“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*)

**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
https://iowacatholicconference.org/getvaccinated/

**Catholic Cares Coalition:** https://catholiccares.org/
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**SYNOD 2021-2023**

Please see our synod website pages – starting with https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023 – for information about the synodal process and for prayer & liturgical resources to help us along this journey together.

**LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM (LSAP) HAS LAUNCHED!**

The *Laudato Si* Action Platform (https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/) has launched! There are a number of prayer resources available there... just search using the resources tab. Here are prayers for each sector of the Church – one for each day of the week – in both English and Spanish....


Other resources are available on our website, at: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-formation-resources#LaudatoSi and https://www.davenportdiocese.org/preaching-links/#CareForCreation.

**EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

The US Bishops are launching a “Eucharistic Revival” which will unfold over the next few years, culminating in a National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis. “The Eucharistic Revival is intended to be far more than a series of events. It aims to be a movement that renews the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.” The “diocesan phase” of this initiative kicks off on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ this summer; the “parish phase” a year later. Our diocesan webpages are now live; please visit us at: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy/eucharistic-revival

**WHAT DO THE SYNOD, LSAP, AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL HAVE IN COMMON?**

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LITURGY NEWS

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

By a decree dated January 13, 2022 (Prot. n. 459/21), the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments informed the USCCB that it had confirmed the English translations of liturgical texts for the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, celebrated yearly on the Monday after Pentecost. All the confirmed liturgical texts are available at www.USCCB.org/motherofthechurch.

UPDATE: LITURGY OF THE HOURS

A new English translation of the second typical edition of the Liturgy of the Hours has been in preparation since the bishops of the United States approved a scope of work for the project in November 2012. The project has taken longer than anticipated, but now the Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition is moving closer to completion. ICEL has nearly finished its part of the work on the new edition of the Liturgy of the Hours. The USCCB should finalize the remaining non-Scriptural elements of the book in the coming year. The last piece to be completed will be the Scripture, and it is hoped that all the necessary votes of the body of bishops will have taken place by the end of 2023. Afterward, the various texts will be assembled and transmitted to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments for confirmation. The publication process can only begin when that confirmation is received. Taking these factors into consideration, the current estimate is that printed books could be available in 2025. Updates on the project are available at: https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/liturgy-of-the-hours-second-edition

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Chrism Mass: April 11

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on April 11. Mass starts at 2:00pm and is open to the public.

Ordinations: June 4 & July 9

Seminarians will be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood on Saturday, June 4. Details regarding attendance at this ordination liturgy are still pending. Deacon Class VIII will be ordained on Saturday, July 9. This will be a ticketed event. We’ll provide more details as they become available. In the meantime, please consider including these men in your intercessions; for example:

For those who will be ordained priests and deacons for the Diocese of Davenport this year, that they would be faithful and compassionate ministers of the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.
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**Eucharistic Procession: July 19**

As noted above, to launch the “diocesan year” portion of the USCCB’s Eucharistic Revival, we will be celebrating Mass and a Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Details will be forthcoming.

**CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events).

Presenting the Passion ... without blaming “the Jews”

In collaboration with the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (CCJR) and the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ), the Christian Scholars Group on Christian-Jewish Relations has released a series of short videos on various aspects of the Gospel passion narratives for use by preachers, teachers, and the general public. The CCJR is the United States national member organization of the ICCJ.

In these videos, ten scholars discuss how the story of Jesus’ Passion is retold through readings in Christian services during Holy Week. Tragically, over the centuries, these retellings have caused enmity between Christians and Jews and have even led to murderous violence. Such sinful consequences are contrary to the Good News of Christ.

In this series, members of the Christian Scholars Group on Christian-Jewish Relations, along with two Jewish advisors, explore four scenes in the Passion story. Based on decades of research, they consider how Jesus’ Passion can be presented in fresh ways that repudiate anti-Jewish biases and illuminate the gospel message. They believe this task to be a sacred obligation (see *A Sacred Obligation: Rethinking Christian Faith in Relationship to Judaism and the Jewish People*).

The four videos:

1. **Judas and Betrayal** (“Do you betray me with a kiss?”) with Ruth Langer and Jesper Svartvik
2. **The Jewish Leaders and Conspiracy** (“Looking for a way to arrest Jesus...and kill him.”) with Katharina von Kellenbach and Peter A. Pettit
3. **The Jewish Crowd, Pilate, and Guilt** (“His blood be on us and our children.”) with Victoria Barnett, Philip Cunningham, and Adam Gregerman
4. **The Crucifixion and Accountability** (“And they took him away and crucified him.”) with Mary Boys, John Pawlikowski, and Elena Procario-Foley

**LINK:** [https://www.iccj.org/resources/passion-video-series.html](https://www.iccj.org/resources/passion-video-series.html)

**National Gathering on Christian Initiation: July 13-14, 2022**

This conference for catechumenal ministers and pastoral leaders will take place in Chicago; the theme will be: Evaluating and Revitalizing the RCIA in Your Parish. Please visit [http://www.NGCI.org](http://www.NGCl.org) for more information.
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Liturgy Preparation

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Lent & Triduum 2022

- The preparation aids for Lent, Triduum, and Easter are now posted on the FDLC website. The forty-eight page resource appears in both English and Spanish. 
- The Chrism Mass is 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.

