



# FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP

NOTES FOR MAY-JUNE 2019

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## Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Saint John the Baptist; Saints Peter and Paul; and Saint Mary Magdalene

While they may not be holy days of obligation (Solemnities of precept), there are two Solemnities, one Feast, and one Memorial in June and July that deserve some special attention:

### **June 10—Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

In 2018 this obligatory Memorial was added to the calendar by Pope Francis. The proper prayers for the Mass are to be taken from the votive Mass “Our Lady, Mother of the Church,” and there are proper readings assigned to this day that take the place of the Ordinary Time readings. For the Liturgy of the Hours, the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be used, with the Prayer taken from the votive Mass. As a Memorial, funerals may be celebrated this day if needed.

### **June 24—Nativity of John the Baptist**

June 24 is a Monday in 2019. This Solemnity would normally have its own vigil Mass with proper readings and prayers distinct from those for the Mass of the feast day. However, June 23 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), which is of higher priority (Solemnity of the Lord > Solemnity of a Saint). Therefore, unless there was some pastoral need, Masses the evening of June 23, and Evening Prayer II for June 23 would be for Corpus Christi. In addition, since this is not a holy day of obligation, funerals may be celebrated this day if needed.

### **June 29—Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**

Like John the Baptist above, this Solemnity also has its own vigil Mass with proper readings and prayers distinct from those for the Mass of the feast day. And also like above, the evening before is impeded by another Solemnity of the Lord, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Therefore, unless there was some pastoral need, Masses the evening of June 28, and Evening Prayer II for June 28 would be for Sacred Heart. Since this is also not a holy day of obligation, funerals may be celebrated this day if needed.

### **July 22—Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**

In 2016, the Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene was raised to a proper Feast. As with any Feast, the *Gloria* is sung at Mass, and the readings for the feast day take the place of the Ordinary Time readings. In the Office of Readings of the Liturgy of the Hours, the psalmody, verse, and First Reading with its Responsory are taken from the Common of Holy Women instead of the usual day; the *Te Deum* is also sung or said after the Second Reading with its Responsory. Funerals may be celebrated this day if needed.

## 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 Thursday in 2019. This means that the Assumption is a holy day of obligation in 2019. Only when it lands on a Saturday or a Monday is the obligation lifted. Do not forget to remind your congregations the weekends leading up to August 15 that it is a day of obligation.

Assumption is also one of the few days that does have proper prayers and readings for a vigil Mass the evening of August 14. Masses celebrated after 4 PM on August 14 would use the vigil Mass prayers and readings. And like any other holy day of obligation, funeral Masses are not celebrated this day.

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

## Vigil Mass vs. Anticipatory Mass

### **Q. What is the difference between a “vigil Mass” and an “anticipatory Mass?”**

A. They look a lot alike, and the terms are often used interchangeably. However, in Church calendar terms, a “vigil Mass” is a Mass the evening before (4 PM or later) a Solemnity with its own proper prayers and/or readings that are distinct from the ones for the actual feast day. The easiest examples of this are Masses like the Easter Vigil or Christmas Eve. But there are other Solemnities that have their own vigils, such as the Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An “anticipatory Mass” is one that is celebrated the evening before that uses the same prayers and readings of the feast day. The most recognizable examples of anticipatory Masses are the vast majority of Saturday evening Masses we celebrate, using the Sunday prayers and readings.

But, not every Solemnity has vigil texts assigned. So, for example, the Solemnity of All Saints does not have its own proper vigil texts, so a Mass celebrated the evening before (after 4 pm) would use the prayers and readings from November 1 and would technically be an “anticipatory Mass.”

Vigils have a long history in the Church, and the liturgical celebration of all Sundays and Solemnities begins with Evening Prayer I of Liturgy of the Hours the preceding day.

## Lectionary or *Book of the Gospels* in Procession

### **Q. Should the Lectionary be carried in the entrance procession for Mass if there is no *Book of the Gospels*?**

A. The *Book of the Gospels* has long been venerated above the other books used for the readings in both the Churches of the East and West. The Gospel holds pride of place as the climax of the Liturgy of the Word, and the book used for its proclamation is seen as a sign of Christ present in the liturgy. Because of this, the *Book of the Gospels* has traditionally had “special marks of honor,” from its craftsmanship, the rituals connected to its use, and the ways that it is venerated. While the Church holds that Christ is present in the Scriptures proclaimed, the Lectionary does not have the same sign value that the *Book of the Gospels* does. Therefore, only the *Book of the Gospels* is carried in the entrance procession for Mass, and never the Lectionary. It may be carried by the deacon or by a reader if there is no deacon. The book is placed on the altar until it is retrieved for the procession to the ambo for the proclamation of the Gospel, and this procession may be accompanied by candles and incense.

