

LITURGYNOTES – FOR FEBRUARY 2021

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

LITURGY AND COVID-19

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Vision 20/20

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

Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor

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

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>

Video from the Iowa Bishops:

<https://youtu.be/ejeeBoNdlxY>



RESOURCE: HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Adaptations of the Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Rituals for Family and Household Prayer

Holy Week at Home invites individuals and families to explore the riches of Palm Sunday and the Paschal Triduum. A great way to “bring the liturgy home,” this resource is an extension of prayer for those who celebrate Holy Week in community and gives those who are unable to do so an opportunity to pray the liturgies of Holy Week. A combination of prayer, ritual action, Scripture references, and questions for

reflection, Holy Week at Home helps everyone enter more fully into these holiest days of the year. Bulk pricing is available. See: <https://litpress.org/Products/6666/Holy-Week-at-Home>

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Many thanks to Dr. Ella Johnson and to all who joined us for her presentation and afternoon of reflection on the Sunday of the Word of God. The video of her presentation is available on the diocesan YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/hRINQb0lqqU>.

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LITURGY NEWS

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE FDLC

Please be reminded that the window for applications for grants and scholarships begins on Monday, February 1 and extends to Wednesday, March 31. Please take advantage of these scholarships and grants. They are made possible by generous donors, in order to promote formation among the Church’s ministers.

Miguel Arias Scholarship

This new scholarship is made possible through a generous grant from Liturgy Training Publications. It honors the memory of Miguel Arias, a former editor at LTP and a tireless advocate for formation among Hispanic ministers. The fund will underwrite formation (at universities or in local programs) for Spanish-speaking ministers who serve in Hispanic or multi-cultural communities. <https://www.fdlc.org/arias-scholarship>

The Tabat Scholarship

In 2001, a fund was established by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions to honor Sr. Joan Tabat, OSF whose earthly life was cut short by a tragic auto accident. A member of our Board of Directors for many years, “Joannie” was a tireless champion of the liturgical reform. In addition to her national work, she served dioceses in Illinois and in Florida. A \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is pursuing a graduate degree in Liturgical Studies or related field. (Deadline for this application is June 1.) <https://www.fdlc.org/tabat-scholarship>

The Forum Legacy Grant

Due to financial constraints, the Forum ceased operations in June 2013. So that the mission of providing ongoing formation for leaders in Christian initiation may continue, the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate entrusted its remaining funds to the FDLC for the establishment of the Forum Legacy Grant Program (FLGP). The FLGP provides annual grants to diocesan worship and/or catechetical offices in the United States and Canada to subsidize diocesan-sponsored formation programs for parish staffs members who are responsible for Christian Initiation. <https://www.fdlc.org/forum-legacy-grant-program>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON HYMN PROJECT

Luke Massery, Music Director, St. Joseph Strongsville, has continued his work on his project which now includes the proper Entrance Antiphon for every day of the liturgical year set to tunes which are familiar to the average Catholic parish. With familiar tunes, parish congregations are able to sing the proper Entrance Antiphons at sight. Best of all, his online resource is available for FREE, with no need to purchase a copyright license to download, print or perform these hymns in a church service. The Antiphon adaptations, licensed in the Creative Commons by-nc-nd 3.0, may be freely copied, distributed, and performed for non-commercial purposes, as long as copyright and author is acknowledged. Assisting Luke with the project is Clayton Orr & Greg Heislman. Check out the website for a full explanation of the Entrance Antiphon Hymn Project (<https://www.antiphonrenewal.com/about-the-entrance-antiphon-hymn-pr>). Download FREE Entrance Antiphon Hymns here, complete with organ/choir scores, melody only, text, and notation software source files: <https://www.antiphonrenewal.com/entrance-antiphon-hymn-project>.

CAUTION: Please bear in mind that the antiphons themselves are copyrighted by ICEL and the USCCB.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Regarding the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion: First Sunday of Lent (2/21/21)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Zinkula—on the recommendation of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission—has opted not to celebrate a diocesan Rite of Election (and Call to Continuing Conversion) this year. Instead, Pastors are asked to celebrate these rites in their parishes.

