



FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP

NOTES FOR MAY/JUNE 2022

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Saints in July—Saint Mary Magdalene; Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

While they may not be holy days of obligation, there is one Feast and a Memorial in July that deserve some special attention:

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. A proper Preface was approved for use in 2019, and is available on the “Worship” area of the diocesan website.

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.

July 29—Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar as an obligatory Memorial, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. The proper liturgical texts were released by the Holy See in Latin. While some of the existing texts have remained the same, others have been adjusted slightly or included for the first time. Interim liturgical guidelines for the celebration of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus are available on the “Worship” area of the diocesan website. As with any Memorial, funerals may still be celebrated this day.

Assumption of the BVM 2022—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 2022, meaning that the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation (since it is a Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass is lifted). Funeral Masses may be celebrated this day (since it is not a day of precept), but other ritual Masses (such as wedding Masses) would need to use the readings and prayers for the Assumption.

Other Assumption notes—Assumption is one of the few days that does have proper prayers and readings for a vigil Mass the evening of August 14. However, since Sunday remains a day of obligation while Assumption is not, Masses celebrated after 4 PM on August 14 would still use the prayers and readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. For those who pray the Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer I for the Assumption would be prayed the evening of August 14. Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

Beginning the School Year in Prayer

Perhaps more than any other time, as the beginning of this school year approaches, it is right to look at starting with 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 week-day that allows for a Votive Mass to be celebrated (check your *ordo*). Proper prayers for the Mass can be found in the *Missal* under Votive Masses, #9, The Holy Spirit; and readings can be found in the *Lectionary* at #1001.

Review/Update Your Liturgical Ministers

Having used few to no extra liturgical ministers over the past year, many parishes may find themselves in need of reviewing and updating their rosters. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- ✘ It could be helpful to bring together your parish’s various liturgical ministers for some formation this summer—either to remind and refresh them in the ministry or to make any changes needed due to the pandemic or other reasons. Resources for various ministries at Mass can be found in the “Mass” section of the Worship area of the diocesan website.
- ✘ 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.
- ✘ 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* may be used to inaugurate their ministry.
- ✘ Other ministers such as readers, altar servers, sacristans, musicians, and ushers may also be blessed to begin or restart their service using chapter 62 of the *Book of Blessings*. This could be done at a Sunday Mass, or as part of an in-person gathering or formation session for those who perform those ministries.

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church. This day of prayer is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

For more information on the theme please see the [Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life’s announcement](#). Read the Holy Father’s [message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#).

This year, Pope Francis is also extending the opportunity for a [plenary indulgence](#) “to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually, through the media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty” on July 24.

Christmas Creep 2022 & Mary Mother of God 2023

In 2022, the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Sunday. While there are no unusual consequences of this for Christmas itself (Masses for Christmas would begin after 4 pm on December 24) there is one interesting detail regarding the Advent season. When Christmas lands on a Sunday it gives us the longest Advent season possible, with a full week between the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas. More time prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Lord's birth (or to finish shopping for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list)!

Christmas on Sunday does impact one other Feast of the Christmas season. Normally, the Sunday after Christmas would be the Feast of the Holy Family. However, the Sunday after Christmas in this case is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1, 2023). When this happens (as it does every six years or so), the Feast of the Holy Family is moved instead to December 30. While this may mean that this "family" feast gets lost in the shuffle during Christmas week, it does allow for it to be celebrated fully throughout the day on Friday.

As mentioned above, Sunday, January 1, is for Mary the Mother of God. Because it is Sunday, it is a day of obligation. Mary is the patroness of our diocese under this title. Pray for our diocese this day!

And not to get too far ahead of ourselves, but Christmas on Sunday in 2022 means Christmas on a Monday in 2023, making it a holy day of obligation (since Christmas is a day of precept no matter what). But January 1, 2024, would also be a Monday, meaning the Solemnity of Mary would not be a day of obligation (since this solemnity drops the obligation on Saturdays and Mondays). Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Liturgical Books Currently in Use

For your reference (and maybe updating your sacristy library), below is a list of current ritual books approved for liturgical use in the United States of America. The years in *italics* refer to the current Latin *editiones typicae* (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 (including General Instruction & Calendar)	2008 (1974; 1985) 2011, 2018
✠ Excerpts from the Roman Missal ("Book of the Chair")	2018
✠ Lectionary for Mass	1981 (1970) 1998/2002
✠ Lectionary for Mass Supplement	2017
✠ Rite of Concelebration	2009 (1974; 1985) 2011
✠ Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1987 (1992) 2012
✠ Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest	(1988; 2006) 2012; 2007
✠ Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children	1974/2002 (1985) 2011
✠ Lectionary for Masses with Children	1993

Music for the Eucharist

✠ <i>Graduale Romanum</i> (Gregorian chants for all parts of the Mass except the Eucharistic Prayers)	1974
✠ <i>Liber usualis</i> (companion book for the <i>Graduale Romanum</i> , containing rules for proper use)	1997
✠ <i>Kyriale Simplex</i> (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 <i>Graduale Romanum</i>)	2007; 1969
✠ <i>Ordo cantus Missae</i> (chants for the Mass)	1988

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Liturgical Books Currently in Use (cont.)

✘ <i>Liber Cantualis</i> (selection of Mass parts and hymns)	1983
✘ <i>Inbilate Deo/Psalter Ecclesia</i> (simpler Gregorian chants)	1999/2002
✘ <i>Ordo Missae in Cantu</i> (complete <i>Ordo Missae</i> in chant notation)	2012
✘ Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ	1989 (1971) 1998

For the other Sacraments/Sacramentals

✘ Roman Pontifical	(1978) 2012
• Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons	1989 (1978; 2003; 2012) 2021
• The Institution of Lectors and Acolytes	1972 (1978) 2012
• Institution of Catechists	2021
• The Blessing of Abbots and Abbesses	2010 (1978) 2012
• The Consecration of Virgins	1970 (1978) 2012
• The Order of Confirmation	2003 (1978; 2012) 2015
• The Order for Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism	1971 (1985, 2012) 2019
• The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar	1977 (1989) 2018
✘ Roman Ritual	
• Order of Baptism of Children	1973 (1970); 2020; 2009
• Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	1972 (1974) 1988; 1993
• Order of Celebrating Matrimony	2008 (1970) 2016; 2010
• Order of Penance	1974 (1975; 2010) 2023
• Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass	1974; 1976
• Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum	1972 (1974); 1983
• Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	1972; 1988; 1993
• Book of Blessings	1994; 1989
• Order of Christian Funerals	1969; 1989; 2002
• Rite of Religious Profession	1970; 1989
• Exorcisms and Related Supplications	2005; 2017

Other Liturgical Books

✘ Liturgy of the Hours	2000; 1975/1976
✘ <i>Ordo cantus officii</i> (chants for the Liturgy of the Hours)	2015
✘ <i>Liber hymnarius</i> (hymns with invitatories and responsories for the LoH)	1983
✘ <i>Antiphonale Romanum I</i> (Lauds for Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts)	2020
✘ <i>Antiphonale Romanum II</i> (Vespers for Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts)	2009
✘ <i>Martyrologium Romanum</i>	2004
✘ Ceremonial of Bishops	2008; 1989
✘ Manual of Indulgences: Norms and Grants	1999; 2006
✘ 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
✘ Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers	(1988; 2007) 2020
✘ <i>Bendición al Cumplir Quince Años</i> (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
✘ Prayers Against the Powers of Darkness	2017