

LITURGYNOTES – FOR NOVEMBER 2021

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

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“Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love: ‘Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world.’” – Pope Francis (*Laudato Si*, 236)

<p><i>A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH (FROM LAUDATO SI')</i></p> <p><i>ALL-POWERFUL GOD, YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE AND IN THE SMALLEST OF YOUR CREATURES. YOU EMBRACE WITH YOUR TENDERNESS ALL THAT EXISTS. POUR OUT UPON US THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE, THAT WE MAY PROTECT LIFE AND BEAUTY. FILL US WITH PEACE, THAT WE MAY LIVE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HARMING NO ONE. O GOD OF THE POOR, HELP US TO RESCUE THE ABANDONED AND FORGOTTEN OF THIS EARTH, SO PRECIOUS IN YOUR EYES.</i></p>	<p><i>BRING HEALING TO OUR LIVES, THAT WE MAY PROTECT THE WORLD AND NOT PREY ON IT, THAT WE MAY SOW BEAUTY, NOT POLLUTION AND DESTRUCTION. TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO LOOK ONLY FOR GAIN AT THE EXPENSE OF THE POOR AND THE EARTH. TEACH US TO DISCOVER THE WORTH OF EACH THING, TO BE FILLED WITH AWE AND CONTEMPLATION, TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE PROFOUNDLY UNITED WITH EVERY CREATURE AS WE JOURNEY TOWARDS YOUR INFINITE LIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US EACH DAY. ENCOURAGE US, WE PRAY, IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE, LOVE AND PEACE.</i></p>
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The Dicastery for Promotion of Integral Human Development is launching a new program and a public commitment for various institutions to begin a 7-year journey to total sustainability in the spirit of *Laudato Si'*. For additional resources, please visit: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-formation-resources/#LaudatoSi>.

LITURGY AND COVID-19



Pandemic Policies and Resources:

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

Prayer and Support:

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

COVID-19 Vaccines:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/covid-vaccine>

Catholic Cares Coalition: <https://catholiccares.org/>

Formation sessions/videos: <https://catholiccares.org/formation-sessions>

SYNOD 2021-2023



Please see our synod page -

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023> - for information about the synodal process and for prayer & liturgical resources to help us along this journey together.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: EDUCATE, ACT, INSPIRE

Prayer for COP26 (Archbishop of York, UK; <https://columbans.co.uk/pray/7723/prayer-for-cop26/>)

The COP26 climate talks will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to talk about ways we can tackle climate change. Let us pray in advance of this meeting that sustainable solutions to mitigate the very worst effects of the climate crisis can be agreed.

Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the earth and direct the nations. In this time of climate crisis, grant us clarity to hear the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor. Challenge us to change our lifestyles. Guide our leaders to take courageous action. Enable your church to be a beacon of hope. And foster within us a renewed vision of your purposes for your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by and for whom all things were made.
Amen.

Some other Catholic and ecumenical resources:

- <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/running-your-church/environment/worship-and-prayer/>
- <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COP26-prayer2.pdf>
- https://wea-sc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COP26-Prayer-points_English.pdf

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- <https://ywam.org/prayer/pray-for-the-cop26-climate-conference/>
- <https://greenchristian.org.uk/pray-for-cop26/>
- <https://www.24-7prayer.com/great-britain/19/pray-for-climate-justice-cop26>

Catholic Energies

Catholic Energies (<https://www.catholicenergies.org/>), a program of Catholic Climate Covenant (<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>), works exclusively with Catholic organizations to design, implement and finance sustainable projects that reduce energy costs, enabling parishes and other communities or organizations to use those savings in support of their critical ministries.

Cool Congregations

Across the country, people of faith are making changes in their homes and places of worship to prevent global warming through the Cool Congregations (<https://www.coolcongregations.org/>) program, which helps congregations reduce the carbon footprint of their facilities and engages their members in reducing their carbon footprint at home.

LITURGY NEWS

OCIA: FDLC RESOURCES COMING

The US Bishops will vote on the English and Spanish versions of the “Gray Book” of the retranslated OCIA, as well as on the revised National Statutes for the Catechumenate at their November 2021 meeting. Once this draft is amended and approved, it will be sent to ICEL for revision. The final draft will be returned to the bishops for their approval.

The FDLC is already working on formation materials in anticipation of this revised liturgical book in the form of 21 webinars as well as formation kits that can be used by parishes and dioceses. They are also planning on hosting regional workshops. The plan is to hold the webinars in 2022 and workshops in 2023. We’ll share more information as it becomes available.

USCCB BCDW: COPYRIGHT PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF LITURGICAL TEXTS

The following information can assist parishes, schools, and other entities in obtaining copyright permission for typical uses of the liturgical texts in English and/or Spanish. **Please note that this information applies only to the liturgical texts themselves, not to musical settings of those texts or to other musical compositions.** In all cases, the excerpts must be verbatim from the official text, including capitalization and punctuation. The poetic structure of those texts provided in sense lines must generally be preserved. The appropriate acknowledgment must be printed either beneath the texts or with the other acknowledgments.

