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Webinar Series on the 50th Anniversary of *Evangelii Nuntiandi* Saint Pope Paul VI's Apostolic Exhortation on Evangelization

The USCCB Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis and US Catholic Mission Association present a webinar on the Thursdays of September marking the 50th anniversary of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. Topics addressed will be:

- the nature and content of evangelization
- recipients and methods of evangelization; evangelization and the preferential option for the poor and social transformation
- agents and challenges of evangelization; evangelization and culture
- the Spirit of evangelization and ecumenism

For more information see the attachment included with this newsletter.

To register see: [Evangelii Nuntiandi Webinar](#)

Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year

A Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The Roman Missal provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The Lectionary texts for the day are preferable. Also, see the options in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to celebrate liturgically the opening of the academic year.

Catechetical Sunday - September 21, 2025

In celebration of Catechetical Sunday, we invite you to explore a collection of catechetical materials available through the USCCB—resources designed to support and inspire faith formation in your community at [USCCB-Catechetical Sunday 2025](#).

Time of the Easter Vigil, 2026

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and is not in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 7:24 PM on April 4, 2026. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2025/2026. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:30 PM or later.

Jubilee of Justice

The Jubilee of Justice will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025. The Jubilee of Justice is an opportunity to remember that we are called to respond to both the needs of our neighbors who are experiencing poverty and injustice now, while at the same time working for God's vision of justice in our world. The Jubilee Year is a time to reflect on God's mercy in our own lives and work to extend that mercy to those around us. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Justice](#).

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Jubilee of Catechists

The Jubilee of Catechists will be held from Friday, September 26, to Sunday, September 28, 2025. A catechist is a “Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers him for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others into the Christian life” (Directory for Catechesis, no. 112). This resource packet is for anyone who finds it useful. It can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, campuses, apostolates, movements, organizations, or individuals to plan their celebration of the Jubilee of Catechists. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for the local community of catechists. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Catechists](#).

Jubilee of Migrants

The Jubilee of Migrants will be held on Saturday or Sunday October 4-5, 2025. This resource is for anyone who finds it useful. It can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, parishes, schools, campuses, religious communities of men or women, organizations, or individuals to plan to pilgrimage as Jubilarians for Migrants. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for migrants living in your community and for those who support them. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Migrants](#).

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

The Jubilee of Consecrated Life will be held from Wednesday, October 8, to Thursday, October 9, 2025. Consecrated life is the permanent state of life in which a person deepens their baptismal consecration through profession of the three evangelical counsels: poverty, chastity, and obedience (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 915-930). Within the Catholic Church, forms of consecrated life include religious life, the eremitical life, secular institutes, societies of apostolic life, and consecrated virgins and widows. Consecrated men and women, “like the Apostles... have left everything behind in order to be with Christ and to put themselves, as he did, at the service of God and their brothers and sisters” (Pope John Paul II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Vita Consecrata, no. 1).

Through a commitment to a form of life patterned on Christ, “the consecrated life thus becomes one of the tangible seals which the Trinity impresses upon history, so that people can sense with longing the attraction of divine beauty” (Ibid., no. 20). Consecrated persons, in a “spirit of the beatitudes,” visibly witness to the Church and the world the invisible reality of heaven (Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium, no. 3). In lives engaged in active ministry or in hidden prayer, consecrated men and women perpetually proclaim the Gospel by virtue of their consecration.

This resource packet is for anyone who finds it useful. It can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, religious institutes or societies of apostolic life, parishes, schools, campuses, apostolates, movements, organizations, or individuals to plan their celebration of the Jubilee Days for Consecrated Life.

For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee for Consecrated Life](#).

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

The Jubilee of Marian Spirituality will be held from Saturday, October 11, through Sunday, October 12, 2025. This resource packet is for anyone who finds it useful. It can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, campuses, apostolates, movements, organizations, or individuals to plan their celebration of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of year-round resources for local communities. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Marian Spirituality](#).

September 2025 Liturgical Calendar

Month Dedicated to Our Mother of Sorrows

September 1

Labor Day (Holiday Observance)

- Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (No. 26 A or B) may be used
- Readings: Lectionary nos. 907-911

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025 “Seeds of Peace and Hope”

September 1—October 4

The Vatican has provided preliminary English and Spanish Translations of “Mass for the Care of Creation” recently approved by Pope Leo XIV. As soon as we have the official translations, they will be made available.

- Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (No. 26 A or B) may be used
- Readings: Lectionary nos. 907-911

September 3: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor, Memorial, white

September 2025 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.September 5: Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin, optional memorial, white

On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin, into the General Roman Calendar. St. Teresa is celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on September 5.

- Mass proper Common of Virgins: For One Virgin, or the Common for Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy
 - ◊ Collect: O God, who called the Virgin Saint Teresa
to respond to the love of your Son thirsting on the Cross
with outstanding charity to the poorest of the poor,
grant us, we beseech you, by her intercession,
to minister to Christ in our suffering brothers and sisters.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

September 7: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary TimeSeptember 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast

- Vestments: white
- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is not said
- Reading: Lectionary no. 636
- Preface I or II of the Blessed Virgin Mary is used
- Solemn Blessing no. 15 may be used

September 9: Saint Peter Claver, Priest, Memorial, whiteSeptember 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary, optional memorialSeptember 13: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial, whiteSeptember 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Both Saturday evening Mass of anticipation and Sunday Masses celebrate the feast.
- Vestments: red
- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is said
- Preface I of the Passion of the Lord is used
- Solemn Blessing no. 5 may be used
- A Cross should be displayed in a prominent location in the church. You may arrange flowers or white or gold cloths at the foot of the Cross to represent the festive nature of the celebration.

September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial, whiteSeptember 16: Saint Cornelius, Pope and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, Memorial, redSeptember 20: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs (also known as the Korean Martyrs), Memorial, redSeptember 21: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary TimeCatechetical Sunday, 2025

- This year's theme is, "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" - Peter 3:15
- Pastors may give a special blessing to the parish catechists during one of the Sunday Masses. See Book of Blessings, Chapter 4.

September 2025 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest, Memorial, white

September 27: Saint Vincent de Paul, Memorial, white

September 28: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Feast

- Vestments: white
- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is not said
- Prayers over the People no. 28 may be used

September 30: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial, white

Liturgical Considerations for All Saints Day and All Souls' Day

In 2025, the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 falls on a Saturday, with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) taking place on the following Sunday, November 2. The Secretariat of Divine Worship reminds all concerned about the situation regarding the correct Mass and Office to be used during November 1–2.

Both All Saints Day and All Souls' Day are ranked at no. 3 on the Table of Liturgical Days. Thus, on Friday evening, October 31, Evening Prayer I of All Saints is celebrated. On Saturday, November 1, both Morning and Evening Prayer II of All Saints Day are celebrated, though for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, Evening Prayer II may be followed by Evening Prayer for the Dead. For Sunday, November 2, the Office for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time is said, especially in individual recitation; the Office of the Dead may be used, however, if Morning or Evening Prayer is celebrated with the people (see Liturgy of the Hours, vol. IV, Proper of Saints, November 2).

On Friday evening, Masses are those of the day since All Saints Day is not a day of precept this year and thus may not be anticipated. On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for All Souls' Day. (If desired for pastoral reasons, a Mass of All Saints Day outside the usual Mass schedule may be celebrated on Saturday evening.)

Since Saturday is a common day for the celebration of Marriage in the United States, it should also be noted that Ritual Masses are forbidden on All Saints Day (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 372). While the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, the Mass of the day with the ritual itself and the nuptial blessing could be celebrated. Alternatively, the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass could also be used if the celebration of Marriage is to take place on this day. (Ritual Masses are also forbidden on All Souls' Day.) As a reminder, All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation this year, owing to the 1992 decision of the USCCB abrogating the precept to attend Mass when November 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday. Therefore, funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day (see GIRM, no. 380).

Jubilee 2025 Information

Bishop Persico Issues Jubilee Indulgence Decree

The indulgence, a priceless gift of divine mercy, is one of the special *signs* of the Jubilee Year. On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, Bishop Persico issued a decree outlining the requirements for the reception of indulgences related to the Jubilee Year 2025 in the Diocese of Erie. All the *truly repentant* faithful, moved by a spirit of charity, who, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, will be able to obtain the indulgence by undertaking spiritual activities as outlined in the decree found at: [Diocese of Erie Indulgence Decree](#).

