

# LITURGYNOTES – FOR MARCH 2021

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

## LITURGY AND COVID-19

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

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#### **Pandemic Policies and Resources:**

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

#### **Prayer and Support:**

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

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#### **Video from the Iowa Bishops:**

<https://youtu.be/ejeeBoNdlxY>



## LITURGY NEWS

FROM THE USCCB AND FDLC: CHANGE TO THE CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY

### What is changing?

The doxology at the end of the Collect used to read: “...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **one** God, for ever and ever.” Beginning on Ash Wednesday this year, the word “one” is to be omitted. Therefore, the Collects will now end as follows (GIRM #54, updated):

- *If the prayer is directed to the Father:* Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;
- *If it is directed to the Father, but the Son is mentioned at the end:* Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;
- *If it is directed to the Son:* Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### Why is it changing?

The Latin of the third edition of the Missal reads: *Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.* There is no mention of “one” in the Latin text. In addition, “God” in the final line refers to Christ, and not to the Holy Trinity. That is, while the doxology is Trinitarian, it is

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Christ’s divinity that is being stressed. The Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) has pointed out the importance of affirming this Christological truth amid the religious pluralism of today’s world.

When the Third Edition of the Missal was being translated, the US Bishops and the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) initially omitted the word, “one.” In fact, some of the original formation materials that we put out in 2009 highlighted this change. However, by 2010, the word “one” had been reinserted. This error was pointed out to the CDWDS by ICEL, but the CDWDS opted not to change it. Fast forward to May 2020. The CDWDS notified the English-speaking Conferences of Bishops that the doxology was erroneously translated and needed to be changed.

Translations in other languages (for example, Spanish) do not contain this error, although various languages have slightly different ways of rendering the text. It has been left to the individual Conferences to determine separately how to address the problem in their English translations. The Bishops of England & Wales, Ireland, and Canada have already decided that the best way to address the Congregation’s concern is to simply remove the word “one,” and the US Bishops have now approved and Rome has confirmed the same change.

### What do we need to do?

Just omit the word “one” in the doxology. There is no need to buy a new Missal, though publishers are being informed of this change, and any reprints or new editions of the Missal (and other ritual books) will reflect the new translation. Other publications, such as participation aids for the faithful, will begin to carry the new text as soon as possible. Many of these are printed well in advance, however, so it will take some time for the change to appear.

### Does this change apply to other liturgical books, besides the Roman Missal?

Yes. Any time the formula appears in a liturgical book the new translation should be used. Besides the Missal, the Liturgy of the Hours is the book where it is encountered most often. Note that the orations in the current breviary are an older translation than what is found in the Missal, but the final line is the same and the new conclusion is easy to apply.

### ADDITIONS TO THE CALENDAR

#### Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

(<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/02/02/210202c.html>)

On February 2, Pope Francis approved changing the liturgical Memorial of St. Martha (July 29) to now include her siblings, Mary and Lazarus.

#### New Doctors of the Church

(<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/02/02/210202b.html>)

On the same day, the pope also approved optional memorials for three recently-named doctors of the church: SS. Gregory of Narek, a 10th-century Armenian abbot (Feb. 27); John of Avila, a 16th-century preacher and spiritual writer (May 10); and 12th-century German mystic and abbess Hildegard of Bingen (Sept. 17).

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

## DIOCESAN LITURGIES

### Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is scheduled for Monday, March 29. Details on how the liturgy will be celebrated this year are still pending.

### Ordinations

Please pray for our seminarians who are scheduled to be ordained this summer: Rev. Mr. Andrew Rauenbuehler, who will be ordained a priest on June 5, and Ben Snyder and Dale Mallory, who will be ordained deacons on June 12. Details regarding attendance at the ordination liturgies, and how these rites will need to be celebrated in light of the pandemic, are still pending.

Please consider including them in your parish’s Universal Prayer. Possible intercessions include:

- For Andrew Rauenbuehler, Ben Snyder, and Dale Mallory as they are ordained for service in the Davenport Diocese; that their lives and ministry would be marked by grace and compassion. Let us pray to the Lord:
- That Andrew, Dale, and Ben, who will be ordained for our diocese, would be filled with every grace and blessing. We pray:
- For Andrew Rauenbuehler, as he is ordained a priest; and for Dale Mallory and Ben Snyder, as they are ordained deacons. We pray to the Lord:

## CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

### **LITURGY PREPARATION**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### Year of St. Joseph

Diocesan resources may be found at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/year-of-saint-joseph>.

### Lent & Triduum 2021

Guidance to help parishes observe the rites of Lent more safely during this pandemic has already been distributed (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2021/2/LITURGY%20GUIDANCE%20-%20202121.pdf>). As information becomes available from the Vatican, US Bishops, and/or the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, advice for the observation of Holy Week and the Triduum will be updated and 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.

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### 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.

**DISPENSATION**—As last year, 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).

### 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.

### Return to Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14 (4<sup>th</sup> 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 9, the Sixth 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 20 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### May 24

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. May 24 is also the day Pope Benedict XVI asked us to set aside to pray for the Church in China (where this day has traditionally been observed in honor of Our Lady, Help of Christians).

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### June 22

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Zinkula, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on Tuesday, 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 19-20 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time).

### 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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