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Change to the Translation of the Doxology of Collect Prayers

Beginning Ash Wednesday 2021 (Feb 17, 2021)

doxologies of Collects omit “one” and so now conclude

“...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever”

In May 2020 the Holy See’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) wrote to the English-speaking Conferences of Bishops regarding the concluding doxology of the Collects in the *Roman Missal*. The doxology of Collect prayers concludes, “*Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum*,” emphasizing the divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who as the Incarnate Son intercedes on our behalf to the Father, the prayer being made “in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”

CDWDS indicated certain challenges to the inclusion of “one” in the English translation, “in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,” and the congregation requested that English-speaking bishops’ conferences consider omitting “one.” First, the English “one” finds no corresponding term in the Latin text. Second, “one” could be understood to undermine the unique dignity of the Son within the Trinity. Third, “one” could be misinterpreted as saying that Jesus is “one God.” In sum, these issues could lead to the misunderstandings that Jesus is one God independent of the Blessed Trinity or that Jesus is one god among many.

Following the Conferences of Bishops for England & Wales, for Ireland, and for Canada, the bishops of the United States have amended the doxology accordingly. Therefore, beginning Ash Wednesday 2021 (February 17, 2021) all instances in which a prayer concludes “in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever” will now omit “one” and conclude, “...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.” This change applies to the Mass, as well as all other liturgies.

There is no need to purchase new missals. The celebrant simply omits “one” when offering the prayer.

New Memorials of 3 Doctors of the Church and of Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

- + Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor the Church · February 27 · *optional memorial*
LITURGICAL TEXTS: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-gregory-of-narek>
- + Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church · May 10 · *optional memorial*
LITURGICAL TEXTS: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-john-of-avila>
- + Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus · July 29 · *obligatory memorial*
LITURGICAL TEXTS: *forthcoming*
- + Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church · September 17 · *optional memorial*
LITURGICAL TEXTS: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-hildegard-of-bingen>

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Notes on Holy Week 2021

Holy Week is ordered to the commemoration of Christ's Passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

· UNIVERSAL NORMS ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR, 31 ·

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday and Monday through Thursday of Holy Week are part of the Season of Lent, which season concludes before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Paschal Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with Evening Prayer on the Sunday of the Resurrection (cf. *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year*, nos. 18-19).

Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic 2021 · Guidance on the celebration of Holy Week during the coronavirus pandemic in 2021 are enclosed. General notes are below.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (March 28, 2021)

- + The proper texts of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord must be used.
- + One of the three forms for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem must be used at all Masses (Procession, Solemn Entrance, or Simple Entrance). The presider may wear a red cope for the procession, in which case he sets it aside at the conclusion of the procession and puts on a red chasuble.
- + The Procession or Solemn Entrance should take place at the principal Mass of this Sunday, whenever possible. The Solemn Entrance, but not the Procession, may be repeated before other Masses on this day at which a larger gathering of people is present. If, for serious pastoral reasons, the Procession or Solemn Entrance do not take place at any parish Masses on this day, then it is desirable that a sacred celebration of the Word of God on the messianic entrance and on the Passion of the Lord be celebrated.
- + The Gospel of the Passion is read without incense or candles. The greeting and signing of the book are omitted. The veneration of the book with a kiss is omitted, but "The Gospel of the Lord" is said with its response. The Gospel may be read by the deacon, a concelebrant, or the presider; or, the Gospel may be read by lay readers with the part of Christ reserved to the priest.
- + On this day, the Order of Placing Branches in the Home may be celebrated in homes (*Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers*, pp. 108-109).

Weekdays of Holy Week (March 29 - April 3, 2021)

- + *Monday of Holy Week*: Proper texts of this day are used, unless a Funeral Mass, which is permitted, is celebrated. The use of prayers & readings for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses is not permitted.
- + *Tuesday of Holy Week*: Proper texts of this day are used, unless a Funeral Mass, which is permitted, is celebrated. The use of prayers & readings for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses is not permitted.
- + *Wednesday of Holy Week*: Proper texts of this day are used, unless a Funeral Mass, which is permitted, is celebrated. The use of prayers & readings for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses is not permitted.
- + *Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)*: The only Masses permitted on this day are the Chrism Mass and the Evening Mass of Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted. According to ancient tradition, all Masses without an assembly are forbidden. On Holy Thursday, Communion is only distributed during the liturgy, but it may be taken to the sick at any appropriate hour.

✠ Chrism Mass ✠

Thursday, April 1, 2021 · 10:30am · Cathedral of Saint Thomas More
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge *Bishop of Arlington, Principal Celebrant & Homilist*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- + *Friday of Holy Week (Good Friday) & Saturday of Holy Week (Holy Saturday):* Friday & Saturday of Holy Week are part of the Paschal Triduum (*see below*).

The Sacred Paschal Triduum · “In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen” (*The Sacred Paschal Triduum*, 1 [in *The Roman Missal*]). The Paschal Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with Evening Prayer on the Sunday of the Resurrection. (*Additional details on the observance of the Sacred Paschal Triduum will be provided in future bulletins.*)

Order of Liturgy of the Hours · *Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday*

- + Hymns for Holy Week may be found in the Liturgy of the Hours. The hymn for Night Prayer may be chosen from the Evening Prayer hymns for Holy Week.

