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· Vatican Initiative ·

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 1 & Season of Creation, September 1 - October 4

Mass

- † September 1, 2020 · On the World Day of Prayer, a Votive Mass or Mass for Various Needs may be celebrated at the discretion of the Priest-celebrant: e.g., Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor.
- † September 1 - October 4 · During the Season of Creation, it may be fitting to celebrate a Mass in accordance with the special season of prayer, such as that indicated above for human labor. A Votive Mass or Mass for Various Needs is best celebrated on September 1, 2, 7, 10, 18, 22, 24, 25, that is, weekdays in Ordinary Time when no other memorial or customary observance occurs. On Oct. 4, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time is celebrated (the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi is not observed in 2020).
- † Homily Notes · See enclosure for notes from the USCCB's *Caring for God's Creation*
- † Sample Intentions (from the Vatican's Eucharistic Adoration Liturgy)
 - *All provident God, your care has given us food from the earth; grant that the crops we harvest may sustain us in body and help us to grow in spirit, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *You feed the birds of the air and clothe the lilies of the field; teach us to seek first your kingship over us and teach us your way of holiness, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *Through Jesus Christ you have made the world abound in works of holiness; grant that, living in him, we may share in his fullness and life and bear much fruit, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *In the Eucharist you have taken up the fruits of our hands as a signs of the mystery of faith; grant that the gifts we bring to be consecrated at your son's table may work for the continuing good of the Church's life, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *You planned that all your children should share in the goods of your creation; grant that all those who are in need may come to enjoy an untroubled life and to glorify you and praise your holy name, we pray to the Lord.*
- † Sample Intentions (from the USCCB's *Resource for Liturgy on Caring for God's Creation*)
 - *That we may receive the grace to respect and care for God's creation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer. That all creatures may be blessed as a sign of God's wondrous love, let us pray to the Lord.*
 - *That we may work to end the suffering of those in poverty and bring healing to all of God's creation, let us pray to the Lord.*
 - *That we may use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to God's creation and to sustain God's gift of nature, let us pray to the Lord.*

Resources

- † Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* on Care for our Common Home | http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_encyclica-laudato-si_en.pdf
- † Vatican, Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice, One-Hour Eucharistic Adoration Liturgy | http://www.iustitiaetpax.va/content/dam/giustiziaepace/Eventi/giornatamondialepreghieracuracreato2015/PCJP_WorldDayPrayerCreation2015_PROPOSAL_ENG.pdf
- † USCCB, *Caring for God's Creation: Resources for Liturgy, Preaching, and Taking Action* | <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all.pdf>
- † USCCB, On the Anniversary of *Laudato Si'* | https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm#tab--_019

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Catechetical Sunday, September 20

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you

Mass

- † September 20, 2020, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time · Prayers and readings of the 25th Sunday
- † Homily Notes
 - Theme: I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD WHAT I ALSO HANDED ON TO YOU
 - See the articles and videos provided by the USCCB Committee on Evangelization & Catechesis, linked below
- † Sample Intentions (from the USCCB's Commissioning Service for Catechists 2020)
 - *For the Church: May it grow stronger in its resolve to welcome and embrace those who are living on the margins of society. For this, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *For the leaders of nations: May their first concern be to preserve and foster peace through compassionate policies and just systems. For this, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *For those who suffer from physical and mental illness: May they be healed through God's infinite mercy and be comforted by those who care for them. For this, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *For families: May they grow stronger in their love and commitment to one another. For this, we pray to the Lord.*
 - *For catechists: May they be blessed with creativity and enthusiasm as stewards of God's gifts. For this, we pray to the Lord.*

Resources, incl. Articles, Videos, Commissioning Service for Catechists, Prayers, and Posters | <https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/leadership-institute-catechetical-sunday-2020>

