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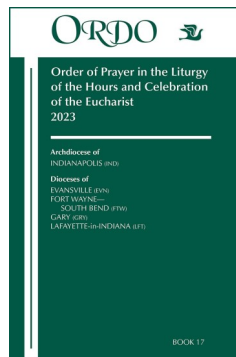
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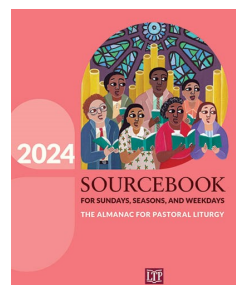
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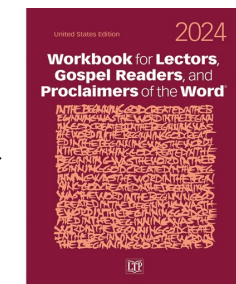
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NOTES FOR JULY/AUGUST 2023

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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—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 Tuesday in 2023. This means that the Assumption is a holy day of obligation. 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 Monday evening.

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 weekday 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.

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.

2023 World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme for the 2023 celebration selected by the pope is “His mercy is from age to age” (Luke 1:50).

The U.S. bishops have approved the transfer of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day (September 9) to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time. For more information and resources on how to celebrate this day, please visit the [USCCB World Day for Grandparents and Elderly page](#), as well as the [Dicastery for Laity and Family Life](#) site.

Review/Update Your Liturgical Ministers

- ✦ 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.
- ✦ It could be helpful to bring together your parish’s various liturgical ministers for some formation this summer or fall. Resources for various ministries at Mass can be found in the “Mass” section of the Worship area of the diocesan website.

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 4 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

All Saints/All Souls in 2023

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) lands on a Wednesday. This means that **it is a holy day of obligation in 2023**. Masses the evening of Tuesday, 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!

Christmas Creep 2023 & Mary Mother of God 2024

“Christmas Creep” for 2023—December 25 will land on a Monday this year. This leads to a very busy few days in the parish for those responsible for the various ministries and liturgical preparation. Even though we are five months away, here are a few things to keep in mind in preparing:

- ✦ With Sunday morning (and Saturday evening) Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent leading into the slate of Masses for Christmas that evening, it may be necessary to “pull back” a bit for the Advent Sunday in order to not overburden the various ministries those days.
- ✦ On Sunday, December 24, Masses after 4 PM would be for the Vigil of the Nativity rather than for Sunday.
- ✦ December 25 is always a holy day of obligation. Please let your people know in the weeks leading up to Christmas 2023 of that fact, and of the need for them to participate in Masses both for the Sunday and for Christmas. Participating in Mass the evening of December 24 only fulfills one obligation—no “double dipping” for Christmas!
- ✦ Mass intentions—As is the case with any holy day of obligation, one of the Masses for Christmas must be said *pro populo* (“for the people”).

Much of this can also be said for the following New Year’s Day Masses for Mary, Mother of God. However, in 2024 January 1 is a Monday, so it would not be a holy day of obligation. Masses the evening of December 31 would be for the Feast of the Holy Family rather than anticipatory Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.