Sacraments and Funerals · *Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday*

- + *Baptism and Confirmation:* Because the Easter Vigil is the natural place for Baptism and Confirmation, these Sacraments are ordinarily not celebrated during Holy Week, except in danger of death.
- + *Penance/Reconciliation:* The Season of Lent, especially Holy Week, is a most fitting time for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- + *Matrimony:* Matrimony is ordinarily not celebrated during Holy Week and is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.
- + *Funerals:* Funerals are permitted. However, on Holy Thursday and during the Paschal Triduum funeral rites make use of a Liturgy of the Word closing with the rite of Farewell (*Order of Christian Funerals*, part I, no. 4); readings should reflect the nature of these days and Communion is not distributed. *see enclosure*

Music, Arts, & Environment · *Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday*

- + Instruments are played only to give the necessary support to the singing.
- + The altar is not decorated with flowers; other decorations should be restrained.
- + Crosses & images may be covered on the 5th Sun. of Lent. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion; images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

Additional details on the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Time will be provided in future bulletins.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Diocesan Workshops

Registration · <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/EMHC/>

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, in Spring 2021 the diocesan workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held virtually according to the schedule provided below. Individuals can register at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/EMHC/>. Registration is limited to 100 participants per session.

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| Monday, February 1, 2021 · 2:00-3:30pm | † Monday, April 19, 2021 · 2:00-3:30pm |
| Monday, February 1, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm | † Monday, April 19, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm |
| † Monday, March 15, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm | † Saturday, May 8, 2021 · 9:00-10:30am |
| † Saturday, March 20, 2021 · 9:00-10:30am | † Monday, May 10, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm |

January 10 • Pope Francis issues *motu proprio* entitled *Spiritus Domini* modifying Canon 230.1 of the CCL regarding access of women to ministries of Lector and Acolyte. The *motu proprio* is accompanied by a [letter to the Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith](#).

January 12 • Pope Francis makes public his annual [Message for the World Day of the Sick](#), entitled “*You have but one teacher and you are all brothers*” (Mt 23:8): *A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick*.

January 24 • Pope Francis’ [homily for the second annual Sunday of the Word of God](#) is delivered by Archbishop Fisichella during the celebration of Mass at the Altar of the Cathedra in the Vatican Basilica.

January 25 • Pope Francis’ [homily for the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#) is delivered by Cardinal Kurt Koch during the celebration of Vespers in the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls.

January 25-26 • On Jan 25, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issues a [decree inscribing three Doctors of the Church](#) in the General Roman Calendar: St Gregory of Narek (Feb 27), St John of Avila (May 10), and St Hildegard of Bingen (Sep 17). The next day, CDWDS issues a [decree inscribing the obligatory memorial of Sts Martha, Mary, and Lazarus](#) (Jul 29).

January 25-26 • Pope Francis celebrates [Mass for the Presentation](#) and World Day of Consecrated Life.

January 31 • Pope Francis establishes [World Day for Grandparents and Elders](#), to be observed annually on the Fourth Sunday of July (July 25, 2021). Several days later, the Pontifical Academy for Life, with the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, presents the document “[Old Age: Our Future. The Condition of the Elderly after the Pandemic](#).”

February 12 • Pope Francis issues annual [Message for Lent](#) with the title “*Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem*” (Mt 20:18). *Lent: A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope, and Love*.

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters
2. Hope as “living water” enabling us to continue our journey
3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope

Special Note • *The Mass in Time of Pandemic* may be celebrated at the discretion of the Pastor or Priest-celebrant on the following dates: February 1, 3-6, 8-13, 15-16; March n/a; April 13-17, 19-24, 26-30

FEBRUARY • *Pope’s Intention: Violence against Women*

February 7 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | World Day for Consecrated Life [observed this day in USA] | Collection for Diocesan Newspaper

February 8 • World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

February 11 • World Day of the Sick

February 17 • Ash Wednesday | Lent begins | Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

February 20 • Diaconate Ordination (Permanent Deacons)

February 21 • First Sunday of Lent | Rite of Election | Collection for Black and Indian Missions

February 28 • Second Sunday of Lent | Rite of Election

MARCH • *Pope’s Intention: Sacrament of Reconciliation*

March 7 • Third Sunday of Lent

March 14 • Fourth Sunday of Lent | Collection for Catholic Relief Services

March 19 • Solemnity of Saint Joseph | On Fri, Mar 19, 2021, there is no obligation to abstain from meat

March 25 • Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

March 28 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Holy Week begins

APRIL • *Pope’s Intention: Fundamental Rites*

April 1 • Holy Thursday

April 2 • Good Friday | Collection for the Holy Land

April 3 • Holy Saturday | In 2021, Easter Vigil begins no earlier than 8:30pm

April 4 • Easter Sunday

April 4-11 • Octave of Easter

April 10 • Diaconate Ordination (Transitional Deacons)

April 11 • Octave Day of Easter / Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12 • Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde (1988)

April 18 • Third Sunday of Easter

April 25 • Fourth Sunday of Easter | World Day of Prayer for Vocations | Catholic Home Missions Appeal

MAY • *Pope’s Intention: The World of Finance*

May 2 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 9 • Sixth Sunday of Easter | Collection for Special Parish Needs

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