



# Office for Divine Worship Newsletter

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## Important Announcement Regarding the Celebration of the Immaculate Conception OBLIGATION

As you are aware, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception occurs on Sunday, December 8, 2024, which coincides with the Second Sunday of Advent. As such, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Previously, when the date was transferred **the obligation was abrogated: This is no longer the case.**

Recently, the USCCB requested clarification from the Holy See about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on a Sunday and is transferred to Monday. In a memo to U.S. Bishops dated October 10, 2024, Bishop Paprocki communicated the decision of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts: **“The feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.”**

With this new directive, the following needs to be accounted for in the Diocese of Erie:

- Vigil Masses may be scheduled for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception after 4 pm on Sunday, December 8.
- Any Sunday evening Masses must celebrate the Solemnity rather than the Second Sunday of Advent. This should be communicated to the faithful in advance as their Sunday Obligation must still be fulfilled.
- Additional Masses for the Immaculate Conception need to be scheduled for Monday, December 9.

The faithful should be reminded that their Sunday obligation and obligation for the Solemnity are two separate obligations and must be observed by attending Mass twice.

The obligation for the Second Sunday of Advent may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 7 through Sunday, December 8.

- One may attend the Saturday afternoon/evening Mass or any Mass on Sunday, even if the text of the prayers is for the Immaculate Conception.

The obligation for the Immaculate Conception may be fulfilled from the evening of Sunday December 8 through anytime on Monday, December 9.

- One may attend afternoon/evening Mass on December 8 or the morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 9.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Office for Divine Worship.

## All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) falls on a Saturday this year. On Friday evening, All Saints Day is celebrated at the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, though, for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, Evening Prayer II of All Saints may be followed by Evening Prayer for the Dead. On Saturday evening, priests should anticipate the Mass of the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time at normally scheduled anticipated Masses, though the Mass of All Souls' Day may be used outside that usual schedule. At the Hours, Evening Prayer I of the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time is used in individual recitation, though Evening Prayer for the Dead may be used in celebrations with the people.

The only type of wedding that can take place on All Souls Day is outside of Mass. The Mass of the day is the Mass for the Dead without exception, which does not allow for any ritual to be associated with it. A Funeral Mass can take place since it is principally a Mass for the Dead.

## November 2024 Liturgical Calendar

*November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

### November 1: Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation

An Anticipated Mass for the Solemnity may be celebrated starting Thursday evening, October 31, 2024, after 4:00 pm onward. The faithful who attend Mass this evening fulfill the holy day of obligation. All Masses on Friday, November 1, are the Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints.

- Vestments: White
- Gloria is recited or sung.
- Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #18 may be used.
- Ritual Masses (i.e. Order of Matrimony) are not permitted today.
- If the parish has any relics of saints, they can be carried in the opening procession and placed in an area where parishioners can venerate them after Mass.
- Religious articles and sacramentals may be blessed. (See Book of Blessings, Chapters 44, 45, & 46).
- Consider chanting the Litany of Saints for the opening procession. You can add the patron saint and saints that adorn the church or featured in the windows or different saints from the various ethnic groups of the parish. For a detailed resource on the structure of the Litany of the Saints see: <https://eriercd.org/bishop/worship-liturgicalresourcesandnews.html>

If you have any questions about how to prepare your Litany of Saints, please call the Office for Divine Worship.

### November 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

All Masses on Saturday, November 2, *before* 4:00 pm are for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. All Masses on Saturday Evening, November 2, *after* 4:00 pm are for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

- Vestments: Violet, Black, or White may be used.
- Gloria is not said or sung.
- Creed is not said.
- Ritual Masses (i.e. Order of Matrimony) are not permitted today.
- Funeral Masses or Masses for the Dead are permitted.
- Any of the 5 prefaces for the Dead may be used.
- Solemn Blessing #20 Celebrations for the Dead may be used.
- See Book of Blessings, Chapter 57 "Order for Visiting a Cemetery on All Souls' Day, Memorial Day, or on the Anniversary of Death or Burial."
- Parishes may display a Book of the Names of the Dead, in which parishioners may write the names of their loved ones.

### November 3: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### November 3-9, 2024: National Vocation Awareness Week

Vocations Resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week#:~:text=National%20Vocation%20Awareness%20Week,%20celebrated%20November>

### November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Memorial (white)

### November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, Feast

- Vestments: White
- Gloria is said or sung.
- Creed is omitted.
- Sprinkling Rite may be used today.
- Solemn Blessing #19 for the Dedication of a Church may be used.
- Reflect on the following:
  - \*Is your parish dedicated?
  - \*Do you know the date of your parish's dedication?
  - \*Has your parish celebrated its dedication before or preparing to celebrate it?

## **November 2024 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.**

November 10: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop - Memorial (white)

November 12: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial (red)

November 13: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin - Memorial (white)  
*Patron of Immigrants*

November 17: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Pope Francis' message for the 8th World Day of the Poor, 11.17.2024, see:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20240613-messaggio-viii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2024.html#:~:text=The%20World%20Day%20of%20the%20Poor>

November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial (white)

November 22: Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr - Memorial (red)  
*Patron of Musicians*

November 24: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- Vestments: White
- Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water may be used.
- Gloria is sung.
- Creed is prayed.
- Solemn Blessing #11 may be used.

November 28: Thanksgiving Day (USA)

- The Missal for the United States provides a set of prayers, including a preface, at the end of the Proper of Saints for November.
- Consider using the collect from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions #48.1 as the concluding prayer for the Universal Prayer.
- Any readings from Lectionary #943-947 may be used.
- The Gloria and Creed are not sung or said.
- For the "Blessing of Food on Thanksgiving Day," see Book of Blessings Ch. 38.
- Individuals or families may bring food to Mass to be blessed for their Thanksgiving dinner, or to be distributed to the poor. The blessing may take place outside Mass.

November 30: Saint Andrew the Apostle - Feast

- Vestments: Red
- Prayers are found in the Proper of the Saints.
- Gloria is sung or said.
- Creed is omitted.

December 1: First Sunday of Advent - A New Year of Grace

As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, please note the Lectionary cycles for 2024 are:

- Sunday Cycle - Year C
- Weekday Cycle - I

The Blessing of an Advent Wreath may take place at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer on this Sunday of Advent. See Book of Blessings, Chapter 47, Order for the Blessing of an Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath needs only to be blessed once, perhaps at the Anticipated Mass for the First Sunday of Advent.

## Jubilee 2025 Information

### 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: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/mass-for-the-holy-year>.

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: <https://drive.cloud.va/index.php/s/4Bl5PEuIciBeRGt#/pdfviewer>

Since the logo is subject to copyright, its use is intended for pastoral and non-profit purposes only. Such use is to be linked to the following pastoral and ecclesial initiatives with no commercial purposes:

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- Place branding on pastoral materials to be used for spiritual preparation for the Jubilee;
- Place trademark on promotional materials related to the Jubilee, particularly on posters, banners, T-shirts, hats, mugs, and other materials and media; not for commercial use.



### Jubilee Website:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>, the Jubilee Masses can also be found at the end of this newsletter.

### 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: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html>.

## 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: <https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/instructions-for-liturgical-ministers>.

## Time for Vigil and Anticipated Masses

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Diocese of Erie is no earlier than 4:00 pm. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

## Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and 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 8:06 pm on April 19, 2025. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2024-2025. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:30 pm or later.

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In worship aids:

- To license the readings for a worship aid, parishes can contact: Mary Elizabeth Sperry at [msperry@uscgb.org](mailto:msperry@uscgb.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.