

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 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)

**LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2021**

*Common Prayer*  
**for the Sixth Anniversary**  
*of Laudato Si'*

**Creator God, we thank You** for the gift of life which you lovingly wove into being.

We confess we have not cared for your creation. Your world grows hotter, hungrier, sicker, and the people and planet cry out for hope.

In Your love, Lord, we answer for we know that things can change.

Give us the courage to bring Laudato Si' to life to care for all communities and species suffering from environmental harm.

Bless all who labor for an integral ecology that they might inspire others to discover Your face in our suffering and beautiful world.

We ask this in Jesus's name.

**Amen.**

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>.

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### 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>

### LITURGY NEWS

#### LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH: A NEW TRANSLATION

The Litany of Saint Joseph was first promulgated by the Holy See in 1909. Over one hundred years later, on May 1, 2021, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments published an updated version of the Litany. The new version adds seven invocations, drawn from the writings of recent Popes -- Saint Paul VI, Saint John Paul II, and Pope Francis. In publishing the Latin version of the expanded litany, the Congregation noted that it would fall to the various Conferences of Bishops to publish vernacular translations. These translations would not require confirmation by the Holy See. Accordingly, the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship has approved a new version of the text. The new text has been distributed to the Bishops of the United States, and may be found, in its entirety, on the FDLC website: <https://www.fdlc.org/Joseph>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

#### DIOCESAN LITURGIES

##### Installation as Acolytes

The members of Deacon Formation Class 8, as part of their journey to ordained ministry in the Church, will be instituted as Acolytes on July 11 at St. Mary Church in Dodgeville. Due to space concerns in the midst of COVID, the liturgy, sadly, is not open to the public.

According to the Church's law and practice, the instituted acolyte is called to serve at the altar, including assisting the Priest and Deacon with the care of the sacred vessels and distributing Communion as an extraordinary minister if needed (GIRM #98). As distinct from the typical parish server or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, these men will now exercise this ministry in a permanent way.

As part of the Rite, Bishop Zinkula will bless them, saying: "Grant that they may be faithful in the service of your altar and in giving to others the Bread of Life; may they grow always in faith and love, and so build up your Church." In handing them the bread (or wine) to be consecrated, he reminds them: "make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his Church."

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At the close of the intercessions, the Bishop will bless the books and pyxes that they will use to bring Communion to the homebound, sick, and dying.

Parishes may wish to include an intercession for them at Masses that weekend; for example:

For the members of Deacon Class 8 and their families, that fed by the Eucharist they would grow always in faith and love, and in service to all in need. Let us pray to the Lord.

### CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

### FDLC: National Meeting Registration is Open

Please visit the FDLC website to view a full registration brochure and for easy, online registration for the National Meeting: <https://www.fdlc.org/2021>. The meeting will take place in San Diego, September 28-30. Virtual participation is also available – please note the line on the registration form. Featured speakers will include Bishop Daniel Garcia, Father Thomas Simon, Lesa Truxaw, Dr. Bob Hurd, Sr. Sharon McMillan, and Father Gilbert Sunghera, SJ. AIA. Of course, the annual meeting will include a BCDW report, business sessions, exhibits, prayerful liturgies and fun social events. There will be an optional tour of Christ Cathedral and the Mission San Juan Capistrano on October 1. Please join us as we reflect upon current liturgical practices and the *Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar*.

### 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.

## **LITURGY PREPARATION**

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### September 1, 2021: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (from the 2019 BCDW Newsletter)

September 1 inaugurates the “Season of Creation,” which culminates on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology.

Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015 as a practical step following the publication of his encyclical *Laudato Si’*. September 1 was chosen for the yearly observance, as it is the same date chosen by the Orthodox Church in 1989. The day of prayer gives Catholics the opportunity to give thanks to God for the creation of the world and of humanity, and to recall and strengthen the responsibility of men and women to care for that creation. Some options for the liturgy on this day include:

- Celebrating the Mass “For the Sanctification of Human Labor” from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (no. 26; see especially the second Collect of formulary A) may be a fitting option.

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- This formulary requires the use of Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, entitled simply “Creation.” The preface speaks eloquently of God’s creation of the world, and the need of humanity to praise God by caring for that creation. Connections between human labor and the care of creation can be drawn out by the formulary itself, and in the homily and Universal Prayer.
- Since it is a weekday in Ordinary Time, the green vestments of that season should be used for the Mass.
- The readings may be taken from the appropriate selection in volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass (see Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911; see especially 907-2 and 909-1).
- Even if no special Mass formulary or readings are selected for the occasion, it would still be appropriate to mention the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and its significance in the homily, petitions, and/or concluding announcements.
- Other resources:
  - <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litWorldDayofPrayerforCreation2015.pdf>
  - Global Catholic Climate Movement: <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>
  - USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>
  - <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-formation-resources/#LaudatoSi>.
- Be watching for announcements regarding the Vatican’s initiative to promote sustainability in all areas of church life.
  - See: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

### Tuesday, September 7: Labor Day

Parishes may wish to celebrate the Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (#26; readings from #907-911) on this day. Preface V for Sunday is used, and white vestments are worn (since it is a special observation in the US).

On Labor Day weekend, intercessions for workers ought to be included in the Universal Prayer; for example:

- For those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those seeking work; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection, [especially during this pandemic]; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For migrant workers and all who work the land and the waters, so we might be fed; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who work in the service of their sisters and brothers; that they would not be discouraged by lack of support or progress; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For all employers, that they may seek to provide a just work environment; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)
- For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

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The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Brief pastoral visits (observing appropriate physical distancing and wearing masks) could be made to places of work, and the following rites could be used: (18) Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory; (23) Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment, and (26) Blessing of Fields and Flocks.

Or, at Sunday Masses or at Mass on Labor Day itself, workers could bring the tools of their trades to be blessed, and (24) Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work be used. A brief gathering outdoors after Mass might be a good way to do this. Special attention should be paid to laborers and those seeking work during the Prayer of the Faithful, as should those who are treated unjustly in the workplace, as in the examples above.

### Saturday, September 11

During the week of September 11, parishes may wish to celebrate a special Mass for “first responders” – such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics – using the Mass for Those in Public Office (#22) or the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30). Appropriate intercessions could also be included at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of September 11-12.

### 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.
- 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.

### 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>

**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 Deacon Agnoli at 563-888-4257 or [agnoli@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnoli@davenportdiocese.org). For more information, please visit <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/class-ix>.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, August 1 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	Ottumwa – St. Patrick (222 N. Ward Street)
Sunday, August 29 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	Ft. Madison—Holy Family Parish (1111 Avenue E.)
Sunday, September 26 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	Grinnell – St. Mary (1002 Broad St.)
Sunday, October 24 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	Iowa City – St. Patrick (4330 St. Patrick Dr.)
Sunday, November 21 (1-5pm)	English Program Inquiry	DeWitt – St. Joseph (417 6 <sup>th</sup> 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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—Pope Francis

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