

FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP

NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

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Liturgies for Labor Day

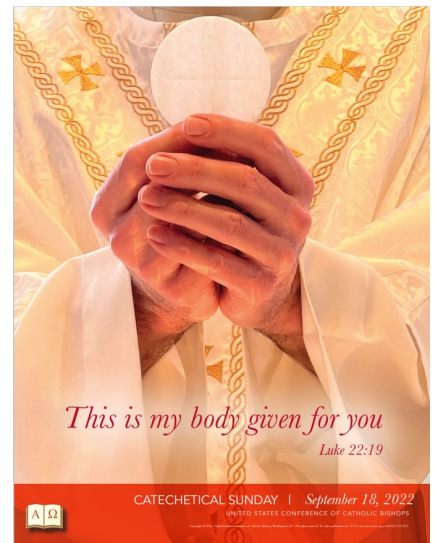
We give thanks to God for the gift of work, and we ask that he “give success to the work of our hands” (Psalm 90:17). Since there is no other feast day on September 5 that would take precedent, parishes may wish to consider celebrating Masses on Labor Day using the following texts:

- ✦ *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 2022

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, with the theme *This is my body given for you*. 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. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists may be called forth to be blessed for their ministry. Especially during this year of Eucharistic renewal, recognizing and praying for the efforts of all catechists as they seek different and creative ways to provide formation on the Eucharist 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 2022-2023. These can be found at the [USCCB Catechetical Sunday 2022](https://www.usccb.org/catechetical-sunday-2022) 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.

September 1—World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

In 2015, [Pope Francis](#) called for an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation every September 1, marking the beginning of the “Season of Creation,” which lasts through the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4. The USCCB has a collection of resources to help parishes and institutions celebrate this day dedicated to the care of God’s creation. Please visit the “[Environmental Justice](#)” section of the USCCB’s Office of Justice, Peace and Human Development section and click on “Educational and Parish Resources” for more.



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, the optional Memorial of Saint Theodore Guérin was added in 2007 to the Proper Calendar for the Diocese of Evansville following her 2006 canonization. We can still see the fruits of her work here in the diocese today, especially in Catholic education.

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 Saint John XXIII was added to the General Roman Calendar in 2014. 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 Saint 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.

All Saints/All Souls in 2022

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) lands on a Tuesday. This means that **it is a holy day of obligation in 2022**. Masses the evening of Monday, October 31, would be anticipatory Masses for All Saints (since there are not specific prayers/readings for a vigil for All Saints).

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 be used right after Mass or apart from the Mass. Remember to pray for the dead!

Upcoming Conference

Society for Catholic Liturgy 2022 Conference—*The Liturgy and the Experience of the Youth*
September 29—October 1, 2022
St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, CO

The 2022 Society for Catholic Liturgy’s Conference to be held in Denver will feature papers and pastoral presentations that explore different aspects of the theme of the liturgy and the experience of the youth, in the context of the process of Eucharistic revival promoted by the U.S. Bishops.

Keynote Speakers:

- ✘ Dr. John Cavadini (University of Notre Dame)—*The Eucharist and the Church: The Meaning of Ecclesial Affiliation in Patristic Thought*
- ✘ Dr. Angela Franks (Saint John’s Seminary, Boston)—*Liquid Identity and the Sacred Liturgy: The Problem of Experience in Modernity*
- ✘ Dr. Margarita Mooney Suarez (Princeton Theological Seminary)—*Liturgy and the Liberal Arts: Moving from a Crisis of Beauty to a Culture of Reverence*

For more information or to register, please visit the [Society for Catholic Liturgy 2022 Conference page](#).

Resource Review—*The Liturgy of the Hours*

The Liturgy of the Hours—Word on Fire Catholic Ministries (2022)

From the Word on Fire website:

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours can be confusing, expensive, and impractical. It doesn’t have to be that way. Our beautiful new monthly booklets make praying the Liturgy of the Hours easy, accessible, and affordable for all Christians. Just open and pray.

