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Liturgical Considerations for All Saints'/All Souls' Day 2013

In 2013, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on November 2 falls on a Saturday. Because of this, in recent weeks, the Office of Worship has received numerous inquiries regarding the liturgies to be used during November 1-2.

All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation in 2013. Ritual Masses and funeral Masses are not to be celebrated this day. The funeral liturgy outside Mass should be used for any funerals that need to be celebrated this day. Any other rituals (such as Marriage or Confirmation) would be celebrated in the context of the All Saints' Day Mass.

The Table of Liturgical Days ranks All Souls' Day at no. 3 after the Solemnity of All Saints, but ahead of Sundays in Ordinary Time (no. 6). Therefore, on Friday evening, Masses are that of the Solemnity of All Saints. Saturday morning and early afternoon Masses (before 4 pm) would be for All Souls. On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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 Souls' Day (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 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, though it might not be the most appropriate combination. Rather, the Rite of Marriage outside Mass should be the preferred option if the celebration of Marriage is to take place on this day.

Funeral Masses (which are a particular form of Masses for the Dead) are appropriately celebrated on All Souls' Day.

For the Liturgy of the Hours—on Friday evening, November 1, Evening Prayer II of All Saints is celebrated, though for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, it may be followed by Evening Prayer for the Dead. On Saturday, November 2, Evening Prayer may again be taken from the Office of the Dead if celebrated with the people. If, however, the Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated individually, Evening Prayer I of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time is used.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Worship.

This information was based on resources provided by the USCCB Committee for Divine Worship Newsletter.

Upcoming Conferences

Bringing to Life the Word of God in Song

July 1-July 5, 2013 (Beginner); July 8-12, 2013 (Advanced)

Saint Meinrad Archabbey

St. Meinrad, Indiana

Learn from chant scholar Father Columba Kelly, OSB, how the practice of Gregorian chant brings to life the Word of God in song, and study the intimate relationship between the proclaimed Word of God and its melodic setting. Learn a new way to enhance *lectio*, or spiritual reading. The beginning workshop includes study of the original chant notations as the key to unlocking the spiritual and artistic qualities that have influenced later Western music. In the advanced session, singing both Latin and English settings in chant style will be practiced.

Fees are \$395 for each week. For more information or to register, please call (800) 581-6905 or (812) 357-6585, or visit <http://www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats/>.

Participation: Liturgy, Life, Mission

National Association of Pastoral Musicians 36th Annual Convention

July 29-August 2, 2013

Washington, D.C.

Come to our nation's capital for practical hands-on learning, stimulating ideas, vibrant sung prayer, spiritual reflection, exhibits of music and ministry resources, and much more. Come to gather with colleagues and friends, new and old. Musicians, clergy, and liturgists won't want to miss this exciting event! Convention Mass on Wednesday morning will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with Donald Cardinal Wuerl as celebrant.

Advanced registration rate through June 28 is \$315 for NPM members and \$393 for non-members.

For more information on other costs, schedule, speakers, breakouts, and housing, please visit www.npm.org, or call the NPM office at (240) 247-3000.

Beloved Children, Imitators of God: Deification and the Sacraments of Initiation

June 17 - 20, 2013

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy

Notre Dame, IN

The 2013 Symposium, focusing on the sacraments of initiation, explores how baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist transform us into beloved children, imitators of God (cf. Ephesians 5:1). The central theological theme of the 2013 Symposium is deification, the process of sanctification in which human beings enter into the divine life. Topics to be treated include the Trinitarian context of initiation; images of deification in baptismal and Eucharistic prayers; initiation and art; confirmation and deification; initiation and the sanctification of culture; and, the communion of saints.

Early registration fee (by Friday, May 10) of \$260 per person (after May 10 is \$280). Registration fee includes all meeting materials, refreshment breaks, and meals. Fee includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

For more information, please visit the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy website at <http://liturgy.nd.edu/>, email ndcl@nd.edu or call (574) 631-5436.

USCCB Catechetical Website on the Mass

The USCCB has launched a new catechetical website on the Mass, as part of its effort to engage the New Evangelization with three focuses on Faith, Worship, and Witness. The new website became active on December 3, 2012, and is located at www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass.

Divided into sections similar to the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the Mass website offers various articles, background materials, and frequently asked questions. The Secretariat of Divine Worship hopes to add additional content to keep the pages fresh.

In preparation for catechetical efforts surrounding the future *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición*, a Spanish version of the Mass website is also now available at www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/la-santa-misa. These pages will be expanded as proximate preparation for the introduction of the *Misal Romano* begins.



Ascension – Thursday or Sunday?

Q. When is Ascension celebrated this year – Thursday or Sunday?

A. The dioceses that make up the province of Indiana (and the vast majority of the dioceses in the United States) have elected to transfer (using a 1999 indult from the Holy See) the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord from the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter to the following Sunday. Therefore, Ascension in 2013 will be on Sunday, May 12. It will continue to be celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Easter for the foreseeable future.

Also, the *Roman Missal* contains proper prayers for the Vigil of the Ascension, which should be used for those Masses celebrated on the evening of May 11. The readings, however, remain the same for both the vigil and the Sunday.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in 2013

In 2013, December 8—normally the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. In accordance with no. 5 of the *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, the observance of the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. The move allows for this feast, the patronal feast day of the United States, to be celebrated but respects the place that the Sundays of Advent have on our liturgical calendar.

However, the obligation of the faithful to attend Mass remains attached to the day itself (December 8), and so it does not transfer with the liturgical observance.

Looking ahead to 2014, the Solemnity naturally falls on a Monday, and it will be a holy day of obligation. As our national feast day, it is not impacted by the concession given to some of our holy days to remove the obligation when they land on a Saturday or a Monday.

Layperson as Minister of Exposition

Q. What is the proper role of a layperson asked to expose/repose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration?

A. According to *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass*, in the absence of a priest or deacon, an acolyte, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or other designated person may expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament. These lay ministers may open and remove the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle, place the host in the monstrance on the altar, and then replace the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle at the end of the period of adoration.

It is not permitted, however, for these lay ministers to give Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, nor should they incense it. This also means that the lay minister should not wear the cope or humeral veil.