World Day of Migrants & Refugees, September 27

Forced Like Jesus to Flee

Mass

- † September 27, 2020, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time · Prayers and readings of the 26th Sunday
- † Homily Notes
 - Theme: FORCED LIKE JESUS TO FLEE | Orientations: WELCOME · PROTECT · PROMOTE · INTEGRATE
 - See enclosure for excerpts from the Vatican's Migrant and Refugee Section's *Pastoral Orientations on Internally Displaced People* and Pope Francis' Message *Like Jesus Christ, Forced to Flee*
- † Sample Intentions (derived from *Pastoral Orientations on Internally Displaced People*)
 - *That, strengthened with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, each and every one of us will have the courage to welcome refugees and migrants into our communities: let us pray to the Lord.*
 - *That the Church may effectively proclaim the Gospel of Life by promoting the dignity of those who, like Jesus, are forced to flee their homelands: let us pray to the Lord.*
 - *That our local, national, and international communities will be inspired to develop clear systems of protection for those seeking refuge from violence and oppression: let us pray to the Lord.*
 - *That, by following Jesus Christ, pastoral workers may provide immigrants and those who welcome them with guidance along the way to authentic integration: let us pray to the Lord.*

Resources

- † Vatican, Migrants and Refugees Section, World Day of Migrants and Refugees | <https://migrants-refugees.va/>
- † Pope Francis, Message "Like Jesus Christ, Forced to Flee" for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees | http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20200513_world-migrants-day-2020.html
- † Vatican, Migrant and Refugee Section, *Pastoral Orientations on Internally Displaced People* | <https://migrants-refugees.va/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/1.-Read-On-Screen-A5-EN-.pdf>

Liturgy & Response to COVID-19 in the Diocese of Arlington

Public Celebrations of Mass · updated June 30, 2020 Guide for the Lay Faithful & Guía para los Fieles Laicos | <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/coronavirus>

Confirmations at Parishes · updated August 2020 Information regarding Confirmations in Fall 2020 will be sent directly to Parishes in August 2020.

Confirmation according to the Extraordinary Form · updated August 2020 Confirmation celebrated according to *Pontificale Romanum 1962* will take place on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020**, at 7:00pm in the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. Information and candidate forms are available online | <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/extraordinaryform>

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

Coronavirus Pandemic · Reopening and prayer resources from the FDLC, USCCB, and various Dioceses of the U.S. are available at fdlc.org/covid.

Toward an End to Racism · Prayer resources from the FDLC, USCCB, and various Dioceses of the U.S. are available at fdlc.org/end-racism.

What Do You Ask of God's Church? Workshop Kit on The Order of Baptism of Children · Presenter's script, Power Point presentation, and handouts for a 3-hour workshop ideal for deacon formation programs, lay formation programs, and initiation team development. The kit is available from the FDLC online store: \$80 (members \$60), <https://fdlc.org/publications/44882>.

Region IV News · Dr. James M. Starke, Director of the Office of Divine Worship of the Diocese of Arlington, was recently elected to the Board of Directors as the representative for Region IV. In addition, on June 9th Region IV held its annual regional meeting via Zoom.

Annual National Meeting · Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the annual national meeting will take place online. Registration is open at <https://fdlc.org/2020>.

Vatican & US News

May 14 · The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) gives a *recognitio* to the English translation of hymns for the 2nd edition of the Liturgy of the Hours. Hymns will be published by the USCCB and are authorized for *optional* use upon publication. (*The translations of the Psalter and canticles received a recognitio in May 2018 and are authorized for optional use: available as Abbey Psalms and Canticles from the USCCB Store, \$24.95, <http://store.usccb.org/abbey-psalms-p/7-644.htm>.)*

June 19 · The Congregation for the Causes of Saints (CCS) issues *decrees* on miracles attributed to the intercession of Venerable Servants of God Mamerto Esquiú, Francesco Maria della Croce, and Giuseppe Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, as well as on the martyrdom of Servant of God Maria Laura Mainetti and the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Gloria Maria of Jesus Elizondo García

June 20 · Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the CDWDS, issues a

