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LITURGICAL CALENDAR NOTES

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document does not replace or supersede the Ordo. It is intended as a quick reference guide for those responsible for and who assist with the preparation of the liturgy.

SUNDAY AND THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Sunday is the foundation of the Christian week. Sunday, the Lord's Day, is the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is the eschatological eighth day on which the community recognizes him in the assembly, in the Word, in the Eucharist and in the minister. Through the course of the Liturgical Year, the entire mystery of Christ unfolds from the incarnation to the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost and the expectation of His return in glory. Sunday is the original feast day, the first holy day. Because of Sunday's primacy, it gives way only to solemnities or feasts of the Lord which are the principle days of the Liturgical Year.

Because of the primacy of Sunday, even when ritual Masses are permitted, the unfolding of the Paschal Mystery from week to week should be respected. The prayers and readings given for each Sunday should be followed in Masses of the community.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In addition to each Sunday of the year, there are five holy days of obligation in the dioceses of the United States. These are: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25). In the provinces of Texas (San Antonio and Galveston-Houston) the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The USCCB decision of November 1991 and confirmed by the Apostolic See in July of 1992 instructs that the requirement to attend Mass is abrogated whenever Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), or All Saints (November 1) falls on a Saturday or a Monday. This policy only affects these three feasts and only dispenses the obligation to attend Mass. These days are still celebrated as solemnities. The faithful are encouraged to attend Mass.

RITUAL MASSES

Ritual Masses are connected to the celebration of certain Sacraments or Sacramentals. They are prohibited on Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on solemnities, on the days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week, taking due account of the norms given in the ritual books or in the Masses themselves (GIRM 372).

Note: Observation of Sundays and solemnities begins at 4:00 p.m. the evening before. Consequently the restriction on Ritual Masses extends to the evening before. This impacts the Mass selected in the celebration of Christian Marriage on Saturday evenings.

RITE OF MARRIAGE ON SUNDAY

Priests are limited to three Masses on a Sunday. While the Rite of Marriage is allowed on some Sundays during the year, it is pastorally imprudent for priests to accept an additional Mass on Sunday given the increasing need for Sunday Eucharist and the declining number of priests.

When a marriage is to be celebrated on a day having a penitential character, especially during Lent, the parish priest (pastor) is to counsel the couple to respect the special nature of such a

day. Celebration of marriage [including convalidation] on Good Friday and Holy Saturday is altogether forbidden (OCM 32-*unofficial translation*).

During the season of Christmas and in Ordinary Time, when a marriage is celebrated with a Sunday Mass in which the parish community participates, the Mass of the Sunday is used (OCM 34-*unofficial translation*).

FUNERAL MASS

Among the Masses for the Dead, the Funeral Mass holds first place. It may be celebrated on any day except for solemnities that are holy days of obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, with due regard also for all the other requirements of the norm of the law. Note that when a Funeral Mass may not be celebrated it may be possible to celebrate the Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass (GIRM 380; Order of Christian Funerals 178).

DAYS OF PRAYER

The following days of prayer have been added to the archdiocesan calendar. Particular mention in the liturgies of these days and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, a special prayer to conclude the intercessions and inclusion in the homily would be appropriate:

- Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality (Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- Day of Prayer for Migrants and Itinerant Workers (Dec 18 – UN International Migrants Day)
- Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace (Jan 1 – Mary, Mother of God)
- Day of Prayer for the Sick and Health Care Workers (Feb 11- Our Lady of Lourdes)
- Day of Prayer for Fair Weather (Sunday nearest to June 1 – start of Hurricane Season)
- Day of Prayer for Sea Farers (Second Sunday of July – coincides with Sea Sunday)

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH

Parishes should celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of their church. If the liturgical days outlined in the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* I. 1-3 do not prevent it, this celebration may be moved to the nearest Sunday.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL – JANUARY 25, 2009