Please recall that the Rite of Election is not optional. By virtue of their office, Pastors have the faculty to celebrate the Rite of Election in case of necessity (e.g. a particular catechumen cannot attend the diocesan rite). Given that there is no diocesan rite this year, the faculty is to be exercised. If someone other than the pastor is to preside, the faculty to do so must be requested from the bishop. While not required, parishes are encouraged to celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion with their candidates if it is possible and safe to do so.

In order to not unduly prolong time together, we are recommending that parishes celebrate (as needed) the Rite of Election and/or the Call to Continuing Conversion at separate Masses, or to move the rites outside of Mass. The combined rite, because of the extra time involved, ought to be celebrated only outside of Mass.

We will be sending the rites modified to account for the pandemic to parishes.

In addition, here are links to 2 videos made by Bishop Zinkula. These should be shared with the catechumens and candidates *after* the rites are celebrated (mystagogy):

- Video message to catechumens (the Elect): <https://youtu.be/Hos-3hqOGYs>
- Video message to candidates: <https://youtu.be/oiMrgl4MkBs>

In the meantime, please:

1. **Go to our Rite of Election webpage (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election>) and register as you normally would (by Ash Wednesday), letting us know how many candidates and catechumens you will be initiating this year. We do need this information for our Rome reports.**
2. Plan on taking some photos when the rite(s) are celebrated in your parish, and sending them to Barb Arland-Fye at *The Catholic Messenger*. We may not be able to gather physically, but it will be a real encouragement to see soon-to-be Catholics from around the diocese!

Please visit our Rite of Election page (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election>) for updates.

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CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

The Office of Faith Formation: Evangelization, Discipleship and Hospitality

The Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a series of virtual workshops for clergy, ministry leaders, parish councils/evangelization teams and interested parishioners on topics of Evangelization, Discipleship and Hospitality one Tuesday evening a month from 7PM-8:30PM. Remaining workshops include: Strengthening the Parish by Fostering Discipleship (February 9, 2021) and The Hospitable Parish (March 9, 2021). We invite you to join us for one or all three of the workshops and to encourage your leaders, parish council, evangelization team and parishioners to join us as well. For more information on these offerings (including promotional flyers), please visit our [website](#), register [online](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#) (563-888-4244).

FDLC Offering Formation Sessions On-Line

For over fifty-one years, liturgical formation has been an integral part of the mission of the FDLC. From the days of mimeographed sheets to printed publications, from nationwide workshops to today's online offerings, the Federation has served the Church of the United States with sound scholarship and trusted resources. We are delighted to announce a series of webinars which will feature expert presenters, online chats, and downloadable handouts. We know that this will be so beneficial to your parishes, schools, and formation programs, that we are offering this premiere series for FREE. Who should register? Our intended audience is any student of the Liturgy -- seminarians, deacon candidates, undergraduate students, parish worship commissions, musicians, youth ministers, catechists, and more! All are welcome! Sessions are just 75 minutes in length. Please visit: <https://fdlc.org/formation>.

St. John's, Collegetown: Certificate Program in Liturgical Art & Architecture

The new graduate certificate program in Liturgical Art and Architecture at St. John's University will commence June 14 of 2021. After a postponement of one year because of the pandemic, the opportunity is now secure to offer this much needed effort to bring together the disciplines of liturgy, art and architecture to support those who create and use our worship spaces. For more information, please visit: <https://www.csbsju.edu/sot/academics/non-degree-study/certificate-liturgical-art-and-architecture>.

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.

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LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

National Marriage Week 2021 (Feb. 7-14) & World Marriage Sunday (Feb. 14)

The theme this year is “To Have, To Hold, To Honor.” Information and parish resources are available at [Celebrate National Marriage Week 2021](#).

Direct links to helpful liturgy resources:

- [Preaching Resource](#) for all diocesan clergy
- [Prayers of the Faithful](#) for parishes

Lent & Triduum 2021

Guidance to help parishes observe the rites of Lent and the Triduum more safely during this pandemic is being sent to the parishes. As information becomes available from the Vatican, US Bishops, and/or the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, it will be passed along.

The Triduum falls on Thursday, April 1 through Sunday, April 4 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, April 3. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:15pm.

Eastertime 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.
- 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.
- 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

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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

(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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