Livestreaming Liturgies on Sundays, Feast Days, or Weekdays (including Liturgy of the Hours)

No permission is required for the livestreaming of Masses and the Divine Office via social media. Relevant liturgical law should be observed regarding the choice and use of texts.

Projecting the Readings and Other Mass Texts

The current policy of the Committee on Divine Worship is that permission is not granted to project readings and liturgical texts on screens during the liturgy. The bishops have the perspective that since so many people spend much of their time looking at screens, the Sacred Liturgy ought to be a prayerful break from that experience. The bishops also believe that screens are a distraction from what is actually taking place in the liturgy. However, because of current health restrictions that make it difficult to use hymnals and other worship aids in some parishes, a temporary permission will be granted to project the readings and liturgical texts on screens under the following conditions:

- the permission will extend only until such time as health restrictions are lifted on using hymnals and other participation aids; and
- a license and payment of a license fee will be required.

Parishes will need to consider carefully the question of whether it is worth the investment to begin projecting texts when this is only a temporary permission.

Posting Text, Audio, or Video Online (Apart from Digital Worship Aids or Livestreamed Liturgies)

Typically, permission is not granted to post the liturgical texts online. However, no permission or fee is needed to display the daily readings using the USCCB RSS feed, but only on a website which does not condition access by users on the users giving anything of value to the website operator. Permission is not granted to podcast or offer videos of the Sunday or daily readings.

Creation of Worship Aids for Special Occasions (Wedding, Funeral, Graduation Mass, Ordination, etc.)

No permission is required, provided that the publication is not produced by a publishing firm and is not sold.

Creation of Weekly Worship Aids (Digital or Print)

A written agreement is required to reproduce the readings in English or Spanish and the Mass texts in Spanish in worship leaflets, bulletins, etc. on a regular basis. The annual license fee varies based on the number of copies made each week.

Creation of a Seasonal or Permanent Pew Resource

A written agreement and prior review are required to reproduce the readings in English or Spanish and the Mass texts in Spanish in a seasonal or permanent pew resource. The license fee varies based on the number of copies made.

Creation of a Parish Preparation Booklet for Weddings and/or Funerals

A written agreement and prior review are required to create parish preparation books for weddings and funerals. Such publications must include all options provided in the liturgical books. The license fee varies based on the number of copies made.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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



LITURGY PREPARATION

Sunday of the Word of God

Mark your calendars! We will be offering an afternoon conversation on the Scriptures on Sunday, January 23, 2022 – the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – via Zoom. Drs. Ella Johnson, Micah Kiel, and Matthew Coomber from the St. Ambrose Theology Department, will be our panelists. Tentative plans are for a hybrid event (live on SAU’s campus + Zoom) beginning at 1pm. Together, we’ll explore the question of the Word of God as part of Pope Francis’ vision of a Synodal Church / Scripture in Discernment. We’ll have more details and registration information in the December issue of *LiturgyNotes*.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Please note that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on November 7 – set your clocks back an hour!

40 Days of Prayer



On November 14, the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, the Universal Church will launch the Laudato Si Action Platform (<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>). Between the Feast of St. Francis (Oct 4) and that day, we’re invited to enter into 40 days of prayer for one another.

Here are prayers for each sector of the Church – one for each day of the week – in both English and Spanish....

https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2021/10/EN_Prayer_sector.pdf

https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2021/10/ES_Prayer_sector.pdf

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November 21: Christ the King

The Committee for Religious Liberty has identified the Solemnity of Christ the King as a fitting moment in the liturgical year to promote the Church’s teaching on religious freedom. The Committee has prepared materials to help educate the faithful about this Solemnity, which the Church celebrates this year on November 21, 2021.

- Homepage: <https://www.usccb.org/christtheking>
- Lectionary Notes: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/christ-king-2021-lectionary-notes>
- A brief background on the Solemnity: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/solemnity-christ-king-background>
- Social media graphics: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/christ-king-2021-graphics>
- A Novena to Christ the King: <https://www.usccb.org/religious-liberty/christ-king-2021-novena>

December 8, 2021

Normally, this would be a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note that even though the obligation is abrogated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. A marriage may be celebrated outside Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.

December 12

Sunday, December 12 is the Third Sunday of Advent, so the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is omitted this year. Our Lady of Guadalupe may be appropriately honored in the Homily, Universal Prayer, and hymns during the Sunday liturgy. If pastoral advantage calls for it (cf. GIRM, no. 376), a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe may be celebrated on a weekday before or after December 12, using the proper readings and prayers (and even the Gloria; cf. GIRM 53).

