



ODW Bulletin

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Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (*Region IV*)

National Association of Pastoral Musicians (*Arlington Chapter*)

RITE of ELECTION & of the CALL to CONTINUING CONVERSION

✠ Sunday, March 1, 2020 • 2:30pm ✠
Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington)

✠ Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 2:30pm ✠
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Lake Ridge)

Forms & More Information: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/riteofelection/>

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS: SPRING 2020

The schedule of Confirmations in Spring 2020 is now available (*see enclosure*). Parishes are encouraged to begin reviewing forms and guidelines, which are available online. Parishes will also receive communication directly from the diocesan Office of Divine Worship regarding preparation for the Confirmation liturgy.

Forms & More Information: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/parishconfirmation/>

CONFIRMATION for ADULTS: PENTECOST 2020

✠ Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020 • 2:30pm ✠
Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington)

Forms & More Information: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/adultconfirmation/>

LITURGY WORKSHOPS: FOSTERING PARTICIPATION in SACRED LITURGY

The Liturgy Workshops, presented by the Office of Divine Worship of the Diocese of Arlington, provide formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (required for new ministers), Readers, and all the faithful. The workshops will be offered in Spring 2020 according to the schedule provided on the enclosed flier.

More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops

LITURGICAL PREPARATION AID for the SEASONS of ADVENT & CHRISTMAS (FDLC)

Each year the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions offers a liturgical preparation aid for Advent and Christmas. The resource for the Year of Grace 2020 (Year A) is available in English and Spanish, and it includes:

- † *A full presider text for a Rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution*
- † *Readings*
- † *Alternate Readings*
- † *Sample Penances*
- † *Music Suggestions*
- † *A list of Lectionary citations for Sundays and Solemnities*
- † *A Liturgical Calendar Advisory for Advent and Christmas*
- † *The Christmas Proclamation*
- † *The Announcement of the Dates of Easter and the Movable Feasts (to be proclaimed on Epiphany)*

FDLC Public Resources: <https://fdlc.org/resources>

English Advent-Christmas Resource: https://fdlc.org/sites/default/files/files/LP_Advent%20Christmas%202019%20for%20Year%20A%20FINAL.pdf

Spanish Advent-Christmas Resource: https://fdlc.org/sites/default/files/files/LP_Advent%20Christmas%202019%20for%20Year%20A%20FINAL.spa.pdf

PASTORAL MUSIC MINISTRY SURVEY (NPM)

** The survey seeks to engage Pastors, Pastoral Associates, Music Directors, Music Ministers, Parish Secretaries/Administrative Assistants, and others. Membership in NPM is not required. **
The National Association of Pastoral Musicians is undertaking a national study of music ministry in the United States. Having a better sense of this landscape will allow all who work in pastoral music ministry to better serve the Church. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Please do not complete the survey if someone else from your community has already done so.

Survey: <https://npm.org/npm-pastoral-music-ministry-survey/>

The ORDER of BAPTISM of CHILDREN, SECOND EDITION

On April 11, 2019, the Holy See confirmed the new English translation of *The Order of Baptism of Children*, 2nd ed. It may be used beginning on the Presentation of the Lord 2020 (Feb 2, 2020) and **must be used beginning on Easter Sunday 2020 (April 12, 2020).**

The updated *Order of Baptism of Children* includes English texts consistent with the 3rd ed. of *The Roman Missal*, texts revised according to *Liturgiam Authenticam*, additional options for ritual texts, and an expanded Litany of the Saints. It now also includes a helpful appendix laying out the text and rites for celebrating Baptism within Mass.

Ritual editions are available for pre-order and will ship in early January 2020. Bilingual ritual editions are available from Catholic Book Publishing, Liturgical Press, and Liturgical Training Publications. English-only ritual editions are available from Catholic Book Publishing, Magnificat, Liturgical Press, Liturgical Training Publications, and the USCCB. “People’s Edition” booklets are available from Liturgical Press in both bilingual and English-only versions.

