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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.)

Reminder: Placement of the Nativity Scene in 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.

Two Publishers Chosen to Print the New Edition of Liturgy of the Hours

(from Our Sunday Visitor)

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen two Catholic publishers to print the second edition of the Liturgy of the Hours that is celebrated within the Latin Church.

Both Ascension and Word on Fire Publishing announced Oct. 7 they were each selected to put out the newest English version of the church's liturgy, which is the form of the church's public prayer proper to all the baptized faithful and complements the Mass.

The bishops voted in November 2012 to pursue a revised translation of the Liturgy of the Hours following both the 2011 debut of the English translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal, and the 2001 Vatican document "Liturgiam Authenticam," which specified translations of Latin texts into vernacular languages should adhere closely to the Latin original. According to the USCCB, the approval process for the new English translation of the Liturgy of the Hours was completed 12 years later and in May 2025 it submitted the finished manuscript for the Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition, to the Holy See for confirmation.

Liturgy of the Hours, cont'd.

A USCCB spokesperson told OSV News the multivolume document is still pending approval in Rome. The spokesperson said “the publication phase can only begin” after its confirmation by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Jubilee of the Poor

The Jubilee of the Poor will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, which is also the ninth World Day of the Poor. We are called to observe a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, modeling our actions on the examples seen in scripture. God’s continual care for those most vulnerable in our society extends throughout salvation history and is a central tenet of the Gospel. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee for the Poor](#).

Jubilee of Choirs

The Jubilee of Choirs will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating choirs 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 Choirs. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for the music community. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Choirs](#).

Jubilee of Prisoners

The Jubilee of Prisoners will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025. “In every part of the world, believers, and their Pastors in particular, should be one in demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and above all the abolition of the death penalty, a provision at odds with Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. In order to offer prisoners a concrete sign of closeness, I would myself like to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.” (Pope Francis, “Hope Does Not Disappoint,” Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025). For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Prisoners](#).

November 2025 Liturgical Calendar

Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

November 1: All Saints Day

Solemnity, but NOT a day of precept this year

- Funeral Masses ARE permitted
- Ritual Mass NOT permitted (Weddings, etc.)
- Vestments: white
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is said
- Solemn Blessing #18 may be used
- On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)**
- 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
- Consider chanting the *Litany of the Saints* for the opening processions. 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.

November 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

- When November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- Vestments: white, black or violet may be used
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Gloria is omitted
- Creed is said
- Any of the five prefaces for the Dead may be used
- Solemn Blessing Celebrations for the Dead #20 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.”

November 2025 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

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

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

- Vestments: white
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is said
- Solemn Blessing For the Dedication of a Church #19 may be used

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

**There is a mistake in the Ordo from Paulist Press - the color today is not red.

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

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

Patron of Immigrants

November 16: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

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

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

November 22: Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial - red

Patron of Musicians

November 23: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- Vestments: white
- Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is said
- Solemn Blessing #11 may be used

November 24: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial - red

November 27: 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 and Occasions no. 48.1 as the concluding prayer for the Universal Prayer
- Any readings from the Lectionary for Mass #943-947 may be used
- Gloria is not sung or said
- Creed is not 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 of Mass.

November 30: First Sunday of Advent

- Vestments: violet
- Gloria is not sung or said
- Creed is said
- Preface I of Advent is used through December 16
- As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, please note the Lectionary Cycles for 2026 are:
 - ◊ Sunday Cycle - Year A
 - ◊ Weekday Cycle - II

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](#).

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](#).

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:

- 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;
- 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 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.

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.

Time of the Easter Vigil 2026

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and is 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 7:24 PM on April 4, 2026. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2025/2026. 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. 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.