



FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP...

NOTES FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2014

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Funerals on Holy Days of Obligation

Q.: Can a funeral Mass be celebrated on a holy day of obligation?

A.: In short, no. Within the liturgical calendar, certain days take precedent over others. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* at no. 380 gives us a very clear listing of when the funeral Mass cannot be celebrated:

- ✘ Solemnities that are Holydays of Obligation
- ✘ Thursday of Holy Week
- ✘ Paschal Triduum
- ✘ Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter

If one were to celebrate a funeral liturgy on any of the days listed above, they would use the “Funeral Liturgy Outside of Mass” found in the *Order of Christian Funerals*, nos. 177-203. Therefore, even on those days when the funeral Mass could not be celebrated, the faithful still have the opportunity to “hear the message of Easter hope proclaimed in the liturgy of the word and to commend the deceased to God” (OCF, 177).

Looking at the list above, there are really just a handful of days that the funeral Mass could not be celebrated. However, even on those days when the funeral Mass is permitted, one still has to be mindful of the number of Masses being celebrated that day, among other considerations.

We can also look to the *ordo* to help remind us what we can do when. Days which funeral Masses would be permitted are designated as R¹-R³. If there is no “R” designation for a particular day in the *ordo*, then it means that the funeral Mass cannot be celebrated that day.

Let’s look at a couple of upcoming days as examples:

- ✘ All Saints—Since it is not a holy day of obligation in 2014, a funeral Mass could be celebrated.
- ✘ Immaculate Conception—It retains the obligation in 2014, so a funeral Mass would not be permitted.

This is not meant to be a burden for the family and mourners of the deceased, but rather a reminder to all the faithful of the importance of celebrating particular days in the life of the universal Church. The GIRM does remind us of the importance of praying for the dead: “The Church offers the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Christ’s Pasch for the dead so that, since all the members of Christ’s Body are in communion with one another, what implores spiritual help for some, may bring comforting hope to others” (GIRM, 379). The dead are remembered at every Mass, most especially in the intercessions of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Upcoming Conferences

Decoding the Christian Temple: Church Architecture and Its Place in Christian Worship

September 26, 2014

The Liturgical Institute; University of Saint Mary of the Lake; Mundelein, Illinois

Join Institute faculty members Fr. Douglas Martis, Christopher Carstens and Denis McNamara for a day-long investigation into the deep theology of liturgical art and architecture as expressed through the rites of the Church. Perfect for pastors, architects, building committees and all who delight in the visual beauty of sacred worship.

Profound Preaching 2014: Paradigms for Preachers

November 14, 2014

The Liturgical Institute; University of Saint Mary of the Lake; Mundelein, Illinois

One of the Institute's most popular events. This year with Dominican Father Alan White, OP, Chaplain and Director of the Catholic Center at New York University. According to Fr. White, "On the road to Emmaus Jesus provides a model of how preachers should approach their ministry. Discipleship and proclamation go together. Preachers must listen to the Word, be transformed by the Word and live the Word so that those who cannot read it can read it in and through them."

Registration fee for either workshop, which includes lunch, coffee, and snacks, is \$75. Lodging and other meals on campus are available for extra fees.

For more information or to register, please call (847) 837-4542, or visit <http://www.usml.edu/the-liturgical-institute>.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events from the Liturgical Institute:

- ✘ January 9, 2015—The Chants of Lent
- ✘ January 30, 2015—Treasures of the Triduum, Holy Week
- ✘ March 6, 2015—Psalmist Workshop, Psalms of Holy Week and Easter

Upcoming Conferences (cont.)

Although these conferences are nearly a year away, it is good to have the information early to help in budgeting time and money.