During the Pauline jubilee year, the congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments published a decree allowing a Mass for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul to be said on January 25, 2009, which falls on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The decree states “The Apostle St. Paul, who proclaimed the truth of Christ to the whole world and did so after being Christ’s persecutor, spent himself in using every means to proclaim the Good News to the nations, committing himself with zeal to the unity and concord of all Christians, has always been and continues to be venerated by the faithful, especially in this particular year, the bimillennium of his birth, which the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI desired to institute as a special jubilee year. Thus, in virtue the faculties conferred on this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI, it is permitted, in an extraordinary manner, that on January 25, 2009, the Third Sunday ‘per annum,’ a Mass according to the formulary ‘Conversion of St. Paul,’ as is found in the Roman Missal, may be celebrated in the individual churches. In such a case, the second reading of the Mass is taken from the Roman Lectionary for the Third Sunday ‘per annum,’ and the Creed will be recited.”

LENT – COVERING OF CROSSES AND IMAGES

"In the Dioceses of the United States of America, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Images in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the

Easter Vigil". This was approved by the USCCB in November 2001, granted *recognitio* by the Holy See, and has been in effect since April 2002.¹

THE EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil, the first Mass of Easter, is celebrated in the night between April 11 and April 12, in 2009. The law of the Church is that the celebration of the Easter Vigil is celebrated at night. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, number 21, states:

The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the "mother of all vigils." Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ's resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before the dawn of Sunday.

This instruction is to be understood in the strictest sense.² In 2005, the United States revised the rule for Day Light Saving which will begin on the second Sunday of March beginning in 2007³. Consequently, the **Easter Vigil liturgy in 2009 may not begin until 8:30 p.m.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Congregation for Divine Worship decreed (May 23, 2000) that "throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that human kind will experience in the years to come."

The essential celebration consists in the celebration of the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter during which the homily should focus on the scripture readings of the day. It should be noted that the three cycles of Scripture readings and the prayers of the day are all centered on the forgiveness of sins and God's infinite mercy. Additional celebrations are permitted including a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Private prayer includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order "to insure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched with a plenary indulgence." The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on that day, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection of a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and add a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g., *Merciful Jesus, I trust you!*).

¹ This was originally proposed as an adaptation to *General Instruction* 318; however, as was noted at the time, this belongs in the rubrics for Holy Week in the Missal itself, and thus it does not appear in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*.

² "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday". (*Caeremoniale episcoporum* n. 332; *Roman Missal*, The Easter Vigil, n. 3.) This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices which have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. (*Eucharisticum mysterium*, (25 May 1967) n. 28; AAS 59 (1967), 556-557.)

³ On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. Beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday of March and end the first Sunday of November. The Secretary of Energy will report the impact of this change to Congress. Congress retains the right to revert the Daylight Saving Time back to the 2005 time schedule once the Department of Energy study is complete.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS AND THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS) – NOVEMBER 1-2, 2009

The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, will occur on Sunday in 2009. The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated on Saturday evening, October 31. The **ritual Mass for marriage is forbidden** on the Solemnity of All Saints and at the Saturday evening Mass on October 31. (GIRM 372, RM 11) Since most marriages in the United States are celebrated on Saturdays, pastors should take care in scheduling weddings on this date. While the ritual Mass for marriage is forbidden on the Solemnity of All Saints and the Saturday vigil Mass, the Mass of the day with the nuptial blessing may be celebrated. No reading may be substituted. The Rite of Marriage outside Mass may also be celebrated. Prior to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, the ritual Mass for marriage may be celebrated.

The Solemnity of All Souls is celebrated on Monday, November 2 and is taken from “Masses for the Dead” in the Sacramentary.

THE CALENDAR

ADVENT SEASON (2008)

November 30 2008, Sunday **First Sunday of Advent**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

December 7, 2008, **Second Sunday of Advent**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing, and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

December 8, 2008, Monday, **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

- **Always** a Holy Day of Obligation
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing, and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- Funeral Mass **not** permitted. Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass permitted (GIRM 380 OCF 178).

