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## Reminder on the Proper Place for the Celebration of the Eucharist

As we enter into fair weather months, priests and those responsible for preparing for the celebration of the sacraments are reminded of the following:

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.

## Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

The Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly will be held from Friday, May 30, to Sunday, June 1, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating those groups at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

This resource packet is for all the faithful. It can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, apostolates, movements, organizations, or families to plan their celebration of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly. It may also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, Elderly](#).

## Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

The Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities will be held from Saturday, June 7, to Sunday, June 8, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating these lay people at any time throughout the Jubilee Holy Year.

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 Ecclesial Movements, Associations, and New Communities. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for the laity who are engaged in these apostolates. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities](#).

## Jubilee of Sports

The Jubilee of Sports will be held Saturday, June 14 to Sunday June 15, 2025, in Rome; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating athletes, managers, coaches, and sports fans at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

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 Sports. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for volunteers in the community or globally. For more information and resources, please see: [Jubilee of Sports](#).

## Jubilee of Seminarians

The Jubilee of Seminarians will be held from Monday, June 23, to Tuesday, June 24, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating seminarians at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

In the Catholic Church, seminarians are men in formation to become priests in their diocese, eparchy or religious institute or society of apostolic life. A seminarian's formation takes place in community where he receives not only intellectual formation, but also human, spiritual, and pastoral formation. Seminarians, through cooperating with God's grace, are prepared to serve the Church as priests upon ordination through their formation in imitating Christ as the Good Shepherd (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Program of Priestly Formation, Sixth ed. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2022, no. 14).

Baptism, where life devoted to imitating Christ first begins, serves as the foundation for the call to the priesthood. In preparation for this vocation, seminarians strengthen their Baptismal identity through their participation in the life of the Church (ibid., no. 10). By communing with Christ in the sacraments and engaging with the intellectual tradition of the Church, seminarians begin to slowly ground themselves in the mysteries of the Trinity (ibid., no. 24). Seminarians engage with these mysteries not in isolation, but rather in union with their brothers in seminary, religious institute or society of apostolic life and with the wider Church community as a whole (Second Vatican Council, Decree on Priestly Training (Optatam Totius, no. 8). By meeting Christ in prayer and in the people they meet, seminarians become another Christ: assuming Jesus' mission of serving the Father and healing his creation (Program of Priestly Formation, sixth ed., no. 14).

For additional resources please see: [Jubilee of Seminarians](#).

## Jubilee of Bishops

The Jubilee of Bishops will be held Wednesday to Thursday, June 25-26, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating the work of the bishops at any time throughout the Jubilee Holy Year.

Though this celebration in Rome is dedicated to the bishops of the Church, this moment can be used as a chance for all Catholics to reflect more deeply on the ministry of the bishops as shepherds and successors of the apostles, guiding the Church, teaching the faith, and preserving her unity.

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 a celebration of the bishops. For those who are making any type of Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome or to a particular Jubilee celebration or holy site in a diocese or eparchy within the United States during 2025, this packet can also serve as an aid in the preparation or experience of that trip. For additional resources please see: [Jubilee of Bishops](#).

## Jubilee of Priests

The Jubilee of Priests will be held from Wednesday, June 25, to Friday, June 27, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating priests at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

In the Catholic Church, priests are ordained men who share in the ministry of Christ through their preaching and administration of the sacraments in their diocese, eparchy or religious institute or society of apostolic life. The office of the priesthood, instituted by Christ and passed down through the apostles, conforms men to "Christ the Priest in such a way that they can act in the person of Christ the Head" (Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (Presbyterorum Ordinis, no. 2). Through their preaching, prayer, and celebration of the sacraments, priests guide the body of Christ to the Father.

Priests serve God "in the midst of the flock [where] they adore Him in spirit and in truth," offering their voluntary poverty, chastity, and obedience as a sacrifice to God (Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium, no. 28). The practice of the evangelical counsels serves as a means for priests to reach the perfection of charity (Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests Presbyterorum Ordinis, no. 14). Priests grow in charity in a particular way through the celebration of the Eucharist, which brings about "a bond of priestly perfection which draws their life and activity to unity and coordination" (ibid., no. 14). A priest's life images the life of Christ when centered around the Eucharist: a life dedicated to bringing others to the Father out of an unwavering love of God himself (ibid., no. 14). For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Priests](#).

## 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](#).

## Masses for the Neophytes and a Pentecost Celebration During Easter Time

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides helpful guidance for the pastoral care of the newly baptized adults at Easter:

#247 Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary, especially the readings for Year A. Even when Christian initiation has been celebrated outside the usual times, the texts for these Sunday Masses of the Easter season may be used.

#248 All the neophytes and their godparents should make an effort to take part in the Masses for the neophytes and the entire local community should be invited to participate with them. Special places in the congregation are to be reserved for the neophytes and their godparents.

The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes.

#249 To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday; festivities in keeping with local custom may accompany the occasion.

## June 2025 Liturgical Calendar

### Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

#### June 1: Seventh Sunday of Easter

#### June 3: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companion, Martyrs (Memorial) - red

- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints.
- Preface I or II of Saints or Preface I or II of Holy Martyrs may be used.
- Prayers over the People no. 27 or 28 may be used.

#### June 5: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr - red

#### June 8: The Solemnity of Pentecost - red

- Vestments: Red
- Two sets of formularies to be used:
  - ◊ At the Vigil Mass (extended or simple forms may be used):
    - \* Extended Form - please see details on the next page.
    - \* Simple Form follows the regular form of Mass.
  - ◊ At the Mass during the day
- Creed is said.
- Preface of Pentecost is used.
- Solemn Blessing #8 and double Alleluia is added to the final blessing.

