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## Liturgical Year 2021 Reference Guide for the Diocese of Arlington

This new resource from the Office of Divine Worship, provides...

- † a summary and an outline of significant dates during Liturgical Year 2021, including celebrations and observances proper to the Diocese of Arlington;
- † clarifications on details such as holydays of obligation and overlapping solemnities;
- † lists of recent additions and changes to the Universal Calendar and U.S. Proper Calendar, of Universal and U.S. Days of Prayer, of National and Diocesan Collections, of Celebrations and observances of the Diocese of Arlington;
- † information on the celebration of RCIA, Matrimony, and Funerals; and
- † material to aid in the celebration of Proper Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials.

Details from this resource will be included in this and upcoming issues of the *ODW Bulletin* in order to highlight specific information and materials at pertinent times throughout the liturgical year. The full resource may be obtained by visiting the *ODW Bulletin* website or emailing the Office of Divine Worship.

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## Days of Prayer Resource Series for the Diocese of Arlington

A new resource from the Office of Divine Worship, this series provides basic information on the observance of Universal and U.S. Days of Prayer in beautiful, print-friendly PDFs for each Day of Prayer. Intended to assist both parish staffs and families in the fruitful celebration of Days of Prayer, the fliers most often provide...

- † Indications of the Mass prayers and readings, and where to locate them in the ritual books;
- † sample intentions of the Universal Prayer, drawn from the Church's ritual books or from resources provided by the Holy See or USCCB;
- † recommendations for deepening one's spiritual life on these days, with suggestions for reflection on Scripture, prayer, faith formation, and action.

January 2021 enclosures

1. January 1, 2021 · World Day of Peace [UNIVERSAL]
2. January 18-25, 2021 · Week of Prayer for Christian Unity [UNIVERSAL]
3. January 22, 2021 · Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn [USA]
4. January 24, 2021 · Sunday of the Word of God [UNIVERSAL]

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## Rite of Election 2021

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021, 3:00<sub>pm</sub> · CATHEDRAL of SAINT THOMAS MORE (ARLINGTON)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021, 2:30<sub>pm</sub> · SAINT THERESA (ASHBURN)

LIMITED to Catechumens preparing for Baptism, their Godparents, & 2 Parish Reps

Ordinarily in the Diocese of Arlington, the Rite of Election and the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion are celebrated in a combined rite by Bishop Burbidge on the first two Sundays of Lent. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing requirements, in 2021 Bishop Burbidge will only celebrate the Rite of Election for Catechumens preparing for Baptism.

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.

Parish Registration Form · *enclosure* | return to the Office of Divine Worship no later than Jan, 31, 2021

More Information · <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/RCIA/>

## Scrutinies 2021

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.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Update on 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.

† 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

# Catholic Hymnody *at the Service of the Church* An Aid for Evaluating Hymn Lyrics

Committee on Doctrine, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
September 2020

*Excerpts from the Preface · Full text enclosed*

“ The beauty of Catholic hymnody is constitutively related to the truth of the mystery of faith it proposes for our wonder and praise. In the living Tradition of Catholicism, beauty and truth are convertible terms, and thus there can be no competition, much less contradiction, between the two. The truth of the faith need not be—and indeed must not be—compromised or subordinated to the canons of compositional style or the needs of musical or poetic form. At the same time, the beauty of the faith cannot be neglected—indeed it must be revered and highlighted—in the desire to communicate effectively the truth of what has been revealed. Catholic hymn-writers and composers necessarily inhabit a realm of creative interplay: they have the privilege and vocation of honoring and communicating the mystery of faith in word and music, and this requires genuine artistry, industry, and fidelity. While there are a number of factors that affect the suitability of hymns for use in Catholic liturgy, such as singability, beauty of language, poetry, etc., in this resource we are concerned with their doctrinal content.