December 12, 2008, Friday. **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- Patroness of the Americas
- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, the homily and the concluding prayer for the intercessions could reflect this intention.

December 14, 2008, **Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday**

- Rose colored vestments may be worn
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- O Antiphons may be used more extensively these final days of Advent.

December 18, 2008, Day of Prayer for Migrants and Itinerant Workers

- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Migrants and Itinerant Workers
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, the homily and the concluding prayer for the intercessions could reflect this intention.

December 21, 2008, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

CHRISTMAS SEASON (2008)

December 25, 2008, Thursday, **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

- **Always** a Holy Day of Obligation
- Genuflect at "and became man" during the recitation of the Creed
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface Blessing and Readings of the Day
 - **No** reading may be substituted
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- Funeral Mass not permitted. (GIRM 380)
- **Vigil Masses may not begin before 4:00 p.m.** [*Christus Dominus* 1953 (AAS 45)]

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January 1, Thursday, **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (Octave Day of Christmas)**

- A Holy Day of Obligation
- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, the homily and the concluding prayer for the intercessions could reflect this intention.
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- Funeral Mass not permitted. Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass permitted (GIRM 380, OCF 178).

January 4, Sunday, **The Epiphany of the Lord**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

ORDINARY TIME (WINTER)

January 22, Thursday, **Day of Penance for Violations of the Dignity of the Human Person (USA)** GIRM 373

- "For Peace and Justice" (no. 22 "Masses for Various Needs")
- Violet Vestments

January 25, Sunday, **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**

- May replace the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time in recognition of the Jubilee Year of St. Paul.
 - Sacramentary, Conversion of Paul, Apostle, page 605
 - Lectionary no. 519 except for the Second Reading which should be taken from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B, (1Corinthians 7:29-31)
 - Creed is recited
 - White vestments

February 11, Wednesday

- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for the Sick and Health Care Workers
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, the homily and the concluding prayer for the intercessions could reflect this intention.

LENTEN SEASON

February 25, **Ash Wednesday**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

March 1, **First Sunday of Lent** – *Rite of Sending (parish) & Rite of Election (archdiocese)*

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

March 8, **Second Sunday of Lent** – *Penitential Rite* (RCIA previously baptized candidates for the full Communion of the Catholic faith)

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

March 15, **Third Sunday of Lent** – *First Scrutiny* for RCIA Elect (only)

- Cycle A readings may be read at all Masses (Intro. Lectionary 97; PS 24)
- Readings for Scrutiny Mass are from Cycle A
- Scrutiny Mass Preface P14 – Woman of Samaria
- RCIA - Presentation of the Creed (during week, RCIA 104, 157)
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

March 19, Thursday, **Solemnity of St. Joseph**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

March 22, **Fourth Sunday of Lent** – *Second Scrutiny* for RCIA Elect (only) – *Laetare Sunday*

- Rose vestments may be worn
- Cycle A readings may be read at all Masses (Intro. Lectionary 97; PS 24)
- Readings for Scrutiny Mass are from Cycle A
- Scrutiny Mass Preface P15 – Man Born Blind
- A Funeral Mass **may not be** celebrated (GIRM 380, OCF 178)
- A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- **Covering crosses and images** - In the Dioceses of the United States of America, **crosses** in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. **Images** in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. (USCCB, 2001; CDW Prot No 1381/01/L))

March 25, Wednesday, **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

- Genuflect at “and became man” during the recitation of the Creed
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

March 29, **Fifth Sunday of Lent** – *Third Scrutiny* for RCIA Elect (only)

- Cycle A readings may be read at all Masses (Intro. Lectionary 97; PS 24)
- Readings for Scrutiny Mass are from Cycle A
- Scrutiny Mass Preface P16 – Lazarus
- RCIA – Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (during week, RCIA 104, 178)
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

LENTEN SEASON – HOLY WEEK

April 5, **Passion/Palm Sunday**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

