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## ✠ Year of Saint Joseph ✠

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/YearofStJoseph](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/YearofStJoseph) · flier enclosed

## Days of Prayer · January & February 2021

See enclosures for a flier for each Day of Prayer in Jan & Feb 2021

**Spotlight: Sunday of the Word of God | Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Jan 24 2021)** · On Dec 19, 2020, the Holy See's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a [Note on the Sunday of the Word of God](#). For this Sunday in 2021, the Congregation encourages clergy and lay faithful to (re)read Church documents on the Word of God, especially the "Introduction" of the *Lectionary for Mass*. The note highlights Christ's speaking through the Scriptures proclaimed in the liturgy, the veneration due to the Book of the Gospels and other books containing Sacred Scripture, the relationship of the proclaimed word to the assembly, the singing of the Responsorial Psalm, the importance of the homily, the significance of silence, and the significance of the ambo. It calls for promoting formation in the Church's use of Scripture in prayer, its use in Liturgy of the Hours, and its relationship to the Saints.

## 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   |

## Webinar on Catholic Hymnody at the Service of the Church

Registration · <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops/>

In December 2020 the Diocese of Arlington made available the USCCB Committee on Doctrine's document *Catholic Hymnody at the Service of the Church* to liturgical ministers in the Diocese. To examine the document's content and implications, the Office of Divine Worship will host a webinar open to all liturgical ministers of the Diocese of Arlington. Individuals may register at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops). Registration is limited to 500 per offering.

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| † Monday, February 8, 2021 · 2:00-3:00pm  |
| † Friday, February 12, 2021 · 2:00-3:00pm |

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## Notes on Lent 2021

Season of Lent · Begins on Ash Wednesday & Ends on Holy Thursday (excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Twofold Theme of Lent · Repentance & Baptism

### Liturgical Days

- † Ash Wednesday · The prayers & readings of Ash Wednesday must be used. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, & Votive Masses are not permitted
- † Weekdays of Lent · Funeral Masses are permitted. Prayers & readings for Ritual Masses are permitted, & the Gloria is sung/said when required by the rubrics of the Ritual Mass. The use of prayers & readings for Masses for Various Needs & for Votive Masses requires permission from the diocesan Bishop.
- † Sundays of Lent · The prayers & readings of the Sundays of Lent must be used, except when Masses “For the Celebration of the Scrutinies” are used. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses (excepting the scrutinies), Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted
- † Memorials · All memorials are optional & may be omitted or observed as commemorations (see below).
- † Solemnities · The Solemnity of Saint Joseph (3/19) & the Solemnity of the Annunciation (3/25) are observed as solemnities (e.g., the Gloria is sung/said & the Creed is sung/said). Funeral Masses are permitted on these days. Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, & Votive Masses are not permitted on these days.
- † Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of Holy Week · Funeral Masses are permitted. Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, & Votive Masses are not permitted
- † Thursday of Holy Week · The prayers & readings of Thursday of Holy Week must be used. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, & Votive Masses are not permitted.

### Order of Mass

- † Commemorations in a Privileged Season · At Mass, the Collect of the Saint whose memorial is commemorated may replace the Collect of the Weekday of Lent. When the Collect of the Saint is used, the Collect of the Weekday of Lent (with the more simple ending “Through Christ our Lord”) may fittingly be used to conclude the Prayer of the Faithful.
- † “Alleluia” is not sung or said during Lent. It is replaced by the appropriate formula from the *Lectionary for Mass*.
- † Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation may be used with the Prefaces of Lent.
- † Prayers over the People are either optional or obligatory, depending on the day.

### Order of Liturgy of the Hours

- † Commemorations in a Privileged Season · In the Office of Readings, the proper Hagiographical Reading & Responsory may follow the Patristic Reading and Responsory, and the Collect of the Saint may be used. In Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, the ending of the concluding prayer may be omitted and followed by the antiphon of the Saint and the Collect of the Saint.
- † The “Te Deum” is omitted during the Office of Readings on Sundays of Lent.

### RCIA

- † Rite of Election · Feb 21, 2021 at Cathedral (Arlington) & Feb 28, 2021 at St Theresa (Ashburn)

**Rite of Election Parish Registration Form enclosed · due Jan 31, 2021**

<http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/RCIA/>

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on Sunday, February 21, 2021, 3:00pm, at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington, and on Sunday, February 28, 2021, 2:30pm, at Saint Theresa in Ashburn. Attendance will be limited to Catechumens, their Godparents, and up to two representatives from each Parish. Face coverings are required for all participants. No reception will follow the liturgies. (*Candidates for Confirmation and/or Full Communion should not plan to attend the diocesan liturgies on Feb 21st or Feb 28th—more below.*)

If a Catechumen preparing for Baptism expresses sincere, serious concerns about attending the diocesan Rite of Election, the Pastor may request delegation to celebrate the Rite of Election by submitting a request in writing to the Vicar General. The request should provide the name of the Elect who will participate in the rite celebrated by the Pastor.

The Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion—which is celebrated for uncatechized adult Catholics preparing for Confirmation and for individuals baptized in another Christian tradition preparing for Full Communion—should be celebrated by the local Pastor at a time he determines, preferably at the beginning of Lent. The rite can be found in RCIA, nos. 446-458 (chap. 4c), and is available as a PDF from the Office of Divine Worship.