## Update Your List of EMHCs

If you have not recently sent in an update of your parish's listing of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs), now is a good time to do so! If you are not sure or would like a copy of what is on record, please contact the Office of Worship and we will gladly send you a copy. Updated lists can be sent to the Office of Worship via email or regular mail.

As a reminder, EMHCs are commissioned by the bishop at the recommendation of the pastor for their ministry. They are commissioned for five year terms, and can be renewed as often as needed. The "Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers" in chapter 63 of the *Book of Blessings* should be used to inaugurate their ministry.

## 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 lay ministers to give Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, nor should they incense it. This also means that the lay minister does not wear the cope or humeral veil.

## Upcoming Conferences

### *Transfigured: Young Adult Liturgy Conference*

July 12-14, 2019

University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein IL

Join The Liturgical Institute of Mundelein Seminary for a liturgical study weekend, where you will get a first-hand look at what it is like to attend the Institute on their beautiful 1,000 acre campus in Mundelein, Illinois.

During this weekend you will participate in five fun and challenging classroom lectures with Liturgical Institute faculty members, plus a special evening presentation called "From Deserts to Desserts," which includes a "liturgical" dessert tasting. Each day will be enriched by sung Mass and chanted Liturgy of the Hours, and your room and all your meals are included in the registration fee.

Maybe you are new to the Catholic Church and want to learn more about the Sacred Liturgy, or maybe you have been attending Mass your whole life and want to dig deeper. Either way, you will not want to miss this unique opportunity. You will not be changed, you will be transfigured.

Costs: \$375 for single room registration, \$325 for shared room, or \$300 for commuters (no room included). Fees include all meals.

For more information on registration, schedule, and faculty information, please visit The Liturgical Institute's [Transfigured Conference](#) page.

## Upcoming Conferences



*That You May Be Healed*  
42nd Annual Convention  
National Association of Pastoral Musicians  
July 16-19, 2019  
Raleigh, NC

Come to Raleigh 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!

Advanced registrations are still available, as well as daily rates for those who cannot make the whole week. For more information on the registration costs, the numerous options for master classes and other breakouts, information on speakers and other events, and housing options, please visit the [NPM national convention website](#).

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*Bringing to Life the Word of God in Song*  
July 1-5, 2019 (beginners)  
July 8-12, 2019 (advanced)  
Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center,  
St. Meinrad IN

Learn 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. The workshop includes study of the original chant notations as the key to unlocking the spiritual and artistic qualities that have influenced later Western music. Practice singing both Latin and English settings in chant style will be included. Faculty team is led by Fr. Jeremy King, OSB.

The fee for lodging, meals and conferences is \$465 for single occupancy, and \$735 double occupancy. For more information, please contact the Archabbey Guesthouse at (800) 581-6905 or visit: <http://www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats/>.

## Upcoming Conferences (cont.)



*Six Days of Musical Heaven*  
29th Sacred Music Colloquium  
Church Music Association  
of America  
July 1-6, 2019  
Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA

The CMAA Colloquium is primarily focused on instruction and experience in chant and the Catholic sacred music tradition, participation in chant choirs, lectures and performances and daily liturgies. During the week, you'll be able to participate in ordinary and extraordinary form Masses, in Latin, Latin/Spanish and English, as well as morning Lauds and sung night prayer. As a participant, you are an integral part of the beautiful music from the Roman Catholic tradition. Experience not only the traditional Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony of the church's musical treasure, but also new compositions of English propers and ordinaries by various composers, as well as modern motets. For the second year, the Sacred Music Colloquium will also offer Mass in Spanish, with Spanish propers.

### Highlights:

- ✘ Extensive training in Gregorian chant under a world-class faculty.
- ✘ Breakout sessions during the week on a variety of topics.
- ✘ Plenary lectures on topics of interest to all who love sacred music.
- ✘ Choral experience with one of four choirs.
- ✘ Daily liturgies with careful attention to musical settings in English, Spanish, and Latin.
- ✘ A gala welcome reception and dinner at the ballroom at the Wyeth Ballroom at the Sonesta Hotel.
- ✘ Individual training in vocal production and technique.
- ✘ Training for priests, deacons, seminarians in the sung Mass (these sessions are not restricted to clergy).
- ✘ Printed music book, including the chant and polyphony repertory for liturgies.
- ✘ Your own copy of *The Parish Book of Chant, 2nd edition*.

For information on costs, housing and meals, or to register, please visit the [CMAA website](#).