April 6-8, Monday through Wednesday inclusive, **Weekdays of Holy Week**

- "The days of Holy Week, from Monday to Thursday inclusive, have precedence over all other celebrations." It is not fitting that baptisms and confirmation be celebrated on these days (except in danger of death). (PS 27)
- A Funeral Mass **may be** celebrated (GIRM 380)
- *Ideally*, all marriages (including convalidations) should be celebrated before Holy Week.
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated Monday through Wednesday, unless it is the Mass of the Day (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- Ritual Masses are **not** permitted (GIRM 372)

April 7, Tuesday, **Chrism Mass** at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 7:00 p.m.

April 9, Holy Thursday (during the day), **Lenten Weekday [6]**

- Only Masses permitted are Chrism Mass and the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Exceptions to this are reviewed on a case by case basis by the Cardinal.
- It is not fitting that baptisms and confirmation be celebrated (except in danger of death). (PS 27)
- Ritual Masses are **not** permitted (GIRM 372)
- A Funeral Mass **may not be** celebrated (GIRM 380; OCF 178)
- A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass **may be** celebrated (OCF 178)
- *Ideally*, all marriages (including convalidations) should be celebrated before Holy Week.
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated. (GIRM 372, RM 11)
- Communion distributed **only** during Mass, but may be brought to the sick at any hour of the day. (Sacramentary p. 135; EWOM 16a)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM - begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper through Easter Sunday.

April 9, 2009 – **Holy Thursday Evening: Mass of the Lord's Supper**

- Mass marks the end of the Lenten fast and the start of the Paschal fast. (PS 39)
- Sufficient number of hosts are prepared for Communion to the sick and for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. (Sacramentary p.135, PS 48)
- There is no prescribed number of individuals whose feet are washed. Participants may be women, youth and children as well as men. The community may take part in the foot washing presuming the liturgy is properly prepared. (BCL newsletter, Feb, 1987)
- Stripping the altar privately after Mass does not include the removal of the Altar, Ambo, or Presider's Chair. Holy water fonts may be drained and cleaned to be refilled after baptisms on Holy Saturday. Crosses may be covered with red or purple fabric. Candles should not be lit before sacred images. (PS 57, CDW Prot No 569/00/L)

- Church bells are to remain quiet after the Gloria in Evening Mass on Holy Thursday to the Gloria in the Easter Vigil.”(PS 50)

April 10, 2009 – **Good Friday**, *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

- A Funeral Mass **may not be** celebrated (GIRM 380)
- A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass **may be** celebrated. “Funerals are to be celebrated without singing, music, or the tolling of bells” (PS 61).
- The celebration of marriage (including convalidation) is **forbidden** (PS 61; OCM 32)
- Communion may be given only at the celebration of the Lord’s Passion, but may be brought at any hour of the day to the sick who cannot participate in this service. (Sacramentary p. 167; PS 59; EWOM 16b)
- Cross vs. Crucifix. The ritual text clearly refers to the wood of the cross which is the instrument of our salvation. However, it is clear that the use of the crucifix is mentioned in the middle ages. A cross without corpus is preferred but a crucifix may be used. Nonetheless, only a single cross or crucifix should be used for the veneration. (PS 68, 69)

April 11, 2009 – **Holy Saturday**

- Aside from the Easter Vigil, Holy Communion may be given **only** as Viaticum. Regular communion calls to the sick, except for Viaticum, are not to occur. (Sacramentary p. 167; EWOM 16c)
- The celebration of marriage (including convalidation) is **forbidden** (PS 75, OCM 32)
- A Funeral Mass **may not be** celebrated (GIRM 380)
- A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass **may be** celebrated. (GIRM 380, OCF 178)
- Preparation Rites, e.g., Recitation of the Creed, Ephphetha, etc. (RCIA, 185)
- **Easter Vigil liturgy in 2009 may not begin until 8:30 p.m.** “The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall and it should end before daybreak on Sunday.’ This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense.” (PS 78)
- The Paschal Candle is to remain in the sanctuary near the ambo or the altar from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost evening prayer. (PS 99)