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What it Contains

A subscription service, each booklet contains the full Morning, Evening, and Night Prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours* for every day of the month, including hymns, Psalm and canticle texts, antiphons, readings, intercessions, the Lord's Prayer, the concluding prayer, and the dismissal. All the content is laid out clearly in a single column, so there is no guesswork about what to pray. The Introduction also provides a great catechesis on why praying the Liturgy of the Hours is so important.

Who Should Read This

Any one who is wanting to use the official Liturgy of the Hours for their own prayer but perhaps finds the full ritual book overwhelming or does not have access to it. Useful for families or a parish group that wants to start praying together on a regular basis but does not know what to do.

What is Lacking

The booklet does not include the Office of Readings or Daytime Prayer. There are other options available for the Liturgy of the Hours, both print and electronic, and the \$7 per month price per copy could be too much for some people/places. However, what is included in the booklet is more complete than other resources.

Where to Find It

[Word on Fire](#): \$7/month, subscription can be cancelled at any time

Resource Review—*Becoming Eucharistic People*

Becoming Eucharistic People: The Hope and Promise of Parish Life—Timothy P. O'Malley, Ave Maria Press (2022)

From the Ave Maria Press website:

We can't just *talk* about Christ's presence in the Eucharist; we have to *believe* it, *celebrate* it, and *live* it both individually and as a community of the faithful. And we must cultivate a culture in our parishes that treats Real Presence not only as an important Catholic doctrine but also as the most important part of parish identity. In *Becoming Eucharistic People*, theologian Timothy P. O'Malley, author of *Real Presence*, outlines four essential dimensions of a Eucharistic culture in a parish—one that fosters reverence and unity among the faithful, includes every dimension of human life in the mystery of Christ's Body and Blood, and invites people back to parish life or to become Catholic for the first time.

From the Forward

"O'Malley, in the end, doesn't provide a program. He provides a blueprint for a Eucharistic revival that has the power to heal the wounds of Church and society alike."—The Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens, Bishop of Crookston; chair of Bishops' Advisory Group for the National Eucharistic Revival

Who Should Read This

Since it is written as more of a "blueprint," with reflection questions at the end of each chapter that focus on parish life, it would seem to be an ideal resource for a parish staff to read together and use the questions and discussion they spark as their on blueprint for local renewal moving forward. With some intentionality, it may be useful for all members of a parish.

What it May be Lacking

As more of a facilitator of the discussion, the book does not provide a lot of concrete resources, instead leaving a lot to be done locally. However, this does allow for it to be adapted to what your local needs may be.

Where to Find It

[Ave Maria Press](#): \$14.95 160 pages; 5 x 7 inches ISBN: 9781646801565

Reminder of Discounts on 2023 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 fill out the [online order form](#) or contact Matt Miller (mmiller@evdio.org) by Friday, September 23 with kind and number. Materials will be ready for pick-up in October.**

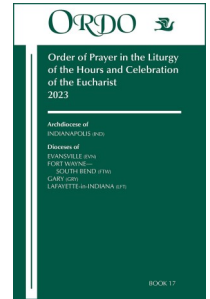
Paulist Press

2023 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

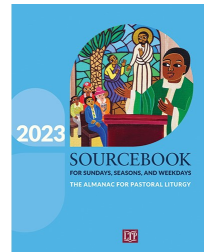
Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2023

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 for the Proper of Saints
- ✘ 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 blessed
- ✘ Guidance for choosing among the options provided in the ritual texts

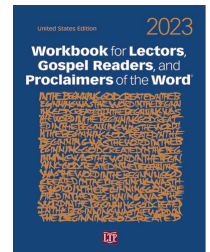
Office of Worship price—11.70 (35% off)



Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word® 2023

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—\$9.75 (35% off)



Do not forget your Spanish readers!

Manual para proclamadores de la palabra® 2023

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—\$9.75 (35% off)