Liturgical Year 2020

Special Note · *The Mass in Time of Pandemic may be celebrated at the discretion of the Pastor or Priest-celebrant on the following dates: July 1-2, 4, 6-11, 13-18, 21, 23-24, 27-31; August 1, 4-5, 7-8, 11-14, 17-22, 25-29, 31; September 1-5, 7, 9-12, 15-19, 22-26, 28, 30.*

JULY · Pope's Intention: *Our Family*

July 3 · Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

July 4 · Diocesan Day of Prayer for Human Rights & Equality

July 22 · Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

July 25 · Feast of Saint James, Apostle

AUGUST · Pope's Intention: *The Maritime World*

August 6 · Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 10 · Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

August 15 · Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

OBLIGATION | Because the Assumption falls on a Saturday, there is no obligation to attend Mass this year.

**It is also noted that the dispensation from the obligation to*

letter on the addition of three invocations to the Litany of Loreto: Mother of Mercy, Mother of hope, and Solace of migrants (see enclosure).

June 25 • The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization presents the new Directory for Catechesis. (The directory is available in English from the USCCB Store, \$24.95, <https://store.usccb.org/directory-for-catechesis-p/7-669.htm>.)

June 29 • On the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis blesses the palli for the Dean of the College of Cardinals and the Metropolitan Archbishops appointed during the year. (The pallium [plural: palli] is the white wool vestment, adorned with crosses, worn on the shoulders by metropolitan archbishops. The Diocese of Arlington's metropolitan see is the Archdiocese of Baltimore.)

July 11 • CCS issues decrees on a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Servants of God Maria Antonia Samà and on the heroic virtues of Servants of God Eusebio Francesco Chini, Mariano Giuseppe de Ibargüengoitia y Zuloaga, Maria Félix Torres, and Angiolino Bonetta.

July 12 • The Dicastery for Integral Human Development issues a message on the occasion of Sunday of the Sea, observed 12 July 2020.

July 20 • The Congregation for the Clergy issues the instruction The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church.

July 22 • The Pontifical Academy for Life publishes the document *Humana Communitas* in the Age of Pandemic: Untimely Meditations on Life's Rebirth.

August 6 • The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith publishes a response to a *dubium* concerning the baptismal formula, responding as given below. The response was accompanied by a doctrinal note.

Whether the Baptism conferred with the formula "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" is valid? - *negative* [i.e., it is not valid to use this formula]

Whether those persons for whom baptism was celebrated with this formula must be baptized *in forma absoluta*? - *affirmative* [i.e., such persons must be baptized *in forma absoluta*.]

attend Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation granted by Bishop Burbidge to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington remains in effect until further notice.

MASS | Masses celebrated after 4:00pm on the evening of Sat, 4/15/20, are for the Sunday in Ordinary Time, i.e., with prayers and readings of Sunday. Although the Assumption is of higher rank than the Sunday in Ordinary Time, the choice of Mass also makes a consideration of "precept." That is, because the Assumption is not a day of precept in the U.S. in 2020, precedence in the celebration of Mass is given to the Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is a day of precept (*the faithful are currently dispensed from this obligation).

EVENING PRAYER | On the evening of Sat, 4/15/2020, Evening Prayer II of Assumption is celebrated. Yet, for public celebrations of Evening Prayer at which the faithful are present, Bishop Burbidge permits (but does not require) that Evening Prayer I of Sunday may be celebrated when the Pastor discerns this to be a pastoral benefit for the faithful in his care. Unlike Mass, the choice in the celebration of the Divine Office does not make a consideration of precept, and so for Evening Prayer the higher ranked Solemnity of the Assumption takes precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

See [Committee on Divine Worship Newsletter, vol LIII \(May-June 2016\): 19-20](#).

August 24 • Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

SEPTEMBER • Pope's Int.: Respect for Planet's Resources

September 1 • World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sep 1-Oct 4 • Season of Creation

September 7 • Diocesan Day of Prayer for the General Needs of Humankind (CIVIL: Labor Day)

September 8 • Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 14 • Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 20 • Catechetical Sunday

September 21 • Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

September 27 • World Day of Migrants and Refugees

September 29 • Feasts of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

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