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 6 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
* Lectionary: #907-911, For the Blessing of Human Labor

Catechetical Sunday 2021

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19. The theme will be Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed. 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. Especially during this time of pandemic, recognizing and praying for the efforts of all catechists as they seek different and creative ways to provide formation for the faithful is vitally important.

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 2021-2022. These can be found at the USCCB Catechetical Sunday 2021 website.

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.
Feasts in October

While they may not be holy days of obligation, there are several additions to the liturgical calendar in October that deserve some special attention. The texts for their respective Masses and entries in the Lectionary and Liturgy of the Hours in English and Spanish (when available) can be found under “Mass” in the Worship section of the diocesan website:

October 3—Memorial (optional) of Saint Theodore Guérin, Virgin

Due to her impact on the Church here in southern Indiana, in 2007 the Optional Memorial of Saint Theodore Guérin was added to the Proper Calendar for the Diocese of Evansville after her 2006 canonization. We can still see the fruits of her work here in the diocese today, especially in Catholic education. However, since October 3 is a Sunday in 2021, Saint Theodore is not celebrated liturgically. Mention of her and her intercession could still be made as part of the Prayer of the Faithful or in the Eucharistic Prayers that allow for mention of the saint of the day.

October 5—Memorials (optional) of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest; and Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Born in Füssen, Germany in 1819, Blessed Francis entered the diocesan seminary and, coming to know the charism of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, joined it and was sent to North America. Ordained a priest in 1844, he began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as assistant pastor of his confrere Saint John Neumann, serving also as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary preacher, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states. He died in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 4, 1867. Due to his missionary zeal as well as continued devotion to him, especially in the south, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos was added to the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States in 2014.

Born in Poland in 1905, Saint Faustina spent her short life amongst the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, conforming herself to the vocation she received from God and developing an intense spiritual life, rich in spiritual gifts and in faithful harmony with them. She became the inspiration for a movement dedicated to proclaiming and imploring Divine Mercy throughout the whole world. Canonized in the year 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II, Faustina and her devotion to Divine Mercy quickly became known around the world. In 2020, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint Faustina into the General Roman Calendar.

October 11—Memorial (optional) of Saint John XXIII, Pope

Pope Saints John XXIII was added to the General Roman Calendar in 2014. He was not celebrated liturgically in 2020 since October 11 was a Sunday. While most saints’ feasts are their day of death, Pope Saint John XXIII is commemorated on the date of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, which he historically called.

October 22—Memorial (optional) of Saint John Paul II, Pope

Pope John Paul II has been on the Proper Calendar for the United States since 2012 (after his beatification in 2011). Pope Saint John Paul II is commemorated not on his death but on the date of his papal inauguration. His contributions to the Church and world were numerous and his popularity with the faithful unquestioned.
Upcoming Conference

Society for Catholic Liturgy 2021 Conference—That They May Be One: Liturgical Reconciliation
September 23-25, 2021
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

The 2021 conference of the Society for Catholic Liturgy features papers and pastoral presentations that treat the theme of liturgy and unity in the Catholic Church. Conference schedule includes papers and panel presentations that address eastern Catholic liturgies, the reformed rites of the Second Vatican Council, the Missal of 1962, and the Personal Ordinariate for former Anglicans.

Keynote Speakers:

* Bishop Stephen J. Lopes, Bishop of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter
* Dr. Stephen Bullivant, Director of the Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Sociology/Professor of Theology and Sociology of Religion, St. Mary’s University

For more information or to register, please visit the Society for Catholic Liturgy 2021 Conference page.

Upcoming Conference

Liturgical Week 2021—Sacramental Preparation for RCIA
November 29-December 2, 2021
The Liturgical Institute, University of Saint Mary of the Lake
Mundelein, IL

The Liturgical Institute is hosting their first annual liturgy week! Focusing on Sacramental Preparation for RCIA, this conference will teach directors how to build a robust program with a solid foundation in Sacramental Theology.

Each full day at this conference consists of a short course made up of five 1-hour lectures as well as sung liturgies. You will leave with a better understanding of the RCIA process from your first candidate meeting to the mystagogical formation after initiation.

Presenters for the week:

* Dr. William Keimig: Sacramental Preparation
* Rev. Randy Stice: The Day of Initiation
* Dr. Timothy O'Malley: Mystagogical Formation

Cost:

* Single Room (for all single attendees) $599
* Shared Room (for anyone interested in sharing a room with another attendee) $499
* Commuter Pass (for anyone who will not be staying on campus) $399
* Streaming Pass (for anyone interested in watching a live stream of the conference) $99

All tickets include lifetime access to the video recordings of all three courses once they are published in their Online Study Program.

