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Pope Leo XIV Continues Catechesis on Sacrosanctum Concilium

As he has resumed holding his Wednesday General Audience at the beginning of August, Pope Leo XIV continues to reflect on Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. Because the Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of the Church's life, ongoing formation is essential for all who serve in its celebration. Clergy, liturgical ministers, and all who participate in the Church's worship are encouraged to read and prayerfully reflect upon these important teachings. Pope Leo's insights invite us to rediscover the transformative power of the Liturgy and to carry out our ministries with renewed faith, reverence, and understanding.

The General Audience of August 19, 2026 can be found: [CSL 8.19.26](#).

The General Audience of August 26, 2026 can be found: [CSL 8.26.26](#).

The General Audience of September 2, 2026 can be found: [CSL 9.2.26](#).

The General Audience of September 9, 2026 can be found: [CSL 9.9.26](#).

The General Audience of September 16, 2026 can be found: [CSL 9.16.26](#).

Links to the previous Audiences of August 2026 can be found in the Office for Divine Worship Newsletter of August 2026 Volume III, Issue 10.

Liturgical Advisories for 2026

- **November 1, 2026, the Solemnity of All Saints** occurs on Sunday. It replaces the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. On Saturday and Sunday, Evening Prayer I and II is for All Saints. Saturday evening Masses that regularly anticipate the Sunday Mass should observe the Mass of All Saints.

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Order of the Anointing of the Sick: Pocket Editions Now Available

Catholic Book Publishing

A compact 336-page pocket edition (4" × 6¼") featuring a durable green Dura-Lux cover, large two-color type, ribbon markers, and a handy edge-marking index. Approximately \$25. Website: [Catholic Book](#)

Magnificat Publications

A handsome 280-page pocket-sized ritual book with a durable gold-embossed softcover, high-opacity cream paper, and boldface priest texts for easier use during ministry. 4.5 x 6.75 in. Printed in Italy. Approximately \$24.95 (\$19.95 for Magnificat subscribers). Website: [Magnificat](#)

Midwest Theological Forum (MTF)

The most compact option at just 3½" × 5", this 440-page edition is bound in rugged Smyth-sewn synthetic leather and designed for frequent hospital visits and emergency calls. Its durable construction and portability make it especially practical for priests and chaplains on the go. Approximately \$40. Website: [MTF](#)

October 2026 Liturgical Calendar

Month Dedicated to the Holy Rosary

October 1: Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church - Memorial - white

October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial - white

October 3: Weekday - Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time

October 4: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin - *optional memorial* - white

October 6: Weekday - Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

October 7: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary - Memorial - white

October 8-10: Weekdays - Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

October 11: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12-14: Weekdays - Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Memorial - white

October 16: Weekday - Twenty-eighth week in Ordinary Time

October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial - red

October 18: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19: Saint John de Bréfeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs - Memorial - red

October 20-21: Weekdays - Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

October 22: Saint John Paul II, Pope - *optional memorial* - white

October 23-24: Weekdays - Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

October 25: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26-27: Weekdays - Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

October 28: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast

- Liturgical Color is red.
- The Gloria is sung or said.
- Creed is not prayed.
- Solemn Blessing for Apostles #17 may be used.

October 29-31: Weekdays - Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Bishop Persico Publishes Prayer for a New Bishop

With the celebration of his 75th birthday, Bishop Persico published a prayer for a new bishop for the Diocese of Erie and directed its use beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025.

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.
We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.
Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.
For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

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.

Time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Diocese of Erie is no earlier than 4:00 pm. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

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In worship aids:

- To license the readings for a worship aid, parishes can contact: Mary Elizabeth Sperry at msperry@uscgb.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.