The Church’s Liturgy is the milieu in which the Word of God lives. The Sacred Scriptures, in particular, provide the normative idiom for the expression of the mystery. The Scriptures themselves, inspired and authoritative, are the fruit of the Church at prayer; the liturgical or doxological matrix intrinsic to the Church’s life is the locus in which and from which the texts privileged as canonical arose. There is a necessary and direct relationship between the living Word of God and the Church’s worship. Thus, the sacred texts, and the liturgical sources which draw on the living Word, provide something of a “norm” for expression when communicating the mystery of faith in liturgical poetics, or hymnody. ”

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## 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

† December 16, 2020	Order of Confirmation	<i>Fr. Michael Lewis, Diocese of El Paso</i>
† January 6, 2021	Order of Celebrating Matrimony	<i>Fr. Thomas Ranzino, Diocese of Baton Rouge</i>
† 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	Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass	<i>Fr. John T. Lane SSS</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>

**September 2020** • USCCB Committee on Doctrine finalizes *Catholic Hymnody at the Service of the Church: An Aid for Evaluating Hymn Lyrics*

**October 23** • In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Apostolic Penitentiary publishes a [decree granting specified indulgences](#) during the month of November

**October 28** • [Congregation for Causes of Saints publishes decrees](#) on miracles attributed to Blessed Giustino Maria Russolillo and Venerable Servants of God Maria Lorenza Requenses and Elzbieta Czacka; on the martyrdom of Servants of God Leonard Melki, Thomas Saleh, Luigi Lenzini, and Isabel Cristina Mrad Campos; and on the heroic virtues of Servants of God Roberto Joao and Maria Teresa del Corazon de Jesus.

**November 16-17** • USCCB holds General Assembly virtually, electing [eight chairmen and other positions](#) (chairs of Priorities and Plans, Catholic Education, Communications, Cultural Diversity, Doctrine, National Collections, Pro-Life, Religious Liberty; board member for CRS; general secretary of Conference), as well as [approving three action items](#) (revised strategic priorities, renewal of ad hoc Committee against Racism, and 2021 proposed budgets).

**December 1** • Pope Francis gives a [message for the presentation of a volume on the Congolese Rite](#) of the celebration of Mass, at which the Holy Father presided in 2019 at St Peter's Basilica

**December 8** • Pope Francis announces the Year of St Joseph (Dec 8, 2020-Dec 8, 2021), accompanied by the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* and the Apostolic Penitentiary's Decree *Commemorantur Hodie*. More information on the diocesan observance of the Year of St Joseph is forthcoming.

**December 10** • Apostolic Penitentiary, at the mandate of Pope Francis, extends the possibility to obtain a plenary [indulgence for the 125th Anniversary of the Coronation of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)

**Special Note** • *The Mass in Time of Pandemic* may be celebrated at the discretion of the Pastor or Priest-celebrant on the following dates: December 1-5, 7, 10-11, 14-16; January 2, 4-9, 11-16, 18-23, 26-30.

**DECEMBER** • *Pope's Intention: For a Life of Prayer*

**December 8** • Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As of Dec 1, 2020, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays remains in effect

**December 9** • Proper Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Thomas More

**December 12** • Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

A [special extension of the plenary indulgence](#) for this day has been granted by the Apostolic Penitentiary

Feast of OL Guadalupe is celebrated in Masses before 4:00pm on Sat, Dec 12, 2020. 3rd Sun of Advent is celebrated in Masses after 4:00pm on this Sat and in all Masses on Sun, Dec 13, 2020. On Sat, Evening Prayer I is 3rd Sun of Advent.

**December 13** • Third Sunday of Advent | Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

**December 25** • Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

As of Dec 1, 2020, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays remains in effect

**December 27** • Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is inscribed on the Sun within the Octave of Christmas (or Dec 30th if there is no Sun within the Octave). This Feast of the Lord takes precedence over the Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist. Therefore, the Feast of St John is not observed.

**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 Dec 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** • 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]

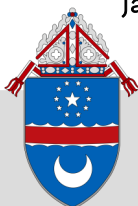
**January 24** • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday of the Word of God | Collection for the Church in Latin America

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