



FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP

NOTES FOR JULY-AUGUST 2016

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Assumption of the BVM—Holy Day of Obligation or Not?

Q. Is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a holy day of obligation this year?

A. August 15 lands on a Monday in 2016. Since 1993, the Church in the United States has followed the practice that when January 1 (Mary, the Holy Mother of God), August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), or November 1 (All Saints) lands on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass is lifted. Therefore, the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation in 2016. Do not forget to remind your people this weekend and next that it is not a day of obligation—but they are more than welcome to still come to Mass that day!

Even though the Assumption does have proper prayers and readings for a vigil Mass the evening of August 14, Masses celebrated that Sunday evening should use the texts for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (since the Sunday remains a holy day of obligation while “Assumption Monday” is not).

For the Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer I of the Assumption is prayed on Sunday evening.

Looking ahead to 2017, August 15 will be on a Tuesday. This means that it will be a holy day of obligation in 2017.

All Saints/All Souls Reminder

This year, All Saints (November 1) lands on a Tuesday. This means that it will be a holy day of obligation. Masses from 4 PM October 31 through November 1 should be for the Solemnity and would fulfill the obligation to participate in Mass.

As usual, November 2 brings us the Commemoration of All Souls. Since it holds the special title of “commemoration,” it has its own set of rules:

- ✘ Priests are granted the privilege of celebrating three Masses—one for a particular intention, one for all the faithful departed, and one for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- ✘ Funeral Masses may be celebrated this day, but other ritual Masses may not

Chapter 57 of the *Book of Blessings* provides an “Order for Visiting a Cemetery on All Souls Day” that can be used right after Mass or apart from the Mass. Remember to pray for the dead in this Year of Mercy!

Order of Celebrating Matrimony Update

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony (OCM) was canonically approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on November 12, 2013, and was subsequently confirmed by the Apostolic See by decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) on June 29, 2015. The new Matrimony rite may be used as of September 8, 2016, and its use becomes mandatory beginning on December 30, 2016, the Feast of the Holy Family.

In preparation for the implementation of this long-awaited text, the Office of Worship will be offering workshops for those who are involved in the preparation and celebration of weddings at the parish level:

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony for Priests

Tuesday, August 30, 9 AM-12 PM

Catholic Center, Evansville

Presenter: Very Rev. Patrick Beidelman, STL, Executive Director for Worship and Evangelization, Archdiocese of Indianapolis

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony for Deacons

Saturday, September 17, 9 AM-12 PM

Catholic Center, Evansville

Presenter: Matt Miller, Director, Office of Worship, Diocese of Evansville

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony for Music Ministers and Parish Staffs

Saturday, September 24, 9 AM-12 PM

Catholic Center, Evansville

Presenters: Matt Miller, Director, Office of Worship, Diocese of Evansville, and Jeremy Korba, Director of Diocesan Choir and Director of Liturgical Music, Saint Benedict Cathedral

Much like the *Roman Missal*, several publishers will be offering the OCM.

USCCB Publishing—<http://store.usccb.org/The-Order-of-Celebrating-Matrimony-p/7-538.htm>

7.25 by 10.5 inches, three ribbons and a red bonded leather hard cover.

Magnificat—<http://bookstore.magnificat.net/the-roman-missal-third-edition/order-of-celebrating-matrimony.html>

9 by 6.5 inches, four ribbons with a durable gold-embossed red semi-leather cover.

Liturgical Press—<https://litpress.org/Products/4624/The-Order-of-Celebrating-MatrimonyRitual-del-Matrimonio>

7.25 by 10.5 inches, three ribbons with a white cover stamped in gold and silver. The only Spanish-English bilingual edition of the Catholic marriage rite available in the United States.

Catholic Book Publishing—<http://www.catholicbookpublishing.com/products/1084>

7.25 by 10.25 inches, available in red leather or hardcover editions.

For the ritual book, publishers will not be shipping until August 25. The Office of Worship hopes to have copies of the various versions available for review at the workshops.

In addition, publishers have put together various other resources to aid in implementing the new edition as well as to help clergy, parish staffs, and engaged couples to prepare to celebrate wedding liturgies. The Office of Worship will be reviewing as many of these resources as possible over the next few months as they become available.

