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New Mass Formulary: For the Care of Creation

From FDLC

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV has approved a new Mass formulary for the Roman Missal and ordered that it be promulgated. Missa pro Custodia Creationis ("For the Care of Creation") will be added as a Mass for Various Needs and Occasions.

In a July 3 press conference, Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J. (Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development) and Msgr. Vittorio Francesco Viloa, OFM (Secretary of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments) announced the release of this addition to the Roman Missal. Cardinal Czerny spoke of the history behind and the rationale for the Mass formulary and Msgr. Viola walked through the texts and the readings. The Prefect of the DPIHD added that the Mass for the Care of Creation "calls us to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us—in our daily choices and in public policy, as well as in prayer, worship, and the way we live in the world." As is typical, the Mass texts have been released in Latin.

The Decree (Prot N. 283/24) "On the Formulary and Biblical Readings for the Mass for the Care of Creation" was signed by Cardinal Arthur Roche and issued on the solemnity of Pentecost, June 8, 2025. It noted "at this time it is evident that the work of creation is seriously threatened because of the irresponsible use and abuse of the goods God has endowed to our care." (cf. Laudato si, n.2)

In the past several years, many ecumenical movements had sought a feast or solemnity or even a season in honor of creation. Pope Francis chose to encourage a Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1). Likewise, Pope Leo XIV encourages our participation in a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, 2025. Its theme is "Seeds of Peace and Hope."

By disseminating this new Mass formulary, the Holy Father recognizes that we might focus on this issue at other times of the year, when the liturgical day allows. "...[T]he Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation" (Decree, Cardinal Roche, quoting Laudato si, no. 236).

As with all new additions to the Roman Missal, official Mass texts and appointed readings will be distributed to Bishops.

Jubilee of Young People (Young Adults)

The Jubilee of Young People (Young Adults*) will be held from Monday, July 28, to Sunday, August 3, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating young adults at any time throughout the Jubilee Holy Year.

(*) It should also be noted that the official language used for this particular celebration on the Vatican calendar calls it a Jubilee of "Youth" or "Young People." These are international terms that refer to women and men from about age 18 to 35, what those in the United States would call "young adults." With this in mind, the USCCB affirms this celebration for any person from the age of 18 through their 30s, single or married, with or without children, which is the "young adult" definition established in Sons and Daughters of the Light (USCCB, 1996) and reaffirmed in Listen, Teach, Send (USCCB, 2024). For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Young People](#).

Jubilee of Justice

The Jubilee of Justice will be held on 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](#).

August 2025 Liturgical Calendar

Month Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

August 1: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor, Memorial - white

August 3: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4: Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest, Memorial - white

August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Vestments: White
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is not said

August 6 and 9:

Anniversary of the Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Parishes may include the following intercession:

- For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

August 8: Saint Dominic, Priest, Memorial - white

August 10: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11: Saint Clare, Virgin, Memorial - white

August 12: Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, Memorial - red

August 15, 2025 (Friday): Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

- Vestments: White
- Thursday, August 14, the Vigil Mass is celebrated at 4:00 pm or later
- Ritual Mass (ex. Weddings) not permitted
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is said
- Solemn Blessing no. 15 may be used

August 17: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, Memorial - white

August 21: Saint Pius X, Pope, Memorial - white

August 22: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial - white

August 24: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27: Saint Monica, Memorial - white

August 28: Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial - white

August 29: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Memorial - red

- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- No Gloria or Creed

August 31: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bishop Persico Directs Clergy to Review Wedding Particular Law

WHEREAS the celebration of weddings on Sundays, either within or outside of Mass, has not been permitted in the Diocese of Erie for a very long while; WHEREAS the liturgical observance of the Sunday liturgies begins with Evening Prayer I or with the celebration of the Vigil Mass for Sunday, which in the Diocese of Erie may be celebrated as early as 4:00 p.m.; WHEREAS it is important, both pastorally and practically, that the celebration of Saturday weddings not intersect with the celebration of Saturday confessions or of the Vigil Mass for Sunday; THEREFORE, having consulted with the Presbyteral Council in this regard, **I hereby decree as particular law that the celebration of weddings, both within Mass as well as outside of Mass, are not to begin later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and are not to be celebrated at all on Sundays in the Diocese of Erie.** I direct that this Decree be published and take effect immediately, anything to the contrary notwithstanding. Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Erie on this 18th day of October 2019.

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](#).

Mass “For the Holy Year”, cont’d.

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 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.