



Office for Divine Worship Newsletter

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Eucharistic Processions for Corpus Christi - June 7

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 7, parishes throughout the Diocese of Erie will host Eucharistic processions as a public witness to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. All are invited to participate in prayer, adoration and thanksgiving as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through parish communities across our 13 counties. Visit the [Diocesan website](#) to view a full listing of Corpus Christi procession times and locations.

Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11. Resources for parish use during Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and other parish activities, are available through the attached PDF from the USCCB.

Among the materials are:

- Information regarding the livestream of the national consecration
- Guidelines for local parish celebrations in union with the bishops
- A novena and consecration prayer to the Sacred Heart
- Bulletin and communications resources for parish use Catechetical, devotional, and liturgical materials

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.

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June 2026 Liturgical Calendar

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 1: Saint Justin, Martyr - Memorial - red

- Vestments: 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.
- Prayer over the People no. 27 or no. 28 may be used.

June 2: Tuesday - Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

June 3: Saint Charles Lawanga and Companions, 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.
- Prayer over the People no. 27 or no. 28 may be used.

June 4: Thursday - Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

June 5: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr - 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, or Preface of Holy Pastors may be used.
- Prayer over the People no. 8 may be used.

June 6: Saturday- Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

June 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

- Mass texts are found in the section for solemnities and feasts of the Lord.
- Sprinkling Rite may be used.
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- Optional Sequence, Lauda Sion, before Gospel.
- The Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #10 or Prayer Over the People #9 may be used.

June 8-10: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

June 11: Saint Barnabas, Apostle - Memorial - red

- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints
- Preface I or II of the Apostles may be used.
- Prayer over the People no. 23 may be used.

June 12: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - white

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

- 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.
- Collect from the Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus may be used.
- Parishioners are invited after the Mass to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or publish the litany on the parish website or bulletin.
- Solemn Blessing no. 13 may be used.

June 2026 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

June 13: - Immaculate Heart of Mary - *optional memorial - white*

- Prayers are found in the Roman Missal Proper of Saints at the end of the section of May.
- Prayers are also found in the Collection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, no. 28 "Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- The Gloria is not sung or said.
- Readings, Lectionary #573.
- The Creed not is said.
- Preface I or II of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be used.
- Solemn Blessing no. 15 may be used.

June 14: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 15-20: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

- A special blessing may be given to fathers. The blessing is available in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 56, "Order of Blessing for Fathers on Father's Day."
- The following petition may be added to the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful):
 - ◇ **English** - *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.***
 - ◇ **Español** - *Por todos los que son papás, pedimos sabiduría y humildad en su tarea de ser papá. Dales la fuerza para hacer el bien ante sus hijos y ante Dios, **Roguemos al Señor.***

June 22-23: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

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.
- The Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints.
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- The Creed is said.

June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29: Solemnity of the 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
 - ◇ Readings for the Mass of the Day
 - * Acts 12: 1-11, Ps. 34:2-9, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16:13-19

Liturgical Advisories for 2026

- August 15, 2026, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** occurs on Saturday. Because it is a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated this year. Evening Prayer I and the “Vigil Mass” of the Assumption are celebrated on Friday evening. The “Mass during the Day” may be celebrated at any time on Saturday; however, Saturday evening Masses that regularly anticipate the Sunday should be for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is a day of precept.

Evening Prayer II on Saturday evening is of the Assumption (I, 3), as it is higher in rank in the Table of Liturgical Days than the Sunday in Ordinary Time (II, 6) (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, no. 61).

Funeral Masses are allowed on Saturday because of the abrogation of the obligation to attend Mass (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 380), but other Masses for the Dead and ritual Masses are not permitted.

Weddings celebrated within Mass must use the prayers for Assumption, and the selection of readings should follow the guidance given in the Order of Celebrating Matrimony, no. 34.
- 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.

Pope Leo XIV Inscribes St. John Henry Newman in General Roman Calendar

(From the Newsletter of the Bishop’s Committee on Divine Worship February 2026)

Pope Leo XIV has ordered the inscription of the celebration of Saint John Henry Newman on the General Roman Calendar as an Optional Memorial on October 9 (Prot. n. 760/25, issued November 9, 2025). The decree praises his “service of intellectual inquiry; the service of preaching and teaching; as well as service to the poor and the least.” Pope Leo named St. John Henry a Doctor of the Church on November 1, 2025.

Reflecting on the inscription, Arthur Cardinal Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, wrote, “The inclusion of Saint John Henry Newman in the General Roman Calendar, which follows upon his proclamation as a Doctor of the Universal Church, is intended to present his figure as an outstanding example of the constant search for the truth that enlightens and saves.”

The Holy See has provided, at CultoDivino.va/en/attivita.html, the decree in multiple languages (including English and Spanish); Latin liturgical texts for the Roman Missal, Lectionary for Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Roman Martyrology; and Cardinal Roche’s reflection. The current liturgical indications are available at USCCB.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/saint-john-henry-newman. Suggested readings for Mass are Sirach 39:6e-10, Psalm 40, and Matthew 13:47-52. The 2026 and 2027 editions of the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America have also been emended to include the new Optional Memorial.

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 directs 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.

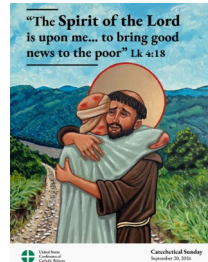
Catechetical Sunday Resources

At its November meeting, the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis choose the theme as: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor”

(Lk 4:18). In his homily for the Jubilee of Migrants on October 5, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that our salvation provided by God “is fulfilled when we take responsibility and, with the compassion of the Gospel, care for the suffering of others.”

Catechetical Sunday 2026 Official Image

The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has selected the image below to accompany the 2026 theme, in recognition of the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.



Poster, prayer cards, and certificates will be available for free download at: [Catechetical Sunday 2026 | USCCB](#)

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.

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 mbsperry@usccb.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.