Places of Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year

Every Jubilee celebration has aspects of pilgrimage. The sites of pilgrimage are the holy doors of the four papal basilicas in Rome. In the dioceses of the world, the cathedral church is a place of pilgrimage. In the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Persico has designated Saint Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway as a secondary place of pilgrimage.

Mass “For the Holy Year”

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed three new Mass formularies, “For the Holy Year.” These Masses may be celebrated whenever special celebrations are held during the Jubilee, except on solemnities, Sundays and feasts, during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, days within the Octaves of the Nativity and of Easter, Advent weekdays from December 17 to December 24 inclusive, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) and Ash Wednesday. The proper readings provided may only be used in Ordinary Time; during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, the usual daily readings are required. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings, the Dicastery also provides five samples for the Penitential Act, and four invitations, responses, and concluding orations for the Universal Prayer. These liturgical resources are available in the attachment to this newsletter and at: [USCCB Jubilee Year Votive Masses and Various Needs](#).

In light of the Jubilee’s theme, “Pilgrims of Hope,” the prayers naturally stress the themes of pilgrimage and hope. Incorporated into Christ, the faithful are a Body of believers, filled with hope. They look forward to the Lord’s coming in the present and at the end of the ages, an expectation which gives them an eternal vision and moves them to make pilgrimage to God and neighbor. The titles of the Prefaces underline the Christocentric meaning of the Jubilee Year: “Christ, our sole hope,” (Form A); “Christ, our true hope,” (Form B); and “Christ, God and man, the Savior of all” (Form C).

The readings provided for this Mass are nearly identical to those of the annual Chrism Mass (Lectionary for Mass, no. 260): Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27; and Luke 4:16-21. In Isaiah, the prophet declares that he has been anointed by the Lord “to announce a year of favor,” and, in the Psalm, God speaks about his servant David: “with my holy oil [I have] anointed him.” These passages culminate in the Gospel passage from Luke, where Christ, at the beginning of his public ministry, reads the prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-2) and declares it fulfilled: “The Lord has sent me to announce a year of favor.” In addition to these selections, there is one additional option for the First Reading, Romans 5:5-11, whose verse 5 opens the Bull of Indiction: “Hope does not disappoint.”

Jubilee Logo

Individuals and organizations may download the Jubilee logo in high resolution and the main languages at: [Jubilee Logo](#).

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Jubilee Websites: Vatican: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Diocesan: <https://www.eriercd.org/holyyear2025.html>

Jubilee Hymn

“Pilgrims of Hope” is the Jubilee 2025 hymn. Prepared by Pierangelo Sequeri, set to music by Francesco Meneghello, the hymn intercepts the many themes of the Holy Year: creation, fraternity, God’s tenderness, and hope.

The English translation, recording and music can be found at: [Jubilee Hymn](#).

Eucharistic Congress 2029

Courtesy of Catholic News Service:

The National Eucharistic Congress, Inc. is thrilled to share that initial steps preparing for the 11th National Eucharistic Congress in 2029 have begun. The location for the event has not been shared but organizers of the event will provide more details in the near future.

Recurring Information:

Colds and Flu

People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice. Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to calm the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood, if they are ill.

Workshops for Liturgical Ministers

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or lectors, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please remember to present candidates for this ministry to the Bishop when they are deemed prepared by the pastor or chaplain of said institution.

The following resource is available from the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein for the formation of parish liturgical ministers: [Parish Liturgical Ministers](#).

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In worship aids:

- To license the readings for a worship aid, parishes can contact: Mary Elizabeth Sperry at mbsperry@uscce.org. If you need any other clarification, please call the Office for Divine Worship at 814-824-1271.
- For reprinting excerpts of the Roman Missal in a worship aid, credit is given to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).

On screens:

- The Committee on Divine Worship does not permit projecting readings and liturgical texts on screens during the liturgy. The bishops believe that since people spend much time on screens, the Sacred Liturgy should be a prayerful break from that. They also think screens distract from the liturgy itself.



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There is thus a profound link between Christ, the Church and evangelization. During the period of the Church that we are living in, it is she who has the task of evangelizing.

-- *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 16

THURSDAYS
IN SEPTEMBER
2pm EDT (11am PDT)

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