April 12, **Easter Sunday**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted (RM 11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

EASTER SEASON

April 13-19, **Octave of Easter**, Monday of the First Week of Easter, through Second Sunday of Easter

- Each day is a Solemnity (GNLY 24)
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

April 19, **Second Sunday of Easter, *Divine Mercy Sunday*, (The Octave Day of Easter)**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

April 26, **Third Sunday of Easter**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

May 3, **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

May 10, **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- **The Blessing of Mothers** is found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 55

May 17, **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

May 21, Thursday, **Easter Weekday [week 6]**

- The Celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the Provinces of Texas including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.
- Readings #294
 - Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

May 24, Sunday, **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

May 31, Sunday, **Pentecost**

- Sequence *Veni Sancte Spiritus* after the second reading
- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Fair Weather
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made.
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- The Paschal Candle, lit during all of today's Masses, should be placed in the baptistery after evening prayer, if celebrated or after the last mass, as a sign that the Easter season is over.

ORDINARY TIME

June 7, Sunday, **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

June 14, Sunday, **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** Reading may be substituted for the Readings assigned to the liturgical day (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

June 19, Friday, **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

June 21, Sunday, **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- The **Blessing of Fathers** is found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 56

June 24, Wednesday, **Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

June 29, Monday, **Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

July 12, Sunday, **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Sea Farers
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, the homily and the concluding prayer for the intercessions could reflect this intention.

August 15, Saturday, **Solemnity of the Assumption**

- **Not** a Holy Day of Obligation
- A Funeral Mass **may not be** celebrated (GIRM 380)
- A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass **may be** celebrated (RM 11)
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** Reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

November 1, Sunday, **Solemnity of All Saints** (Replaces the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- A Funeral Mass **may not be** celebrated (GIRM 380)
- A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass **may be** celebrated (RM 11)
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

November 2, Monday, **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** (All Souls)

- Funeral Mass **may** be celebrated
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

November 22, Sunday, **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

November 26, Thursday, **Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica**
(solemnity in the basilica only; feast in the remainder of the archdiocese)

Except for the Basilica:

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may be** celebrated (GIRM 372, RM 11)
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

November 26, Thursday, **Thanksgiving Day**

- A Blessing of Food on Thanksgiving Day can be found in the Book of Blessings Nos 1755-1780

ADVENT (2009 - YEAR OF GRACE 2010)

November 29, **First Sunday of Advent**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated
- Begin Sunday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year B; Weekday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year I

December 6, **Second Sunday of Advent**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

December 8, Tuesday, **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

- **Always** a Holy Day of Obligation
- A Funeral Mass **may not be** celebrated (GIRM 380)
- A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass **may be** celebrated (OCF 178)
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing, and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

December 12, Saturday, **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, the concluding prayer for the intercessions could reflect this intention.

December 13, **Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday**

- Rose colored vestments may be worn
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

December 18, **Day of Prayer for Migrants and Itinerant Workers**

- Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Migrants and Itinerant Workers
- Particular mention in the liturgy and inclusion in the general intercessions should be made. If appropriate, the concluding prayer for the intercessions could reflect this intention.

December 20, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - One reading may be substituted from the Rite of Marriage
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

CHRISTMAS SEASON (2009)

December 25, Friday, **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

- **Always** a Holy Day of Obligation
- Genuflect at “and became man” during the recitation of the Creed
- The Rite of Marriage during Mass **may not be** celebrated, unless it is the Mass of the Day (this includes Masses after 4:00 p.m. on the evening before) (GIRM 372, RM 11)
 - Prayers, Preface, Blessing and Readings assigned to the liturgical day
 - **No** Reading may be substituted (RM11)
 - The Nuptial Blessing is given
- The Rite of Marriage Outside Mass **may be** celebrated

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

I

- 1) Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.
- 2) Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost.
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season.
Ash Wednesday.
Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday to Thursday inclusive.
Days within the octave of Easter.
- 3) Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and saints listed in the General Calendar.
All Souls.
- 4) Proper solemnities, namely:
 - a) Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, that is, the city or state.
 - b) Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary.
 - c) Solemnity of the title of a particular church.
 - d) Solemnity of the title, or of the founder, or of the principal patron of religious order or congregation.

