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Bishop Persico Directs Clergy to Review Wedding Particular Law

WHEREAS the celebration of weddings on Sundays, either within or outside of Mass, has not been permitted in the Diocese of Erie for a very long while; WHEREAS the liturgical observance of the Sunday liturgies begins with Evening Prayer I or with the celebration of the Vigil Mass for Sunday, which in the Diocese of Erie may be celebrated as early as 4:00 p.m.; WHEREAS it is important, both pastorally and practically, that the celebration of Saturday weddings not intersect with the celebration of Saturday confessions or of the Vigil Mass for Sunday; THEREFORE, having consulted with the Presbyteral Council in this regard, **I hereby decree as particular law that the celebration of weddings, both within Mass as well as outside of Mass, are not to begin later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and are not to be celebrated at all on Sundays in the Diocese of Erie.** I direct that this Decree be published and take effect immediately, anything to the contrary notwithstanding. Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Erie on this 18th day of October 2019.

DDWDS Confirms Liturgical Bible in English for the United States

From the USCCB Liturgy Committee April 25 Newsletter

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed a new English translation of the Old and New Testaments for liturgical use in the dioceses of the United States, in a decree dated April 13, 2025 (Prot. n. 41/25). A project first announced by the USCCB in 2012, the liturgical Bible includes three elements: the New American Bible Old Testament approved by the USCCB Administrative Committee in September 2010; The Abbey Psalms and Canticles confirmed by the then-Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on May 3, 2018; and the New American Bible New Testament, approved by the Administrative Committee in September 2024. Approved by the USCCB at its November 2024 plenary meeting, the liturgical Bible will be used in the Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition and a new edition of the Lectionary for Mass while also being incorporated into other rituals. The offices of the USCCB will carry out their usual editorial review processes before recommending a timetable for implementation.

USCCB Transmits Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition to Holy See

From the USCCB Liturgy Committee May 25 Newsletter

Six months after the final vote on its elements by the body of bishops, the manuscript and accompanying documentation of the *Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition* was transmitted to the Holy See's Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on May 29, 2025, the memorial of Pope St. Paul VI. The Committee on Divine Worship, meanwhile, continues to plan for the implementation of the new translation of the Divine Office once it is confirmed.

Jubilee of Young People (Young Adults)

The Jubilee of Young People (Young Adults*) will be held from Monday, July 28, to Sunday, August 3, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating young adults at any time throughout the Jubilee Holy Year.

(* It should also be noted that the official language used for this particular celebration on the Vatican calendar calls it a Jubilee of "Youth" or "Young People." These are international terms that refer to women and men from about age 18 to 35, what those in the United States would call "young adults." With this in mind, the USCCB affirms this celebration for any person from the age of 18 through their 30s, single or married, with or without children, which is the "young adult" definition established in *Sons and Daughters of the Light* (USCCB, 1996) and reaffirmed in *Listen, Teach, Send* (USCCB, 2024). For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Young People](#).

Jubilee of Justice

The Jubilee of Justice will be held on September 20, 2025. The Jubilee of Justice is an opportunity to remember that we are called to respond to both the needs of our neighbors who are experiencing poverty and injustice now, while at the same time working for God's vision of justice in our world. The Jubilee Year is a time to reflect on God's mercy in our own lives and work to extend that mercy to those around us. For additional resources, please see: [Jubilee of Justice](#).

Missal Additions

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - July 14

On May 26, 2023, the Holy See's Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed English and Spanish texts of an expanded Mass formulary for the Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, celebrated yearly on July 14. While the Roman Missal, Third Edition contains a Collect prayer (with other elements drawn from the Common of Virgins), the expanded formulary now includes proper texts for the Entrance Antiphon, Prayer over the Offerings, Communion Antiphon, and Prayer after Communion. The Collect prayer has also been emended.

Entrance Antiphon

How beautiful you are, O virgin of Christ,
who were worthy to receive the Lord's crown,
the crown of perpetual virginity.

Collect

O God, who willed the Virgin Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
to flower in a life of innocence
among the Native peoples of North America,
grant, through her intercession,
that all gathered in your Church
from every nation, tribe and tongue,
may glorify you in a single canticle of praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously accept, O Lord,
this offering of your holy people,
honoring Saint Kateri,
through whose intercession we ask the grace
to do always what is pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming;
come out to meet Christ the Lord. (Cf. Mt 25:6)

Prayer after Communion

Refreshed by the heavenly food
of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that following the example of Saint Kateri
we may live the mystery we celebrate.
Through Christ our Lord.

Saint Mary Magdalene – July 22

On June 3, 2016, the Holy See raised the liturgical rank of the Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene to a Feast, with the date remaining on July 22. A new Preface before the Eucharistic Prayer for the Feast was also promulgated in Latin. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the English translation of the Preface for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene on September 21, 2019. It may be used during Masses in honor of St. Mary Magdalene, especially her Feast on July 22, beginning in 2020.

