

LITURGY UPDATE

Liturgical Notes

January 5th: Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany Announcement of the Day of Easter may be said or sung following the reading of the Gospel. The text and music for the Proclamation may be found in Appendix 1 of the *Roman Missal*.

January 18th- January 25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Petitions for Christian Unity may be added to the Prayer of the Faithful during this week.

January 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On this day, a Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" may be celebrated with white vestments. As well, a Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" may be celebrated with violet vestments.

February 2nd: Presentation of the Lord

This year, the Feast of the Presentation occurs on a Sunday. The blessing of candles in a solemn or simple form may take place before the principal Sunday Mass. As well, throats may be blessed in honor of St. Blaise on this Sunday.



An Archdiocesan Liturgical Newsletter

Please enjoy this first edition of the liturgical newsletter for the Archdiocese of New York. The newsletter will be published by the Archdiocesan Office of Liturgy on a quarterly basis, and will offer news, updates, and commentary on various aspects of the liturgical life of the Archdiocese and the broader Church. It is hoped that this quarterly missive will be a useful resource to all who minister in the Archdiocese.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - December 9th

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on the second Sunday of Advent. Because Sundays of Advent take precedence over other Solemnities inscribed in the General Calendar, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the following Monday. Inasmuch as the date of this Solemnity has been transferred, it is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Accordingly, funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day.



Ritual Books Update

At the November Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the following ritual books were approved and sent to the Holy See for *recognitio*:

- Spanish-language translation of the *Misal Romano* from Mexico with adaptations for the United States. It is anticipated that the US version of the *Misal Romano* will be available by late 2014 or the spring of 2015.
- English translation of the *Order of Celebrating Marriage, editio typica altera*. This updated edition of the Rite was promulgated in Latin in 1991, but an English translation has not yet been published. The revised edition includes some prayers and rites not previously included in the first edition, such as an additional text that may be used after the exchange of vows, and a rite for the renewal of marital commitment on anniversaries.
- English translation of the *Order of Confirmation* according to the translation norms of *Liturgiam Authenticam*.



Spanish-Language Leccionario approved

Following the 2009 approval by the members of the USCCB, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the *Leccionario* for the dioceses of the United States. This text uses the Spanish translation of the Scriptural readings found in the *Leccionario* of Mexico, while retaining the Responsorial Psalms from the *Leccionario* of Spain. Also included in this newly-approved text are readings for observances found on the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States.

The *Leccionario* will be published in four volumes in order to coincide with the English *Lectionary for Mass*:

Volume I: Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts of the Lord

Volume II: Weekdays (Cycle 1), Proper of Saints, and Commons

Volume III: Weekdays (Cycle 2), Proper of Saints, and Commons

Volume IV: Commons, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, and Masses for the Dead

Final arrangements are being made for the publication and implementation of the new *Leccionario*. The use of this text, along with the recently approved *Misal Romano*, marks a major step forward in offering pastoral ministry to Spanish-speaking faithful in the United States.

Blessed Julia Ivanišević and Companions - December 15th

The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has approved the use of a collect for the feast of Blessed Julia Ivanišević on December 15th. Blessed Julia was martyred in Goražde, Bosnia by Serbian Chetniks on December 15, 1941. She and her companions were Daughters of Divine Charity, who are well known to us in the Archdiocese through their presence and apostolic work on Staten Island and in Manhattan.

In 2013, Blessed Julia's feast is preceded by the 3rd Sunday of Advent. However, when December 15th is an Advent weekday, Blessed Julia's collect may be used at celebrations of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours in communities of the Daughters of Divine Charity within the Archdiocese.

Collect

O God, who gave the virgins Blessed Julia and her companions, the grace to persevere in the faith at the price of their blood while remaining faithful to their holy religious vows, grant also to us through their intercession, courage in the hour of trial that our lives may always glorify you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Oh Dios, que has dado a la Beata Julia y a sus compañeras, vírgenes, la gracia de la perseverancia en la fe y de la fidelidad a los santos votos religiosos al precio de su propia sangre; concédenos, por su intercesión, fortaleza de ánimo en la hora de la prueba, para que te glorifiquemos siempre con nuestra vida. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Optional Memorial of St. Marianne Cope - January 23rd

An optional memorial for St. Marianne Cope (1838-1918) has been inserted into the proper calendar for the Dioceses of the United States on January 23rd. Saint Marianne worked with Saint Damien de Veuster on Kalaupapa, Moloka'i, where she set up a home for girls with leprosy.

Collect

O God, who called us to serve your Son in the least of our brothers and sisters, grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope, we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Oh Dios, que nos llamaste a servir a tu Hijo en el más pequeño de nuestros hermanos, concédenos, te rogamos, que por el ejemplo e intercesión de la santa Mariana Cope, virgen, ardamos en amor por ti y por aquellos que sufren. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Additional texts for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours may be found at the following link:
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/frequently-asked-questions/saint-marianne-cope.cfm>

Emendation to the Rite for Baptism of Children

In a decree dated February 22, 2013, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments called for a change to paragraphs 41, 79, 111, 136, and 170 of the Order of the Baptism of Children, *editio typica altera*. At these places within the Rite, the phrase “christian community” will now read “Church of God.” This modification was approved by Pope Benedict XVI prior to his resignation.

An excerpt from the decree explains the reason for this change:

Since Baptism stands at the threshold of life and the Kingdom, it is the sacrament of faith by which men and women are incorporated into Christ’s one Church, which subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the Successor of Peter and the Bishops in communion with him. Therefore, it seemed to the Congregation that a certain variation in the *editio typica altera* of the Rite of Baptism for Children should be introduced, so that the teaching handed on in this rite, concerning the duty and office of the Church as Mother, may be placed in a clearer light in the celebration of the Sacrament.

The change to the Latin text of the *Ordo Baptismi Parvulorum* became effective as of March 31, 2013. Since the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) has already begun work on a revised translation of the Rite of Baptism for Children, it has been decided to wait until a new text is approved before mandating the change from “Christian community” to “Church of God” in the Dioceses of the United States. However, a celebrant may use the new wording already at this time, if he so wishes.

Upcoming Workshops, Conferences and Events

December 6th @ 7pm; December 7th @ 4pm - “Advent Lessons and Carols” at St. Joseph’s Seminary

Free admission

Contact: www.dunwoodie.edu

Saturday, February 8 @ 9 am and 1pm - *Pueri Cantores* National Catholic High School Choral Festival at St. Malachy’s Church, Manhattan

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