



# FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP

## NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

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### Feasts in September/October

While they may not be holy days of obligation, there are several additions to the liturgical calendar in September and October that deserve special attention. The texts for their 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:

#### **September 5—Memorial (optional) of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin**

On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint Teresa of Calcutta (“Mother Teresa”) into the General Roman Calendar. As the decree adding her to the calendar states, “the name of Teresa of Calcutta continues to shine out as a source of hope for many men and women who seek consolation amidst tribulations of body and spirit.” Saint Teresa died on September 5 in 1997.

#### **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 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.

### September 12—Anniversary of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



FYI—September 12 marks the fifth anniversary of the consecration of the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As we look back on the fruits that this act has borne for our diocese and ourselves, it may be beneficial to remind parishioners of this important anniversary and take time to recall or even re-consecrate ourselves to our Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Heart. Immaculate Mary, meek and humble of heart. Conform our hearts to the heart of Jesus!

## November 6—Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

On November 6 we celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of Saint Benedict Cathedral. The anniversary of the dedication of a cathedral a proper Feast for the diocese, celebrating Saint Benedict as the diocesan church and the home of the bishop's cathedra. Masses this day should be taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church: On the Anniversary of the Dedication: II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated. As a Feast the *Gloria* would be sung at Mass. Funeral Masses are permitted this day.

In the cathedral itself, the day is a Solemnity (as it would be for any other church's dedication anniversary). Along with the *Gloria*, two readings are proclaimed before the Gospel and the Creed is also said.

## Honoring Veterans on November 11

**Q.:** What are some ways we could honor our veterans on or near November 11?

**A.:** While there is no "official" blessing or prayer that is used to recognize and thank those who have served in the armed forces, there are a few options for this day or the weekend nearest to it:

- ✘ The simplest method is to include a petition in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass for our veterans;
- ✘ also at Mass, Solemn Blessings #12 and 13 speak of the blessings of peace, and safety from adversity;
- ✘ Chapters 70-71 in the *Book of Blessings* could be adapted to give thanks for their service;
- ✘ November 11 is also the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, patron of soldiers. Perhaps a prayer card or medal of the saint could be blessed and given to veterans this day or over the weekend.

## World Day of the Poor November 16

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time marks the ninth World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis in 2016. The theme for 2025 is "*You are my hope*" (cf. Psalm 71:5). While the prayers and readings for the 33rd Sunday are used for the Mass, it would be appropriate to at least include an intercession that speaks to our preferential option for the poor in our world. You can read the Holy Father's message for 2025 [here](#).

For more information please visit the Holy See's [World Day of the Poor page](#).

## 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. EMHCs must be fully-initiated Catholics in good standing and at least sixteen years old. 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. In this role, they may assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, and also expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration in the absence of a priest or deacon.

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### **Organ Accompaniment of Gregorian Chant [Part I]**

Dr. Horst Buchholz

*Saturday, October 25 ~ 10 am CDT*

### **Meeting the Mystery of God in Music**

Christopher Carstens

*Monday, October 27 ~ 7 pm CDT*

*Panel Discussion*

### **In Voce Christi:**

### **Restoring the Priest's Role in the Sung Liturgy**

*with Dr. Horst Buchholz, Dr. Myrna  
Keough, Dr. Eric Bermani, Fr. Brandon  
Guenther & Aristotle Esguerra*

*Saturday, Nov. 8 ~ 10:00 am CST*



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## Last Call—Discounts on 2026 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](#) by Friday, September 19 with kind and number. Materials will be ready for pick-up in late October.**

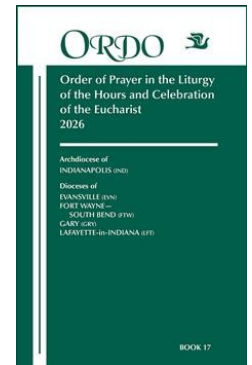
### Paulist Press

#### **2026 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—\$18.50 (20% off)**

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### LTP

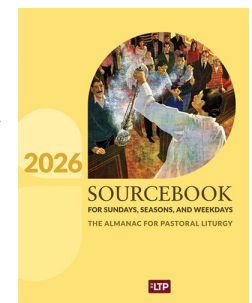
#### **Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2026**

##### **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

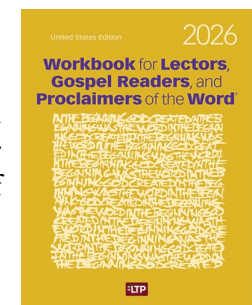
#### **Office of Worship price—\$13.00 (35% off)**



#### **Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word® 2026**

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.

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*Do not forget your Spanish readers!*

#### **Manual para proclamadores de la palabra® 2026**

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