- † Scrutinies · Whenever possible, three Scrutinies should be celebrated during Lent for the Elect who are preparing for Baptism in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. However, for serious reasons and in extraordinary circumstances, the RCIA permits the local Bishop to dispense individual Elect from up to two Scrutinies (RCIA, nos. 20 and 331). Therefore, for serious reasons arising from the coronavirus pandemic, Pastors may request dispensations from one or two of the Scrutinies for an individual under their care by making a request in writing to the Vicar General. The request should provide the name of the Elect and the number of scrutinies requested for dispensation.
- † The Presentation of the Creed ordinarily takes place after the First Scrutiny (Third Week of Lent).
- † The Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer ordinarily takes place after the Third Scrutiny (Fifth Week of Lent).

**Penance/Reconciliation** · The Season of Lent is a most fitting time for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Matrimony** · If Matrimony is celebrated during Lent, couples should be reminded that the celebration must respect the special nature of the season. *See the enclosure for more details on celebrating Matrimony during Lent and Holy Week.*

### Music, Arts, & Environment

- † Instruments are played only to give the necessary support the singing. However, on Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent) and on Solemnities, instruments may be played more fully.
- † The altar is not decorated with flowers; other decorations should be restrained. However, on Laetare Sunday and on Solemnities, decorations may reflect the feast.
- † Crosses and images may be covered on the Fifth Sunday 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 Holy Week, Triduum, & Easter will be provided in future bulletins.*

· FDLC Initiative ·

## The Liturgical Books Formation Series

WEDNESDAYS, 1:00-2:15<sub>pm</sub> · OCTOBER 2020 - MARCH 2021

FREE Registration · <https://www.fdlc.org/formation>

A six-month series examining each of the structure, contents, and pastoral options of the Church’s ritual books. **Presentations can be viewed after the live presentation**; registration is required for synchronous and asynchronous viewing.

Completed Presentations: 1. Overview About the Liturgical Books, 2. The Process of Translation, 3. The Roman Missal, 4. The Lectionary for Mass, 5. Collection of Masses of BVM, 6. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 7. Order of Baptism of Children, 8. Order of Confirmation, 9. Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass

† January 13, 2021	Rite of Ordination	<i>Fr. Leon Strieder, St. Mary’s Seminary, Houston</i>
† <u>Thurs</u> , Jan 21, 2021	Rite of Penance	<i>Fr. Robert Kennedy, Diocese of Rochester</i>
† January 27, 2021	Pastoral Care of the Sick	<i>Leticia Thornton, Diocese of Boise</i>
† February 3, 2021	Order of Celebrating Matrimony	<i>Fr. Thomas Ranzino, Diocese of Baton Rouge</i>
† February 10, 2021	Book of Blessings	<i>Dr. Patricia Hughes, Diocese of Dallas</i>
† February 24, 2021	Order of Christian Funerals	<i>Fr. John Sauer, Diocese of Winona-Rochester</i>
† March 3, 2021	Dedication of a Church and an Altar	<i>Dr. James Starke, Diocese of Arlington</i>
† March 10, 2021	Liturgy of the Hours	<i>Christopher Ferraro, Diocese of Rockville Centre</i>

**December 17** • Pope Francis issues the annual papal [Message for the World Day of Peace](#) (Jan 1) for 2021 entitled “A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.”

The message reflects on God the Creator as source of our human vocation to care and as model of care. Francis also reflects on care in the ministry of Jesus and the life of his followers. The pope points to the principles of the Church’s social teaching as a basis for a “culture of care” (making connections with the dignity and rights of each person, the common good, solidarity, and protection of creation) as providing a common path for all of humanity to develop a culture of care. He then highlights the importance of education in fostering a culture of care, and he cautions that there can be no peace in the world without such a culture of care.

**December 19** • The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issues a [Note on the Sunday of the Word of God](#) (Third Sunday of Ordinary Time; January 24, 2021).

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**December 22** • The Congregation for the Causes of Saints promulgates [Decrees](#) on the martyrdom of Servant of God Rosario Angelo Livatino and the heroic virtues of Servants of God Vasco de Quiroga, Bernardino Piccinelli, Antonio Vicente Gonzalez Suarez, Antonio Seghezzi, Bernardo Antonini, Ignac Stuchly, and Rosa Staltari.

**December 25** • Pope Francis offers the annual [Urbi et Orbi](#) on Christmas Day, highlighting the words of the prophet Isaiah: “To us a child is born, to us a son is given” (Is 9:6).

The pope focuses on the child born “for us”: “an ‘us’ without any borders, privileges or exclusions.” He teaches that the ecological crisis, economic and social imbalances, and the coronavirus pandemic show that “it is all the more important for us to acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters.”

### Office of Divine Worship

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**Special Note** • The *Mass in Time of Pandemic* may be celebrated at the discretion of the Pastor or Priest-celebrant on the following dates:  
January 2, 4-9, 11-16, 18-23, 26-30; February 1, 3-6, 8-13, 15-16;  
March n/a

**JANUARY** • *Pope’s Intention: Human Fraternity*

**January 1** • Octave Day of Christmas / Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God | World Day of Peace  
As of Jan 1, 2020, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays remains in effect

**January 3** • Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  
January 2-3, 2021 · In USA, Epiphany is transferred to Sun b/n Jan 2nd and Jan 8th. The proper Vigil Mass of Epiphany is celebrated for Masses after 4:00pm on Sat, Jan 2, 2021, before or after Evening Prayer I of Epiphany. Mass during the Day of Epiphany is celebrated for all Masses on Sun, Jan 3, 2021.

**January 4** • Proper Mem. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Secondary Patroness of Diocese of Arlington)

**January 10** • Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

**January 18-25** • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**January 22** • National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children [USA]

**January 23** • Optional Mem. St Marianne Cope [USA]

**January 24** • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday of the Word of God | Collection for the Church in Latin America

**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

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