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New Ritual Editions are Now Available to Order

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass (HCWEMOM) is now available to be pre-ordered from several publishers. This new translation is to be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, 2024, with optional use permitted as of September 14, 2024, Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is now available to be pre-ordered from several Publishers as well. The revised OCIA may be used on on the First Sunday of Advent, 2024. The mandatory implementation date is Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Reminder on the Proper Place for the Celebration of the Eucharist

Canon 932: §1 The Eucharistic celebration is to be carried out in a sacred place unless in a particular case necessity requires otherwise; in such a case the celebration must be done in a decent place.

In a sacred place:

The proper location for the celebration of the Mass is a sacred place, which is a technical term in the law (cf. c. 1205). Sacred places include:

- Churches (both parish and secondary, with or without mission status)
- Oratories (e.g., seminary, university, and convent chapels)
- Catholic cemeteries

When necessity requires:

In responding to the spiritual needs of the faithful, the priests of the parish may also be requested to celebrate Masses in other places, such as nursing homes, correctional facilities, the location for the parish picnic, or other appropriate places. The location should be decent and there must always be at least an altar cloth (always white) and a corporal (cf. c. 932 §2).

The canon requires necessity, not just pastoral advantage, to celebrate outside of a sacred place. Barring possible exceptions, celebrating Mass on the parish property outside of the church building (such as in the parking lot or on the church lawn), when the church building is available and ready at hand, would lack any sense of necessity. Mass in that case should be celebrated in the church.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) Reminder

An EMHC is commissioned for a period of three years to a specific parish or institution. The commission is not transferable to another parish or institution. (The bishop grants permission for ministers in partnered parishes to serve in either community.) Lay communion ministers are recommended by their pastor to the bishop who grants approval for the pastor to commission the lay minister. Commissions must be renewed after the three-year period. In contrast, ordained ministers may serve freely within the diocese to which they have been ordained.

Many pastors have not sent a request to Bishop Persico in over ten years. Please consider addressing this oversight.

2024 Calendar Notes

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - July 14

On May 26, 2023, the Holy See's Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed English and Spanish texts of an expanded Mass formulary for the Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, celebrated yearly on July 14. While the Roman Missal, Third Edition contains a Collect prayer (with other elements drawn from the Common of Virgins), the expanded formulary now includes proper texts for the Entrance Antiphon, Prayer over the Offerings, Communion Antiphon, and Prayer after Communion. The Collect prayer has also been emended.

Entrance Antiphon

How beautiful you are, O virgin of Christ,
who were worthy to receive the Lord's crown,
the crown of perpetual virginity.

Collect

O God, who willed the Virgin Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
to flower in a life of innocence
among the Native peoples of North America,
grant, through her intercession,
that all gathered in your Church
from every nation, tribe and tongue,
may glorify you in a single canticle of praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously accept, O Lord,
this offering of your holy people,
honoring Saint Kateri,
through whose intercession we ask the grace
to do always what is pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming;
come out to meet Christ the Lord. (Cf. Mt 25:6)

Prayer after Communion

Refreshed by the heavenly food
of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that following the example of Saint Kateri
we may live the mystery we celebrate.
Through Christ our Lord.

Saint Mary Magdalene -

On June 3, 2016, the Holy See raised the liturgical rank of the Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene to a Feast, with the date remaining on July 22. A new Preface before the Eucharistic Prayer for the Feast was also promulgated in Latin. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the English translation of the Preface for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene on September 21, 2019. It may be used during Masses in honor of St. Mary Magdalene, especially her Feast on July 22, beginning in 2020.

The proper liturgical text in English of the Preface in honor of Saint Mary Magdalene is found below:

Preface for the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Preface: Apostle to the Apostles

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.
V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
to glorify you in all things, almighty Father, whose mercy is not less than your power,
through Christ our Lord.

He appeared in the garden and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,
who had loved him in life, witnessed him dying on the Cross,
sought him as he lay in the tomb,
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,
so that the good news of new life might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus - July 29

On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus are celebrated each year as an Obligatory Memorial on July 29.

An interim Mass formulary has been approved for use at this time, as follows:

Entrance Antiphon

Jesus entered a village,
where a woman named Martha welcomed him
into her home. (Cf. Lk 10:38)

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the example of your Saints may spur us on to
a better life, so that we,
who celebrate the memory of
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus,
may also imitate without ceasing their deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
**Another Collect from the Common of Holy Men
and Women may be used.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we proclaim your wonders in your Saints, O Lord,
we humbly implore your majesty,
that, as their homage of love was pleasing to you,
so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ,
the Son of God, who is coming into this world. (Jn 11:27)

Prayer after Communion

May the holy reception of the Body and Blood
of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
turn us away from the cares of this fallen world,
so that, following the example of Saints Martha, Mary
and Lazarus,
we may grow in sincere love for you on earth
and rejoice to behold you for eternity in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

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>.

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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.