All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day 2014

In 2014, 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. Some clarification is needed, therefore, regarding the correct Mass and Office from the Liturgy of the Hours to be used during November 1–2.

First 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.

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, November 2).

On Friday evening, Masses are that of the Solemnity of All Saints. On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses (those after 4 PM) should be for All Souls’ Day. The following chart prepared by the USCCB may be helpful in this regard:

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Evening Mass</th>
<th>Liturgy of the Hours</th>
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<td>Saturday, November 1, 2014</td>
<td>All Souls (anticipated)</td>
<td>Morning &amp; Evening Prayer II of All Saints (EP of the Dead optional after EP II of All Saints)</td>
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<td>Sunday, November 2, 2014</td>
<td>All Souls</td>
<td>Individual recitation: Morning &amp; Evening Prayer II of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrated with the people: Office of the Dead</td>
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Since Saturday is a common day for the celebration of Marriage, 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 Rite of Marriage outside Mass could also be used if the celebration of Marriage is to take place on this day. (Please note—Ritual Masses are also forbidden on All Souls’ Day.) Lastly, since All Saints is not a holy day of obligation, funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day (see GIRM, no. 380).
**Upcoming Conferences**

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**Catechetical Sunday 2014—Teaching about God’s Gift of Forgiveness**

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2014, and will focus on the theme “Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness.” 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. In addition, Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to re dedicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. This is also an appropriate time to recognize those in the parish who serve as catechists and to bless them for their ministry. In the Book of Blessings, chapter 4, there is an order for blessing catechists both in and out of Mass. Celebrating the blessing in the context of the weekend Masses would be ideal, but one could also bless the catechists at another opportune moment—they need all the blessings they can get!

For more information and resources to help you celebrate Catechetical Sunday, please visit the USCCB’s website: [http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm).

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**Reminder—Assumption of the BVM**

In case you had not looked ahead on the calendar yet, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Friday, August 15. It is a holy day of obligation in 2014. In addition, the Assumption has its own proper vigil Mass with its own prayers and readings that should be used for Masses celebrated on the evening of Thursday, August 14. Lastly, as a holy day of obligation (solemnity of precept), funeral Masses are not celebrated this day, but the funeral liturgy outside of Mass may be celebrated. Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

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**Beginning the School Year in Prayer: Book of Blessings and Masses**

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 *Lectio- tionary* at #1001.
Liturgical Books Currently in Use

With the ongoing translation work of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and the publication of new ritual books, the Bishops’ Committee for Divine Worship has provided the following list of current ritual books. These are all editions approved for liturgical use in the United States of America. The years in *italics* refer to the current Latin *editiones typicæ* (or reprint). Years in (parenthesis) refer to past English editions, and the years in **bold** refer to the current English edition. An *underlined* year indicates a Spanish edition approved for use in the U.S.

### For the Eucharist
- **Roman Missal** 2008 (1974; 1985) **2011**
- **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** 2008 (1970/74/85; 2003) **2011**
- **Lectionary for Mass** 1974 (1992) **2011**
- **Rite of Concelebration** 2009 (1974; 1985) **2011**
- **Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 2009 (1974; 1985) **2011**
- **Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest** (1988; 2006) **2012; 2007**
- **Lectionary for Masses with Children** 1993
- **Ceremonial of Bishops** 2008; **1989**

### Music for the Eucharist
- **Graduale Romanum** (Gregorian chants for all parts of the Mass except the Eucharistic Prayers) 1979
- **Liber usualis** (companion book for the *Graduale Romanum*, containing rules for proper use) 1961/1997
- **Kyriale Simplex** (music for the ordinary parts of the Mass) 1997
- **The Simple Gradual for Sundays and Holy Days** (proper parts of the Mass in simpler melodies than found in the *Graduale Romanum*; includes commons for the seasons and responsorial psalms) 2007; **1969**
- **Ordo cantus Missae** (chants for the Mass) 1987
- **Liber Cantualis** (selection of Mass parts and hymns with simpler Gregorian melodies) 1983
- **Inhilitae Deo/Psalat Ecclesia** (simpler Gregorian chants) 1999/2002
- **Ordo Missae in Cantu** (complete *Ordo Missae* in chant notation) 2012
- **Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ** (1971) **1998**

### For the other Sacraments
Two ritual books (*Marriage* and *Confirmation*) are awaiting the *recognitio* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and will hopefully be published next year. Two additional ritual books (*Dedication of a Church and Altar* and *Exorcism*) are tentatively scheduled to be presented for vote by the U.S. Bishops in November 2014 and hopefully sent to Rome shortly thereafter for the *recognitio*. The *Dedication of a Church and Altar*, even though it belongs to the *Roman Pontifical*, has never been published as part of the Pontifical, but always in a separate volume.

- **Roman Pontifical** 1978; **2012**
  - The Institution of Lectors and Acolytes 1972 (1978) **2012**
  - The Blessing of Abbots and Abbesses 2010 (1978) **2012**
  - The Consecration of Virgins 1970 (1978) **2012**
  - The Rite of Confirmation 2003 (1978) **2012**
  - The Rite for the Blessing of Oils and the Consecration of Chrism 1971 (1985) **2012**
  - Dedication of a Church and an Altar 1977; **1989**
Liturgical Books Currently in Use (cont.)

- **Roman Ritual**
  - Rite of Baptism for Children  2003; 1970; 2009
  - Rite of Marriage  2008; 1970; 2010
  - Rite of Penance  1974 (1975) 2010
  - Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass  1974; 1976
  - Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum  1975; 1983
  - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  1972; 1988; 1993
  - Book of Blessings  1994; 1989
  - Rite of Religious Profession  1970; 1989
  - De Exorcismus et supplicationibus quibusdam  2005

- **Other Liturgical Books**
  - Liturgy of the Hours  2000; 1975/1976
  - *Ordo cantus officii* (chants for the Liturgy of the Hours)  1983
  - *Liber hymnarius* (hymns with invitatories and responsories for the LoH)  1983
  - *Antiphonale Romanum II* (music for Vespers for Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts)  2009
  - Martyrologium Romanum  2004
  - Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary  1981; 2005

- **Excerpts of Ritual Books published in fascicle format**
  - Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist  1993
  - Pastoral Care of the Dying  2002
  - *Bendición al Cumplir Quince Años* (Quinceañera)  2008
  - Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb  2012
  - Communion of the Sick  2012
  - Administration of Communion and Viaticum by an Extraordinary Minister  2013

**CARA Survey on the RCIA**

In a joint project, the Secretariat of Divine Worship and Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis of the USCCB, along with the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, have commissioned Georgetown University’s Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate to conduct a major survey on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The goal of the survey is to gauge the actual use and implementation of the RCIA in real-life parish situations. The survey has been designed to determine which of the rites are actually used in parish and diocesan settings, when the rites are celebrated, and who presides at them. This comprehensive survey is the first of its kind, and responses will inform the Bishops of the United States as they undertake a review of the National Statutes for the Catechumenate, which have been in place since 1986.

The survey has been distributed to 10,000 recipients via e-mail, sampling parishes from all across the United States—urban and rural, large and small. The survey’s format is multiple-choice, except for a few open-ended final questions. The findings will be reported at the National Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in Lombard, Illinois in October of 2014. If your parish was one selected to receive this survey, please complete it thoroughly and honestly, based on the actual practices in a typical year at your parish. Your assistance in this work is greatly needed and appreciated.