

LITURGYNOTES – FOR MAY 2021

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

LITURGY AND COVID-19

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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>



LITURGY NEWS

OCP PARISH GRANTS

The OCP Parish Grants program is a unique program of direct financial grants to provide assistance to parishes seeking to enhance the worship experience of their parish community. They serve to develop and reinforce liturgical and music ministries, to help start multicultural ministries, and to assist parishes in welcoming new communities as they expand the U.S. Catholic Church. Deadline for applications is May 30, 2021. Please visit: <https://www.ocp.org/en-us/parish-grants>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

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.

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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>.

FDLC: The Next Series – The Liturgical Year

The FDLC’s webinar series on the Liturgical Books is now over; and a new series is about to begin. Please plan on joining the FDLC on Wednesdays, April 21 to June 23 when we will examine the various seasons and days the Liturgical Year – their history, theology, euchology, and cursus of readings. For more information or to register, please visit: <https://www.fdlc.org/formation>.

2021 National Gathering on Christian Initiation™

The 2021 NGCI will be held virtually! The theme for our virtual gathering remains **The RCIA Adapted for Children**. Please visit <https://ngci.org/home/index> for more information or to register.

- * ENGLISH Track is August 4 thru 5, 2021.
- * SPANISH Track is August 6 thru 7, 2021.

Notre Dame Liturgy Series 2021: “Will They Come Back After COVID?: Disaffiliation, Affiliation, and the Liturgy”

Due to ongoing health concerns amid the coronavirus pandemic, the Center for Liturgy’s on-campus summer programming has once again been canceled for 2021. Instead, this June and July, we will host a virtual Summer Liturgy Series, “Will They Come Back After COVID?: Disaffiliation, Affiliation, and the Liturgy.” This array of online offerings will include interviews and live Q&A sessions with experts in theology and pastoral ministry, opportunities for prayer and reflection, and resources for intellectual and spiritual formation.

- June 14–18, 2021: What is disaffiliation? Why do people leave the Church?
- June 21–25, 2021: What is affiliation? Why do people stay in the Church?
- June 28–July 2, 2021: The Eucharist—Supreme Image of Affiliation
- July 5–9, 2021: Popular Piety—Cultivating Affiliation through the Treasures of Tradition
- July 12–16, 2021: Sacred Beauty—Inviting Affiliation through the Imagination
- Week 6: The Domestic Church—Practicing Affiliation in Everyday Life

Please visit their website (<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/summer-institute/liturgy-week/>) to learn more about the topic, speakers, schedule, and registration deadlines.

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LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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 12th 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 <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/mother-of-the-church> for the Mass texts.

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 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

Lent & Triduum 2022

Ash Wednesday will fall on March 2, 2022; the First Sunday of Lent will be March 6.

The *Rite of Election* is tentatively scheduled for March 6, the 1st Sunday of Lent. Details pending.

The *Chrism Mass* is tentatively scheduled for April 11, the Monday of Holy Week. Details pending.

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.

UPDATING YOUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIBRARY

It is that time of year again: new priest assignments have been announced, and the work of letting go and moving on has begun. During this time of transition, let us keep our priests—and parishes—in prayer. With such changes taking place, this is a good time to look through your parish liturgical library and see what is in need of updating. Here is a list of important books to have on hand:

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- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litParishLiturgicalLibrary.pdf>

In addition, here are three other bibliographies that you may find helpful... resources for liturgical study and resources for preaching:

- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litLiturgyBibliography.pdf>
- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litPreachingResources.pdf>
- <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2019/12/litSelectBibliography-PreachingAndJudaism.pdf>

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME / LAUDATO SI'



During this *Laudato Si'* Special Anniversary Year, 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'*.

<https://www.laudatosi.org/laudato-si/action-platform/>

For additional resources, please visit:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-formation-resources/#LaudatoSi>

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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