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy 2015 Symposium—Liturgy and Vocation: The Rites of Marriage and Priesthood as Mysteries of Love

June 8-11, 2015

University of Notre Dame; Notre Dame, Indiana

Keynote Sessions and Seminars include:

- ✘ Bridal Imagery in the Scriptures
 - ✘ Liturgy as Vocation
 - ✘ The Political Vocation of the Married and the Ordained
 - ✘ The Eschatological Dimension of Marriage and Priesthood
 - ✘ Formation for Marriage and Priesthood
 - ✘ The Renewal of the Domestic Church
 - ✘ The Deacon in the Life of the Church
 - ✘ Mystagogy of the Priesthood
 - ✘ Mystagogy of Marriage
 - ✘ Marriage in Hispanic Catholicism
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Notre Dame Vision for Liturgical Ministers

July 13-17, 2015

University of Notre Dame; Notre Dame, Indiana

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy is joining forces with Notre Dame Vision to launch **Notre Dame Vision for Liturgical Music Ministers**. An extension of Notre Dame Vision for High School Students and Notre Dame Vision for Campus and Youth Ministers, this new retreat program invites liturgical music ministers to spend a week on Notre Dame's campus contemplating the beauty of their vocation in order to live it more fully.

Participants will be immersed in a series of theologically rich presentation, and enjoy opportunities for prayer, reflection, conversation, and fellowship. Together, they will deepen their understanding of what it means to respond to God's call as faithful disciples and liturgical music ministers.

More information to come in the following months!



Office of Worship Online

The summer brought about many changes to the diocesan website, and to the Office of Worship corner of the online world as well.

If you have not yet had the chance, please visit www.evdio.org, and under the “Departments” heading click on “Worship.” At the Worship site, you will find many areas that will hopefully be of help to you in your ministry at the local level:

- ✘ Newsletter archive—find the current and past issues of the Office newsletter and other communications from the Office of Worship
- ✘ Policies and Guidelines—resources to help your local liturgical celebrations
- ✘ Diocesan liturgical calendar—listing of those dates that belong especially to our own local calendar
- ✘ Resources on the Mass and the Sacraments
- ✘ RCIA—Information on the RCIA process and materials to help implement the RCIA in your parish
- ✘ Liturgical Music
- ✘ Upcoming Events

While the Office of Worship has long maintained a web presence, it is hoped the redesign will make it easier for all to find what they need when they need it. As with most resource websites, it will always be a work in progress, so check back on a regular basis for updates and new materials.

Along with this, Jeremy Korba, diocesan director of music, has been working to build up the music ministry presence online with the “Diocese of Evansville Music Ministry” Facebook page. This is just another way the Office of Worship can use social media and other electronic means to help build up the liturgical apostolate in our diocese. Through the intercession of Saint Isidore of Seville, the patron of computers and the Internet, may the work we have begun come to fulfillment!

www.evdio.org/worship.html

Memorial of Saint Theodora Guérin—October 3

It goes without saying the impact Saint Theodora Guérin, or Mother Theodore, had on the life of the Church in southern Indiana and beyond. That is why it was requested to add her to the local liturgical calendar at the time of her canonization.

For your convenience, the proper prayer for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours are included here for you to use to celebrate her feast day:

Common of Virgins

Collect

Loving God,
in Mother Theodore Guérin
you have given us an example of a religious woman
who trusted deeply in Providence.
Through her intercession,
inspire us to dedicate our lives
to proclaiming the Gospel
through works of love, mercy and justice.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Reminder—All Saints

In case you had not looked ahead on the calendar yet, the Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated on Saturday, November 1. It **is not** a holy day of obligation in 2014 owing to the 1992 decision of the USCCB abrogating the precept to attend Mass when November 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday.

Since it is not a holy day of obligation (solemnity of precept), funeral Masses may be celebrated this day. All holy men and women, saints of God, pray for us!

Sundays and Feastdays

In 2014 the stars and the liturgical calendar have aligned in such a way that we have several instances where a proper Feast or Solemnity (and even one Commemoration) replace the Sunday. Here is a listing of the upcoming feasts that will take precedent over the Sunday:

- ✘ September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast
- ✘ November 2—Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
- ✘ November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast

Each of these trumps the Sunday in Ordinary Time for its own reason. According to the “Table of Liturgical Days,” which assigns the degrees of precedent to our various feasts and seasons, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, as a Feast of the Lord, takes precedent over the Sunday in Ordinary Time. All Souls, which is in a category all its own, is recognized as that day we explicitly pray for all of the faithful departed, and is given greater precedence on the calendar than the Sunday in OT. The dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which is the cathedral for the diocese of Rome, has special significance for the Church worldwide in the same way that every diocese remembers the anniversary of the dedication of its own cathedral. It is where the *cathedra* for the bishop of Rome sits, and is the “mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world” (Pope Clement XII).