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Liturgical Advisories for 2026

- **November 1, 2026, the Solemnity of All Saints** occurs on Sunday. It replaces the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. On Saturday and Sunday, Evening Prayer I and II is for All Saints. Saturday evening Masses that regularly anticipate the Sunday Mass should observe the Mass of All Saints.

Preorders Begin for the *Liturgy of the Hours*, Second Edition

On July 1, 2026, the two publishers of the full *Liturgy of the Hours*, *Second Edition* began accepting preorders for volume II (Lent and Easter Time), the first of four volumes to be produced over the next year. Volume II will be released on January 10, 2027, with subsequent volumes available every three months afterward. As a reminder, **the first-use date of the revised Divine Office is Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2027, and the mandatory-use date is December 3, 2028, the First Sunday of Advent that begins the 2029 liturgical year.**

A total of eight editions per volume are being produced by Ascension Press and Word on Fire Publishing; prices listed below are retail and do not include preorder discounts offered by the publishers.

Ascension Press

(AscensionPress.com/pages/liturgy-of-the-hours, 800-376-0520)

- **Regular print editions** (4½" × 6¾", 10 pt font, eight ribbons)
 - ◇ Standard (bonded leather) – \$69.99 per volume; \$264.99 for four volume set
 - ◇ Premium (top-grain goatskin leather) – \$129.99 per volume; \$489.99 for four volume set
 - ◇ Premium natural grain (full-grain goatskin leather) – \$239.99 per volume; \$909.99 for four volume set
- **Large print editions** (5½" × 8.375", 12.41 pt font, eight ribbons)
 - ◇ Standard – \$79.99 per volume; \$299.99 for four volume set
 - ◇ Premium – \$139.99 per volume; \$529.99 for four volume set
 - ◇ Premium natural grain – \$259.99 per volume; \$985.99 for four volume set

Word on Fire Publishing

(LiturgyOfTheHours.com, 866-928-1237)

- **Regular print edition** (5" × 8", 11.4 pt font, seven ribbons, natural full-grain leather) – \$124.95 per volume; \$499.95 for four volume set
- **Large print edition** (6" × 9 ¼", 14 pt font, seven ribbons, natural full-grain leather) – \$149.95 per volume; \$599.95 for four volume set

National Eucharistic Congress to Return to Indianapolis in 2029

From National Eucharistic Congress Inc. October 21, 2026

The National Eucharistic Congress will return to Indianapolis in the summer of 2029, bringing Catholics from across the United States together once again for a national celebration centered on Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Chairman of Board of the National Eucharistic Congress Inc., and Archbishop Charles C. Thompson of Indianapolis announced today that the city of Indianapolis has been selected to host the next National Eucharistic Congress, inviting Catholics throughout the nation to begin looking toward the next chapter of the Eucharistic movement in the United States.

The 2029 Congress will seek to build upon the fruits of the 2024 Congress and invite the Church into an even deeper encounter with Christ and a renewed commitment to mission. Indianapolis was selected following careful consideration of potential host cities and venues across the country. The National Eucharistic Congress evaluated facilities, accessibility, hospitality, and each city's ability to serve the mission of the Congress.

National Eucharistic Congress 2029, cont'd.

"The Lord has already shown us what can happen when we place Jesus Christ in the Eucharist at the center and surrender our lives to Him," Bishop Cozzens said. "I believe the Lord wants to do even more than He did before. I believe He is bringing about a great movement of evangelization in our country. 2029 in Indianapolis will be a powerful moment to invite the Holy Spirit to unite and strengthen us. God has already shown us He will not be outdone in generosity when the Church gathers to worship Him. See you in Indy in 2029!"

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2026

As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, Please note the Lectionary Cycles for 2027 are:

- Sunday Cycle - Year B
- Weekday Cycle - I

The Blessing of an Advent Wreath may take place at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer on this Sunday. See *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 47, Order of 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.

Reminder: Placement of the Nativity Scene in the Church

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, pastors and liturgy planners are reminded that if a Nativity scene is displayed inside the church, it should not be placed in the sanctuary (presbyterium). The Book of Blessings instructs that the manger be set in a location suitable for prayer and devotion and easily accessible to the faithful (nos. 1542–1544). The scene should never obscure the altar, ambo, or presider's chair, but instead invite quiet reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation. Whether inside the church or outdoors, the crèche is meant to inspire prayer and wonder, helping all who see it draw closer to Christ, whose humble birth we joyfully proclaim.

November 2026 Liturgical Calendar

Month dedicated to Holy Souls in Purgatory

November 1 (Sunday): All Saints Day

- Liturgical Color: White
- The Gloria should be sung or said.
- The Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #18 may be used.
- On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for **All Saints Day**.
- If the parish has any relics of saints, they can be carried in the opening procession and prayed in an area where parishioners can venerate them after Mass.
- Consider chanting the *Litany of the 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.
- Religious articles and sacramentals may be blessed. (See *Book of Blessings*, Chapters 44, 45, and 46.)

November 2: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

- Liturgical Color: White, Black, or Violet/Purple may be used.
- Ritual Mass not permitted (weddings, etc.)
- The Gloria is omitted.
- The Creed is not said.
- 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 Names of the Dead*, which parishioners may write the names of their loved ones.

November 3: Weekday - Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Memorial - white

November 5-7: Weekdays - Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

November 2026 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

November 8: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Liturgical Color: White
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- The Creed is not said.
- The Sprinkling Rite may be used.
- 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 10: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - Memorial - white
Let us keep in prayer our Holy Father, Leo XIV

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

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

November 13: Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin - Memorial - white

November 14: Weekday - Thirty-second week in Ordinary Time

November 15: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16: Weekday - Thirty-third week in Ordinary Time

November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious - Memorial - white

November 18-20: Weekdays - Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

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

November 22: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- Liturgical Color: White
- The Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water may be used.
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- The Creed is prayed.
- Solemn Blessing #11 may be used.

November 23: Weekday - Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

November 24: Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Memorial - red

November 25: Weekday - Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

November 2026 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

November 26

Thanksgiving Day

- The Missal for the United States provides a set of prayers, including a preface, at the end of the Proper of Saints.
- Consider using the collect from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs (MPVN) no. 48.1 as the concluding prayer for the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful).
- Any readings from Lectionary for Mass (LM) may be used.
- The Gloria and the Creed are not to be sung or said.
- For the "Blessing of Food on Thanksgiving Day", see *Book of Blessings* Chapter 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 27-28: Weekdays - Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

November 29: First Sunday of Advent

- Liturgical Color: Violet-Purple
- The Gloria is not sung or said.
- The Creed is said.
- Preface I of Advent is used through December 16.
- Solemn Blessing #1 may be used for Advent.

November 30: Saint Andrew, Apostle - Feast - red

- The Gloria is sung or said.
- The Creed is omitted.
- Preface I or II of the Apostles may be used.

Bishop Persico Publishes Prayer for a New Bishop

With the celebration of his 75th birthday, Bishop Persico published a prayer for a new bishop for the Diocese of Erie and directed its use beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025.

O Almighty God,
 Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
 and those who assist him
 in the discernment of our new bishop.
 May the one chosen have the strength
 to be a compassionate leader,
 who models humility and joy.
 Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
 the courage of the apostles,
 and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.
 We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
 that he is called to serve.
 May we welcome him with open hearts
 and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
 called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.
 Through the intercession of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
 St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
 and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
 may we journey the path of life
 with an unwavering focus
 on the hope we have in Christ.
 For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
 Amen.

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.

Time for Vigil Masses 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.

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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.