DeMasi, Fr. James Burkart, Rita Burns-Sensemman, and Mike Ruzicki
- www.NGCI.org

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National Association Of Pastoral Musicians

- 43rd Annual Convention “Called from Living Waters”
 - July 7-10, 2020 Louisville, KY
 - www.npm.org
- One Call / Una Vocación
 - July 21-26, 2020
 - www.onecallinstitute.org
- Scholarships available to both the convention and the institute – apply by April 17.

Liturgical Music Institute 2020

- July 26-31
- Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY
- www.liturgicalmusicinstitute.org

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.

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.

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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 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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