The proper liturgical text in English of the Preface in honor of Saint Mary Magdalene is found below:

Preface for the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Preface: Apostle to the Apostles

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.
V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
to glorify you in all things, almighty Father, whose mercy is not less than your power,
through Christ our Lord.

He appeared in the garden and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,
who had loved him in life, witnessed him dying on the Cross,
sought him as he lay in the tomb,
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,
so that the good news of new life might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Missal Additions, cont'd.**Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus – July 29**

On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus are celebrated each year as an Obligatory Memorial on July 29.

An interim Mass formulary has been approved for use at this time, as follows:

Entrance Antiphon

Jesus entered a village,
where a woman named Martha welcomed him
into her home. (Cf. Lk 10:38)

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the example of your Saints may spur us on to a
better life, so that we,
who celebrate the memory of
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus,
may also imitate without ceasing their deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
**Another Collect
from the Common of Holy Men and Women may be
used.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we proclaim your wonders in your Saints, O Lord,
we humbly implore your majesty,
that, as their homage of love was pleasing to you,
so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your
sight.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ,
the Son of God, who is coming into this world. (Jn 11:27)

Prayer after Communion

May the holy reception of the Body and Blood
of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
turn us away from the cares of this fallen world,
so that, following the example of Saints Martha, Mary
and Lazarus,
we may grow in sincere love for you on earth
and rejoice to behold you for eternity in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Liturgical Considerations for All Saints Day and All Souls' Day

In 2025, the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 falls on a Saturday, with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) taking place on the following Sunday, November 2. The Secretariat of Divine Worship reminds all concerned about the situation regarding the correct Mass and Office to be used during November 1–2.

Both All Saints Day and All Souls' Day are ranked at no. 3 on the Table of Liturgical Days. Thus, on Friday evening, October 31, Evening Prayer I of All Saints is celebrated. On Saturday, November 1, both Morning and Evening Prayer II of All Saints Day are celebrated, though for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, Evening Prayer II may be followed by Evening Prayer for the Dead. For Sunday, November 2, the Office for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time is said, especially in individual recitation; the Office of the Dead may be used, however, if Morning or Evening Prayer is celebrated with the people (see Liturgy of the Hours, vol. IV, Proper of Saints, November 2).

On Friday evening, Masses are those of the day since All Saints Day is not a day of precept this year and thus may not be anticipated. On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for All Souls' Day. (If desired for pastoral reasons, a Mass of All Saints Day outside the usual Mass schedule may be celebrated on Saturday evening.)

Since Saturday is a common day for the celebration of Marriage in the United States, it should also be noted that Ritual Masses are forbidden on All Saints Day (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 372). While the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, the Mass of the day with the ritual itself and the nuptial blessing could be celebrated. Alternatively, the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass could also be used if the celebration of Marriage is to take place on this day. (Ritual Masses are also forbidden on All Souls' Day.) As a reminder, All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation this year, owing to the 1992 decision of the USCCB abrogating the precept to attend Mass when November 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday. Therefore, funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day (see GIRM, no. 380).

July 2025 Liturgical Calendar

Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

July 1: Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Optional Memorial (white)

July 3: Saint Thomas the Apostle, Feast - red

- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Sprinkling rite may be used for the feast of an apostle
- Gloria is sung or said
- Creed is not said
- Use Preface I or II of the Apostles
- Solemn Blessing #17 may be used

July 4

Independence Day

- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Vestments: White
- When the Mass for Independence Day is used, the Gloria should be sung or said
- Creed is not said
- The optional memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Portugal is perpetually transferred from July 4 to 5
- Readings may be taken from Lectionary Vol. IV #882-886, #887-891
- Pastoral Note: For the general intercessions, one may use the adaptation of the prayer composed by Archbishop John Carroll for the inauguration of George Washington, as found in the Book of Blessing, no. 1965. See also Handbook of Blessings, 176.
- Independence Day may also be appropriately acknowledged in the Homily, Universal Prayer, and closing hymn during the liturgy.
- Solemn Blessing found in the Mass proper for Independence Day.

July 6: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs, optional memorial – red

July 11: Saint Benedict, Abbot Memorial – white

July 13: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, Memorial – white

July 15: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial – white

July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, optional memorial – white

July 20: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene, Feast

- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Vestments: White
- Gloria is sung or said
- Creed is not said

July 25: Saint James, Apostle, Feast

- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints
- Vestments: Red
- Gloria is sung or said
- Creed is not said

July 2025 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

July 26: Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

July 27: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29: Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Memorial - white

- The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments expanded the Memorial of Martha to become the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus.
- The Gospel for this memorial is proper (Lectionary no. 607). The first reading may be taken from the weekday, or from the Common of Holy Men and Women, nos. 737-742.