For more information or to register, please visit the Liturgical Institute’s Liturgy Week 2021 page.
Reminder of Discounts on 2022 Ordos and LTP Workbooks

The Office of Worship is pleased to be able to recommend offer the following resources at a discounted price. To order, please contact Matt Miller (mmiller@evdio.org) by Friday, September 17 with kind and number. Materials will be ready for pick-up in October.

Paulist Press

2022 Ordo from Paulist Press
Print edition. Contains the order of prayer for the Liturgy of the Hours and Mass, clergy necrology, information on saints’ lives, and helpful pastoral notes. Spanish edition also available (Spanish version is not diocese-specific and does not contain the necrology).

Office of Worship Price—$16 (20% off)

Please note—This offer is for the print version only. If you would like to order the ebook version or the mobile app, please visit the Paulist Press website. The Office of Worship is unable to provide a discount for the electronic versions.

LTP

Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2022
The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy
This trusted annual publication brings you concise and helpful material to enlighten and inspire those who prepare the liturgy, especially the Sunday Mass, the “source and summit of the Christian life.” Features include:

- Preaching points & Scripture insights
- Music preparation guidance and song suggestions
- Ideas for celebrating other rites and customs
- Online supplement for preparing the sacramental rites
- Daily calendar preparation guides
- Dated entries with liturgical titles, Lectionary citations, and vestment colors
- Brief biographies of the saints and blesseds
- Guidance for choosing among the options provided in the ritual texts

Office of Worship price—$10.80 (40% off)

Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word® 2022
This resource contains the readings in large print for practice (with suggestions for emphasis in bold) commentaries that give background and explain the meaning of the reading, margin notes with pronunciation helps and tips for proclamation, and the Responsorial Psalms for meditation and context. Workbook’s introduction offers an orientation to this ministry of the Word and an overview of proclamation skills.

Office of Worship price—$8.40 (40% off)

Do not forget your Spanish readers!

Manual para proclamadores de la palabra® 2022
This resource provides the Sunday readings arranged in sense-lines, with the most indispensable biblical and liturgical information to proclaim them with reverence and efficacy before the assembly. This Manual collaborates in the technical, biblical, and spiritual formation of parish lectors, so that each celebration is a source and culmination of the life of the Church.

Office of Worship price—$8.40 (40% off)
**Obtaining Low-Gluten Hosts and Mustum**

In the dioceses of the United States, there are four approved distributors of low-gluten hosts and two of mustum that have the approval of the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship.

**Low-Gluten Hosts**

1. Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration  
   Altar Breads Department  
   31970 State Highway P  
   Clyde, MO 64432-8100  
   Phone: (800) 223-2772  
   Web: [www.BenedictineSisters.org](http://www.BenedictineSisters.org)

2. Parish Crossroads  
   P.O. Box 2413  
   Kokomo, IN 46904  
   Phone: (800) 510-8842  
   Web: [www.ParishCrossroads.com](http://www.ParishCrossroads.com)

   100 Buckley Road  
   Liverpool, NY 13088  
   Phone: (800) 668-7324 ext. 1  

4. Cavanagh Company  
   610 Putnam Pike  
   Greenville, RI 02828  
   Phone: (800) 635-0568  
   Web: [www.CavanaghCo.com](http://www.CavanaghCo.com)

**Mustum**

1. Mont La Salle Altar Wines  
   605 Trancas Street, Suite D  
   Napa, CA 94558  
   Phone: (800) 447-8466  
   Web: [www.MontLaSalleAltarWines.com](http://www.MontLaSalleAltarWines.com)

2. Monks Wine and Candles  
   P.O. Box 681248  
   Schaumburg, IL 60168  
   Phone: (800) 540-MONK (6665)  
   Web: [www.MonksWineAndCandles.com](http://www.MonksWineAndCandles.com)

As a reminder—never purchase or offer low-gluten hosts unless they have been obtained from a verified provider. And care must be taken when ordering low-gluten hosts from a church supply store or other third-party to ensure that one is getting low-gluten hosts instead of completely gluten-free hosts—they may offer these products side-by-side.

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**All Saints/All Souls in 2021**

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) lands on a Monday. This means that it **is not** a holy day of obligation in 2021. In addition, Masses the evening of Sunday, October 31, should be for the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time and not anticipatory Masses for All Saints (since Sunday is still a day of obligation but All Saints is not).

The ordo also recommends the exposing of relics this day for veneration by the faithful, placing them in some location of honor this day (but not on the altar itself).

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.
- Masses the evening of November 1 would still be for All Saints and not anticipating All Souls.

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