December 24-25-26

For prayers, the Missal has five different Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Mass for December 24 is the proper text for Masses in the morning of December 24. The proper text for Masses in the evening (= after 4 p.m.) of December 24 is the Christmas – Vigil Mass.

Please note: Last year, special permission was given to celebrate the Vigil Mass no earlier than 3 p.m. This permission is NOT being given this year.

The text for Christmas – Mass during the Night is to be used for Masses beginning “at night,” preferably on or around midnight between December 24 and 25. The proper text for the first Mass in the morning of December 25 is the Christmas – Mass at Dawn. Later Masses on December 25 should use the text for Christmas – Mass during the Day.

According to the Lectionary for Mass, for the three Masses of Christmas (Night, Dawn, Day), the proper readings for the Mass may be used or the readings may be chosen from among any of the readings for Christmas or the Vigil—based on pastoral need. Pastors should carefully discern those needs before

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selecting readings other than those proper to each Mass. Only the Vigil readings may be used at the Vigil Mass. The Mass during the Night may be preceded by a more prolonged vigil, taken from the Office of Readings (see the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours #71-73, 98, 215). This extended vigil is the preferred time for the blessing of the crèche (Book of Blessings, ch. 48, §1542-44).

The Feast of the Holy Family is observed on December 26, replacing the Feast of St. Stephen.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Friday Dec. 24	December 24	December 24	Christmas Vigil Christmas Night	Christmas I
Saturday Dec. 25	Christmas	Christmas Dawn Christmas Day	Christmas Day	Christmas II
Sunday Dec. 26	Holy Family	Holy Family	Holy Family	Holy Family II

Both Christmas and Sunday are holy days of obligation. However, because of COVID, the obligation remains dispensed. Given the above, parishes should be judicious in deciding on their Mass schedule. For example, some may choose to omit the evening Mass on Saturday. The key is to make sure that the schedule is published well in advance and using multiple media.

January 1, 2022

Because it falls on a Saturday, and because of COVID, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation this year. However, even when the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. A marriage may be celebrated outside Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Friday Dec. 31	December 31	7 th Day of Christmas Octave	Mary, Mother of God	Mary, Mother of God I
Saturday Jan. 1	Mary, Mother of God	Mary, Mother of God	Epiphany Vigil	Epiphany I
Sunday Jan. 2	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany II

January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



During this week, the whole Christian community throughout the world is invited to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). The theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “We saw a star in the East, and we came to worship him.” For more information and for resources, please go to <http://www.geii.org/>.

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Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Friday, January 22

January 22 has been designated by the U.S. Bishops as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

As a result, in the US, the optional memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, is moved to January 23 (which is also the optional memorial of St. Marianne Cope). However, since the 23rd is a Sunday this year, both of these optional memorials are omitted.

In the Missal, two options are given from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: (1) For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (#48/1; white vestments) or (2) For the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30; with violet vestments). For the former, readings are now given in the new *Supplement* to the Lectionary (#947A-E). For the latter, readings are taken from Volume IV of the Lectionary (#887-891). Resources for observing this day are available on the USCCB website:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>

Lent & Triduum 2022

- *Ash Wednesday* will fall on March 2, 2022.
- The *Rite of Election* is tentatively scheduled for March 6, the 1st Sunday of Lent. The rite will be celebrated in the context of Mass at the Cathedral, and then we will spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship.
- The *Chrism Mass* is tentatively scheduled for April 11, the Monday of Holy Week.
- The *Triduum* falls on Thursday, April 14 through Sunday, April 17 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, April 16. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:30pm.
- The Bishop will gather with the newly-received, and the neophytes, on:
 - Sunday, May 15 (5th Sun of Easter): St. Mary, Pella
 - Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost): St. Mary, Riverside

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) Synod 2021-23

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>

(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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ANNOUNCEMENT: DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM CLASS IX

The Diocese of Davenport will be holding a number of information/orientation sessions across the diocese for those interested in the diaconate. Applications to the Deacon Formation Program will only be distributed at these sessions. The information sessions will be offered in English and Spanish. The next class will begin formation in August 2022; both an English and a Spanish track will be offered. For more information, or if you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact Dc. Agnoli at 563-888-4257/agnoli@davenportdiocese.org, or visit <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/class-ix>.

In order to prepare for each session, we ask that those interested register for the session they wish to attend (also at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/class-ix>). We ask that, in keeping with diocesan COVID protocols, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask to these sessions.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, November 21 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	DeWitt – St. Joseph (417 6 th Ave)
Sunday, December 19 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	Chancery (780 W. Central Park)
Sunday, January 16, 2022 (1-5 pm)	Spanish Program Inquiry	Davenport – St. Anthony (417 N. Main)
Sunday, February 27 (1-5pm)	Spanish Program Inquiry	Iowa City – St. Patrick (4330 St. Patrick Dr.)
Sunday, April 3 (1-5pm)	Spanish Program Inquiry	Ottumwa – St. Mary (216 N Court St)



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