II

- 5) Feasts of the Lord in the General Calendar.
- 6) Sundays of the Christmas season and Sundays in Ordinary Time.
- 7) Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the General Calendar.
- 8) Proper feasts, namely:
 - a) Feast of the principal patron of the diocese.
 - b) Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral.
 - c) Feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory.
 - d) Feast of the title, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the directives in no. 4.
 - e) Other feasts proper to an individual church.
 - f) Other feasts listed in the calendar of a diocese or of a religious order or congregation.
- 9) Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December inclusive.
Days within the octave of Christmas.
Weekdays of Lent.

III

- 10) Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar.
- 11) Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a) Memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or province, country or wider territory, or of an order or congregation and of a religious province.
 - b) Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation.
- 12) Optional memorials; but these may be celebrated even on the days listed in no. 9, in the special manner described by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours. In the same manner obligatory memorials may be celebrated as optional memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.
- 13) Weekdays of Advent up to 16 December inclusive.
Weekdays of the Christmas season from 2 January until the Saturday after Epiphany.
Weekdays of the Easter season from Monday after the octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive.
Weekdays in Ordinary Time.

ABBREVIATIONS

CDW	Congregation for Divine Worship
EWOM	<i>Holy Communion And Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass</i> , 1973
GIRM	<i>General Instruction of the Roman Missal</i> , 2002
GNLY	<i>General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar</i> , 1969
LECT	<i>Introduction to the Lectionary</i> , 1981
OCF	<i>Order of Christian Funerals</i> , 1989
OCM	<i>Ordo Celebrandi Matrimonium</i> 1990 (<i>editio typical altera</i> – 2nd Latin edition)
PS	<i>Paschale Solemnitatis</i> (Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts. Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, January 16, 1988.
RCIA	<i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i> , 1988
RM	Rite of Christian Marriage, 1969

CITATIONS

GIRM 372. Ritual Masses are connected to the celebration of certain Sacraments or Sacramentals. They are prohibited on Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on solemnities, on the days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week, taking due account of the norms given in the ritual books or in the Masses themselves.

GIRM 380. Among the Masses for the Dead, the Funeral Mass holds first place. It may be celebrated on any day except for Solemnities that are holy days of obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, with due regard also for all the other requirements of the norm of the law.

RM 11. Whenever marriage is celebrated during Mass, white vestments are worn and the wedding Mass is used. If the marriage is celebrated on a Sunday or solemnity, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and the special final blessing according to the circumstances.

The liturgy of the word as adapted to the marriage celebration, however, is a highly effective means for the catechesis on the sacrament of marriage and its duties. Therefore, when the wedding Mass may not be held, one of the readings from the texts provided for the marriage celebration (nos. 67-105) may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter, on the solemnities of Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, or Corpus Christi, or on holydays of obligation. On the Sundays of the Christmas season and in Ordinary Time, the entire wedding Mass may be used in Masses that are not parish Masses.

OCM 32 When a marriage is to be celebrated on a day having a penitential character, especially during Lent, the parish priest (pastor) is to counsel the spouses to respect the special nature of such a day. Celebration of marriage on Good Friday and Holy Saturday is altogether forbidden. (unofficial translation)

OCM 34 During the season of Christmas and in Ordinary Time, when a marriage is celebrated with a Sunday Mass in which the parish community participated, the Mass of the Sunday is used. (unofficial translation)

OCF 178 [Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass] may be used for various reasons:

1. when the funeral Mass is not permitted, namely on solemnities of obligation, on Holy Thursday and the Easter Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season....