Catechetical Sunday 2016



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016 and will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

As in past years, a variety of materials, free of charge on-line, have been prepared to assist clergy, parish catechists, Catholic school teachers, and the faithful to celebrate Catechetical Sunday, not only in September but throughout 2016-2017. These can be found at the USCCB Catechetical Sunday 2016 website: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm>

In addition, chapter four of the *Book of Blessings* provides an "Order for the Blessing of Those Appointed as Catechists" that may be used in or outside of Mass. This could be used at the Masses Catechetical Sunday weekend to publicly recognize those who have made the commitment to serve as catechists, as well as giving the faithful of the community the opportunity to publicly pray for and support those entrusted with this great work.

Lastly, please do not forget to recognize parents as the first teachers of children. The role which they play is essential, and our prayerful support of them is greatly needed and appreciated.

Back to School, Labor Day, and the *Book of Blessings*

BEGINNING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN PRAYER

As the beginning of the school year approaches, it is right to look at starting the year in prayer. Here are a few suggestions from the resources of the Church:

- ✠ *Book of Blessings*—Chapter 5 provides an "Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers," which may be done both in and out of Mass. This could be done for the entire school or even by individual classes.
- ✠ *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*—Part V: Prayers for Catholic Living provides some simple prayers to start and end the school year, as well as a "Prayer for Students" and a "Prayer for Teachers." There is also a simple "Blessing Before an Athletic Event" that may be helpful for coaches or parent volunteers.
- ✠ Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit—In many places it is customary to invoke the intercession of the Holy Spirit on the start of the academic year by celebrating a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, or "Red Mass," on a weekday that allows for a Votive Mass to be celebrated (check your *ordo*). Proper prayers for the Mass can be found in the *Roman Missal* under Votive Masses, #9, The Holy Spirit; and readings can be found in the *Lectioary* at #1001.

LITURGIES FOR LABOR DAY

We give thanks to God for the gift of work, and we ask that he "give success to the work of our hands" (Psalm 90:17). Since there is no other feast day on September 5 that would take precedent, parishes may wish to consider celebrating Masses on Labor Day using the following texts:

- ✠ *Roman Missal*: Masses and Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions, II. For Civil Needs, #26 A or B, For the Sanctification of Human Labor
- ✠ *Lectioary*: #907-911, For the Blessing of Human Labor

Upcoming Conferences

2017 Summer Symposia

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN

In the summer of 2017, the Center for Liturgy will be hosting three different symposia for those involved in liturgical formation, sacramental catechesis, and liturgical music ministry. Plan now so you are ready for 2017!

LITURGY AND LIFE

What is it?

The celebration of the liturgy in parishes and schools transforms the worshipping Church into a sacrifice of love for the world. In this three year cycle of conferences, participants will be formed to think about how to carry out the rites so that women and men will have a fruitful encounter with the triune God. Participants will also learn other practices necessary for living a liturgical life that might be promoted in the parish, the school, or the domestic church. Attendees in these study days will be formed to think about the liturgy as integral to the evangelization of their neighborhood and the world.

When is it?

June 19-23, 2017: The Liturgy of Time and Space

Who is invited?

This program is designed for parish leaders of liturgy and catechesis, campus ministers, and diocesan staff involved in the work of evangelization.

FORMING THE SACRAMENTAL IMAGINATION: CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

What is it?

Liturgical and sacramental catechesis presumes a renewal of our biblical, liturgical, and moral imaginations. In this three year program, catechetical and diocesan leaders will develop an approach to liturgical and sacramental catechesis grounded in the methodological principles of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This event will gather leaders of CGS, parish catechists, and theological educators to think through what constitutes a sacramental pedagogy in the parish, in the atrium, and even in the classroom. Participants in these study days will be formed to renew catechesis throughout the parish, school, and family through closer contact with biblical and sacramental sources.

When is it?

June 26-30, 2017: The Senses of the Scripture

Who is invited?

This program is designed for CGS trained catechists, parish catechists using other methods beside CGS, high school theology teachers looking to incorporate contemplative practice in the classroom, and parents wanting assistance in the religious formation of their children.

NOTRE DAME VISION FOR LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTERS

What is it?

Notre Dame Vision for Liturgical Music Ministers (LMM) engages parish, diocesan, and school liturgical music ministers in the dynamic of God's call and our response. In the week together, participants will engage in theological exploration, discussion, and personal renewal. Guided by the wisdom set forth in the document *Sing to the Lord* (§50), Notre Dame Vision for Liturgical Music Ministers provides a formation opportunity that will cultivate personal and ministerial growth for the liturgical musician in the use of their gifts for the world.

When is it?

July 17-21, 2017: The Word, Music, and St. John's Bible

Who is invited?

All those involved in the work of music ministry at the parish, diocesan, or school level.