Mass & Mystagogy

Bishop Zinkula will gather with the newly-received (and newly baptized) on Sunday, May 15 (5th Sun Easter) at St. Mary in Pella and on Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost) at St. Mary in Riverside for a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Further details and registration information will be sent to parish RCIA contacts and pastors as soon as they become available.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The USCCB has a dedicated web page for the Sunday of Divine Mercy (Eucharistic Holy Hour, notes and quotes for reflection, and brief explanations pertaining to Divine Mercy)

Ordinary Time

As you begin looking ahead to ordinary time—and especially weekday celebrations—please remember that a wealth of Votive Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are available. You may also want to consider a number of rites from the Book of Blessings as the summer approaches, for example:

- For new drivers, especially as school lets out: Order for the Blessing of the Various Means of Transportation.
- Especially for rural parishes: Order for the Blessing of Boats and Fishing Gear; Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks; and Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time.
- Since this is a common time for moves to take place: Order for Welcoming of New Parishioners; and Order for the Blessing of a Departing Parishioner.

Especially for rural communities, celebrating a Novena in honor of St. Isidore (feast is May 15 – though it is not observed this year, since it falls on a Sunday; Novena starts on May 7) is appropriate: see https://s3.amazonaws.com/catholicrurallife/wp-content/uploads/IsidoreNovena.pdf. The Novena can also precede the Assumption or Thanksgiving.

Ordinary Time and Judaism

Excerpted from God’s Mercy Endures Forever: Guidelines on the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Preaching (Bishop’s Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, September, 1988); full document at: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-
30. The challenges that peak in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter are present throughout the year in the juxtaposition of the lectionary readings. There are many occasions when it is difficult to avoid a reference either to Jews or Judaism in a homily based upon a text from the Scriptures. For all Scripture, including the New Testament, deals with Jews and Jewish themes.

31. Throughout the year, the following general principles will be helpful:

- Consistently affirm the value of the whole Bible. While “among all the Scriptures, even those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special preeminence” (*Dei Verbum*, 18), the Hebrew Scriptures are the word of God and have validity and dignity in and of themselves (ibid., 15). Keep in view the intentions of the biblical authors (ibid., 19).

- Place the typology inherent in the lectionary in a proper context, neither overemphasizing nor avoiding it. Show that the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures for their original audience is not limited to nor diminished by New Testament applications (1985 Notes, II).

- Communicate a reverence for the Hebrew Scriptures and avoid approaches that reduce them to a propaedeutic or background for the New Testament. It is God who speaks, communicating himself through divine revelation (*Dei Verbum*, 6).

- Show the connectedness between the Scriptures. The Hebrew Bible and the Jewish tradition founded on it must not be set against the New Testament in such a way that the former seems to constitute a religion of only retributive justice, fear, and legalism, with no appeal to love of God and neighbor (cf. Dt 6:5; Lv 19:18,32; Hos 11:1-9; Mt 22:34-40).

- Enliven the eschatological hope, the "not yet" aspect of the kerygma. The biblical promises are realized in Christ. But the Church awaits their perfect fulfillment in Christ’s glorious return when all creation is made free (1974 Guidelines, II).

- Emphasize the Jewishness of Jesus and his teachings and highlight the similarities of the teachings of the Pharisees with those of Christ (1985 Notes, III and IV).

- Respect the continuing validity of God’s covenant with the Jewish people and their responsive faithfulness, despite centuries of suffering, to the divine call that is theirs (1985 Notes, VI).

- Frame homilies to show that Christians and Jews together are "trustees and witnesses of an ethic marked by the Ten Commandments, in the observance of which humanity finds its truth and freedom” (John Paul II, Rome Synagogue, April 13, 1986).

- Be free to draw on Jewish sources (rabbinic, medieval, and modern) in expounding the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures and the apostolic writings. The 1974 Guidelines observe that "the history of Judaism did not end with the destruction of Jerusalem, but went on to develop a religious tradition., rich in religious values." The 1985 Notes (no. 14) thus speak of Christians "profiting discerningly from the traditions of Jewish readings" of the sacred texts.

32. The 1985 Notes describe what is central to the role of the homilist: "Attentive to the same God who has spoken, hanging on the same word, we have to witness to one same memory and one common hope in him who is master of history. We must also accept our responsibility to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah by working together for social justice, respect for the rights of persons and nations, and for social and international reconciliation. To this we are driven, Jews and Christians, by the command to love our neighbor, by a common hope for the kingdom of God, and by the great heritage of the prophets" (1985 Notes, no. 19; see also Lv 19:18, 32).
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Lent & Triduum 2023

- Ash Wednesday will fall on February 22, 2023. 
- The Rite of Election is scheduled for February 26, the 1st Sunday of Lent. Details pending. 
- The Chrism Mass is tentatively scheduled for April 3, the Monday of Holy Week. Details pending. 
- The Triduum falls on Thursday, April 6 through Sunday, April 9 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, April 8. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:30 pm CDT.

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
(3) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:  
http://liturgy.slu.edu/
(4) 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
(5) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:  

Announcement: Deacon Formation Program Class IX – Final Session in Spanish

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. For more information, or if you are interested in attending this final session, 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).

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