July 31: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial - white

- The Vigil Mass may be celebrated either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints
- The Gloria is sung or said
- The Creed is said

Jubilee 2025 Information

Bishop Persico Issues Jubilee Indulgence Decree

The indulgence, a priceless gift of divine mercy, is one of the special *signs* of the Jubilee Year. On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, Bishop Persico issued a decree outlining the requirements for the reception of indulgences related to the Jubilee Year 2025 in the Diocese of Erie. All the *truly repentant* faithful, moved by a spirit of charity, who, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, will be able to obtain the indulgence by undertaking spiritual activities as outlined in the decree found at: [Diocese of Erie Indulgence Decree](#).

Places of Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year

Every Jubilee celebration has aspects of pilgrimage. The sites of pilgrimage are the holy doors of the four papal basilicas in Rome. In the dioceses of the world, the cathedral church is a place of pilgrimage. In the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Persico has designated Saint Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway as a secondary place of pilgrimage.

Mass “For the Holy Year”

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed three new Mass formularies, “For the Holy Year.” These Masses may be celebrated whenever special celebrations are held during the Jubilee, except on solemnities, Sundays and feasts, during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, days within the Octaves of the Nativity and of Easter, Advent weekdays from December 17 to December 24 inclusive, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) and Ash Wednesday. The proper readings provided may only be used in Ordinary Time; during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, the usual daily readings are required. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings, the Dicastery also provides five samples for the Penitential Act, and four invitations, responses, and concluding orations for the Universal Prayer. These liturgical resources are available in the attachment to this newsletter and at: [USCCB Jubilee Year Votive Masses and Various Needs](#).

In light of the Jubilee’s theme, “Pilgrims of Hope,” the prayers naturally stress the themes of pilgrimage and hope. Incorporated into Christ, the faithful are a Body of believers, filled with hope. They look forward to the Lord’s coming in the present and at the end of the ages, an expectation which gives them an eternal vision and moves them to make pilgrimage to God and neighbor. The titles of the Prefaces underline the Christocentric meaning of the Jubilee Year: “Christ, our sole hope,” (Form A); “Christ, our true hope,” (Form B); and “Christ, God and man, the Savior of all” (Form C).

The readings provided for this Mass are nearly identical to those of the annual Chrism Mass (Lectionary for Mass, no. 260): Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27; and Luke 4:16-21. In Isaiah, the prophet declares that he has been anointed by the Lord “to announce a year of favor,” and, in the Psalm, God speaks about his servant David: “with my holy oil [I have] anointed him.” These passages culminate in the Gospel passage from Luke, where Christ, at the beginning of his public ministry, reads the prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-2) and declares it fulfilled: “The Lord has sent me to announce a year of favor.” In addition to these selections, there is one additional option for the First Reading, Romans 5:5-11, whose verse 5 opens the Bull of Indiction: “Hope does not disappoint.”

Jubilee 2025 Information, cont'd.

Jubilee Logo

Individuals and organizations may download the Jubilee logo in high resolution and the main languages at: [Jubilee Logo](#).

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Jubilee Websites: Vatican: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>
Diocesan: <https://www.eriercd.org/holyyear2025.html>

Jubilee Hymn

“Pilgrims of Hope” is the Jubilee 2025 hymn. Prepared by Pierangelo Sequeri, set to music by Francesco Meneghello, the hymn intercepts the many themes of the Holy Year: creation, fraternity, God’s tenderness, and hope.

The English translation, recording and music can be found at: [Jubilee Hymn](#).

Eucharistic Congress 2029

Courtesy of Catholic News Service:

The National Eucharistic Congress, Inc. is thrilled to share that initial steps preparing for the 11th National Eucharistic Congress in 2029 have begun. The location for the event has not been shared but organizers of the event will provide more details in the near future.

Recurring Information:

Colds and Flu

People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice. Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to calm the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood, if they are ill.

Workshops for Liturgical Ministers

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or lectors, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please remember to present candidates for this ministry to the Bishop when they are deemed prepared by the pastor or chaplain of said institution.

The following resource is available from the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein for the formation of parish liturgical ministers: [Parish Liturgical Ministers](#).

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In worship aids:

- To license the readings for a worship aid, parishes can contact: Mary Elizabeth Sperry at msperry@usccb.org. If you need any other clarification, please call the Office for Divine Worship at 814-824-1271.
- For reprinting excerpts of the Roman Missal in a worship aid, credit is given to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).

On screens:

- The Committee on Divine Worship does not permit projecting readings and liturgical texts on screens during the liturgy. The bishops believe that since people spend much time on screens, the Sacred Liturgy should be a prayerful break from that. They also think screens distract from the liturgy itself.