## Pentecost, cont'd.

### Vigil of Pentecost (Extended Form)

- Parishes are invited to celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, June 7. It is a prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a Vigil, whose character is not Baptismal as in the Easter Vigil, but is one of urgent prayer, after the example of the apostles and disciples, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit.
  - ◊ The Roman Missal, Third Edition provides the order, the rubrics, the additional psalms, and the prayers after the readings (in the style of the Easter Vigil). In lieu of each responsorial psalm, a period of sacred silence may be observed.
  - ◊ The Mass begins as usual, after the Kyrie, the priest sings or says the Alternative Opening Prayer for the Pentecost Vigil. Afterward, he may briefly instruct the people prior to the Liturgy of the Word. This instruction should exhort the faithful to listen attentively to the Word of God, reflect on God's great deeds for his people, and, like the apostles and Mary, pray that the Holy Spirit will be made manifest in the world and in their Christian lives.
  - ◊ The four Old Testament readings (Genesis 11:1-9, Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20b, Ezekiel 37:1-14, and Joel 3:1-5) found in the Lectionary for Mass for the Pentecost Vigil, with their responsorial psalms (Psalm 33:10-15, Daniel 3:52-56, Psalm 107:2-9, and Psalm 104:1-2a and 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30) follow. (In lieu of each responsorial psalm, a period of Sacred Silence may be observed.) After each psalm, or period of silence, all rise and the priest sings or prays a prayer.
  - ◊ [Musicians and cantors may find the first three responsorial psalms at the following places in the Lectionary:
    - \*Psalm 33:10-15 - volume II, no. 339
    - \*Daniel 32:52-55 - volume I, no. 164A
    - \*Psalm 107:2-9 - volume III, no. 423. The fourth psalm (Ps. 104) is found immediately after the fourth reading (Joel 3:1-5) in volume I, no. 62.]
  - ◊ After the fourth reading, psalm, and prayer, the priest (or cantor) begins the Gloria. After the priest says the Opening Prayer for the Pentecost Vigil.
  - ◊ The Epistle (Romans 8:22-27) is then read, followed by Alleluia and Gospel (John 7:37-39), and the Mass continues as usual.

### Pentecost Sunday

- The Pentecost Sequence, "Veni Sancte Spiritus," is obligatory on Pentecost Sunday and may be omitted at the Vigil. It is fitting to use the Sprinkling Rite on this day and the Paschal Candle is moved to the baptistry after the last Mass or Vespers, which concludes the Easter Season.
- Sacraments of Initiation can take place on any Sunday during Easter. However, due to the nature of its celebration, Pentecost Sunday is recommended for the Celebration of Confirmation for Adults (when faculties by the Bishop have been obtained.)
- The double Alleluia is added to the final blessing.
- Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer tonight.
- The pascal candle should be relocated, after the last Mass of Pentecost, to its permanent location at the baptismal font. Light it for sacramental celebrations including baptisms, and of course, funerals.

### June 9: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Obligatory Memorial) - white

- Mass Propers are taken from the Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary, #10/B. "Our Lady, Mother of the Church."
- A set of proper (i.e., mandatory) readings has been assigned for this memorial (no. 572 A).
- The readings for this memorial and proper text for Liturgy of the Hours can be found at: [Mother of the Church](#).

### June 11: Saint Barnabas, Apostle (Memorial) - red

### June 13: Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) - white

**June 2025 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.****June 15: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - white**

- Mass texts and preface are proper.
- Gloria is sung.
- Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #9 may be used.
- Father's Day
  - ◊ Without diminishing the primacy of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a special blessing may be given to fathers. The blessing is available in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 56, "Order of Blessings for Fathers on Father's Day."
  - ◊ Intercession suggestion: For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. We pray to the Lord.

**June 21: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (Memorial) - white****June 22: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - white**

- Mass texts are found in the section for solemnities and feasts of the Lord.
- Sprinkling Rite may be used.
- Gloria is sung or recited.
- Optional Sequence, Lauda Sion, before Gospel.
- The Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #10 or Prayer Over the People #9 may be used.
- Ritual Masses are *not* permitted.
- Funeral Masses *are* permitted.
- You may commission the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion today. Please see Book of Blessings, Chapter 63.
- Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass, no. 102 is the guiding document to reference for this devotion and other forms of devotion toward the Eucharist.
- If there is a Eucharistic Procession following immediately after Mass, the normal concluding rites are omitted and there is no recessional hymn.
- Children who have made their First Communion could be invited to join in the procession.

**June 24: Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - white**

- The Vigil Mass may be celebrated either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity.
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints.
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- The Creed is said.

**June 27: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - white****World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**

- The prayers, including the preface, are proper and found in the section for Solemnities of the Lord.
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- The Creed is said.

**June 28: Immaculate Heart of Mary - Optional Memorial - white**

- Prayers are found in the Roman Missal Proper of the Saints at the end of the section of Mary.
- The Gloria is *not* sung or said.
- The Creed is *not* said.

**June 29: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - red**

- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints.
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- The Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #16 may be used.
- A vigil mass may be celebrated on June 28, either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity.
- Readings for the Vigil Mass - 590: Acts 3:1-10, Ps. 19:2-5, Galatians 1:11-20, John 21:15-19.



## 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 as 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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- Place the trademark on materials related to the Jubilee, such as: pamphlets, postcards, brochures, posters, outlines, banners, websites, and other media;
- Place branding on pastoral materials to be used for spiritual preparation for the Jubilee;
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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@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.