

LITURGYNOTES – FOR OCTOBER 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>

LITURGY NEWS

OCTOBER 17: OPENING THE SYNOD

On October 9, the Holy Father will open the synodal journey leading to bishops from around the world gathering in Rome two years from now. Between now and then, we will enter into a journey of listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit at every level of the Church. On Sunday, October 17, each diocese will begin this journey as well. The following Mass texts and readings will be used on that day (and for the anticipatory Mass on Saturday):

- Mass: “For a Council or a Synod” (Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, #5)
 - Preface II of the Holy Spirit is used
 - Red vestments are worn
- Readings: from the Lectionary #838-842 (Volume IV)
 - Deut 30:10-14
 - Psalm 19:8-11 (“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.”)
 - Phil 2:1-4
 - John 14:23-29 (in the Book of the Gospels, 6th Sunday of Easter, 57C)
- Solemn blessing #8 is recommended.

Please include an intercession for the Synod as part of the Prayer of the Faithful; for example:

- For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church as we undertake this synodal journey; let us pray to the Lord. OR
- That the Holy Spirit may fill the hearts and minds of all the faithful, and accompany us on this synodal journey; let us pray to the Lord. OR
- For the Church, gathered in Synod; that by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit this journey will be marked by humble listening, courageous speech, and lively hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

Bishop Zinkula will preside at Mass at the Cathedral at 9am on Sunday; that Mass will be livestreamed on the Cathedral’s YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe9D_Uj3QJxdLCdqdPb0pVg

Please visit our diocesan webpage dedicated to the Synod: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>

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OCTOBER 24: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

According to the *Roman Missal*, the Mass “For the Evangelization of Peoples” (Masses and Prayers for Various Needs, # 18) “may be used even on Sundays of Ordinary Time, whenever there are special celebrations for the work of the missions, provided it does not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, or on any Solemnity.” Therefore, on October 24, this Mass may be used.

The readings may then be taken from Volume IV of the *Lectionary for Mass*, #872-876. There are five OT readings, 5 responsorial psalms, 6 NT readings, and 5 gospel readings to choose from!

See here for more resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/national-collections/world-mission-sunday-collection-resources>

EIGHT WORKS OF MERCY... THANKS TO POPE FRANCIS!

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2016/09/01/0608/01352.html#ING>

In 2016, Pope Francis added an eighth corporal work of mercy (Care for our Common Home) and an eighth spiritual work of mercy (Contemplation of Creation). Here is what he had to say...

“Nothing unites us to God more than an act of mercy, for it is by mercy that the Lord forgives our sins and gives us the grace to practise acts of mercy in his name.” To paraphrase Saint James, “we can say that mercy without works is dead ... In our rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world, many new forms of poverty are appearing. In response to them, we need to be creative in developing new and practical forms of charitable outreach as concrete expressions of the way of mercy.” The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. “We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness... But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces.” Obviously “human life itself and everything it embraces” includes care for our common home. **So let me propose a complement to the two traditional sets of seven:** may the works of mercy also include care for our common home. As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a “grateful contemplation of God’s world” (Laudato Si, 214) which “allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us” (ibid., 85). As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires “simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” and “makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world” (ibid., 230-31).

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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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2021-2022 Liturgical Calendar

The 2021-2022 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar is now available at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2021/9/LiturgicalCalendar2022.pdf>

October: Respect Life Month

Resources from the USCCB: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

Resources from the Catholic Mobilizing Network: <https://catholicmobilizing.org/guide/respect-life-month-toolkit>

Christmastime (see: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons#AdventChristmas>)

Please see the Diocesan Liturgical Calendar for details regarding the celebration of the various feasts and solemnities this year.

1. God reveals God's self to us as the One who loves us. The feast days during Christmas remind us of this revelation and seek our response to it.
2. The color is white or gold; it is ideal if vestments and fabrics used are different from those used at Easter.
3. A good Penitential Rite is the third form, #II (now found in Appendix VI of the Missal).
4. Sing (if permitted) the *Gloria* the entire season. The carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" may not replace the Gloria.

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5. Christ is present here and now. TODAY is born our Savior. Avoid historicizing. For example, use Christmas music with good theology for the whole season (Hark the Herald Angels Sing) and avoid historical settings (O Little Town of Bethlehem). (Again, if permitted.)

6. Make sure your decorating reflects all that is important: the Word, the people.... Enhance the whole building, not just the sanctuary. Remember: less is more!

7. Remember that Advent and Christmas are the perfect times to remember Mary, our ultimate model for behavior. See the diocesan liturgical calendar for details of what liturgies may be celebrated (given that we are currently dispensed from the Holy Day obligation).

a. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed on Wednesday, December 8.

b. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not observed this year, since December 12 falls on a Sunday.

c. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is observed on Saturday, January 1.

8. There are two customary proclamations used during the Christmas Season. The deacon, reader, or cantor may sing (if permitted)/proclaim these texts, which will now be found in Appendix I of the Missal. See the diocesan website (use link above).

a. At Christmas Midnight Mass, after the greeting and introduction, the “Proclamation of the Birth of Christ” is sung or proclaimed. The Gloria immediately follows.

b. On Epiphany, the “Proclamation of the Date of Easter” is sung or proclaimed after the homily or after the prayer after communion.

9. During most of the year, we make a profound bow during the Proclamation of Faith while speaking the words: “by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” During the Vigil of Christmas and all the Masses of Christmas, we genuflect at this time—highlighting the awesome mystery of the Incarnation.

10. Regarding the various Christmas Masses:

a. 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 (except this year – we use the Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent). The proper text for Masses in the evening (= after 4 p.m.) of December 24 is the Christmas – Vigil Mass. The text for Christmas – Mass at Midnight 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.

b. The Mass at Midnight 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).

c. According to the *Lectionary for Mass*, for the three Masses of Christmas (Midnight, 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 selecting readings other than those proper to each Mass. Only the Vigil readings may be used at the Vigil Mass.

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11. The crèche does not go under the altar or even in the sanctuary. It is preferable to put out a crèche that represents the whole story; there is no need to have “traveling kings.” Please see the *Book of Blessings*, chapter 48, §1544. Additional information can be found in the GIRM §299 and in *Built of Living Stones* §§124, 125, and 128.

12. There is a tradition of blessing chalk on the Epiphany, which is then used by the faithful to bless their homes. In addition, this would be a proper time to celebrate the “Order for the Blessing of Homes during the Christmas and Easter Seasons” found in the *Book of Blessings* §§ 1597-1621. The Epiphany blessing is also available on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgical-seasons> OR <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litEpiphanyChalkBlessing.pdf>.

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) 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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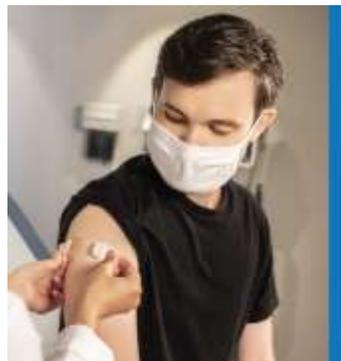
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ANNOUNCEMENT: DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM CLASS IX

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, 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 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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