Nb. Ritual para el Bautismo de los niños published in 2010 remains valid for the celebration of Baptism in Spanish.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS & OBSERVANCES for ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Blessing of an Advent Wreath, Christmas Tree, & Manger/Nativity: *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1509ff; *Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers*, nos. 73ff.

The “O” Antiphons: The final weekdays of Advent (December 17-24) prepare more directly for the celebration of the Lord’s birth. The “O” Antiphons, sung at Vespers on these days, are used more extensively, and the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” which is based on these antiphons, is fittingly used during the celebration of Mass.

Christmas Proclamation: This proclamation may take place after before the Mass during the Night for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. It may be solemnly sung by the deacon, presider, or cantor from the ambo. The text with musical notation is found in *The Roman Missal*.

Blessing of Homes: The Christmas season, esp. Epiphany, is a traditional time for the blessing of homes. *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1597ff; *Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers*, nos. 89ff.

Blessing of a Family (on the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec 30th): *Book of Blessings*, nos. 62ff.

Blessing of the New Year (on Jan 1st): *Household Book of Blessings and Prayers*, nos. 85ff.

Announcement of the Dates of Easter & Movable Feasts: This proclamation traditionally takes place after the reading of the Gospel, or within or after the homily. It may be solemnly sung by the deacon, presider, or cantor from the ambo. The text with musical notation is found in *The Roman Missal*.

NOTES on the LITURGICAL YEAR

December 1, 2019: THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF GRACE, 2020. With Evening Prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent, the new Year of the Church begins. The lectionary cycles are Year A (Sundays) and Cycle II (weekdays).

December 8-9, 2019: On December 8th the Second Sunday of Advent is observed. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th; the obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. Therefore, in the Diocese of Arlington, Masses after 4:00pm on Sat, Dec 7th and Masses during the day of Sun, Dec 8th are for the Second Sunday of Advent. Evening Prayer I of the Sunday of Advent is prayed on the evening of Sat, Dec 7th, and Evening Prayer II of the Sunday of Advent is prayed on the evening of Sun, Dec 8th. Evening Prayer II of the Immaculate Conception is prayed on the evening of Mon, Dec 9th. The optional memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin is omitted in 2019.

December 10, 2019: On October 7, 2019, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Our Lady of Loreto into the General Roman Calendar as an optional memorial. When the memorial is observed, the prayers are taken from the *Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary: II. In Advent*, choosing the second option for the Collect. The readings may be taken from the *Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, with the following recommendations: nos. 707-7 (Isa 7:10-14; 8:10), 709-5 (R/. from Lk 1), 711-1 (Lk 1:28), and 712-4 (Lk 1:26-38). More information can be found at www.USCCB.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/our-lady-of-loreto.cfm.

December 25, 2019: Wednesday, December 25th is the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) and is a holyday of obligation.

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December 30, 2019: On Sunday, December 30th, either the Feast of the Holy Family or the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral may be celebrated within the Diocese of Arlington outside of the Cathedral. The Cathedral, which celebrates the Solemnity of its Anniversary of Dedication on Dec 27th, observes the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec 30th.

January 4, 2020: The celebration of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, secondary patroness of the Diocese of Arlington, is observed as an obligatory memorial in the United States of America and in the Diocese of Arlington, in particular.

January 5, 2020: The Solemnity of the Epiphany is observed on January 5, 2020 in the United States of America.

January 18-25, 2020: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed. During this time, special intentions may be included in the general intercessions. Masses for this intention may also be selected from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions (nos. 17, 18, 19), in accordance with liturgical norms.

January 21, 2020: On Monday, January 21st the United States of America celebrates the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayers for the end of racial discrimination may be included in the general intercessions. The Mass may fittingly be “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice.”

January 22, 2020: On the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe vs. Wade* (1973), all dioceses of the United States observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” or “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” may be celebrated.

January 26, 2020: On Sunday, January 26th, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the universal Church observes the Sunday of the Word of God (see Pope Francis’ *Aperuit Illis*).

Full notes on the Liturgical Year for 2019 can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgicalyear.

DIVINE WORSHIP NEWS from the **VATICAN, USCCB, FDLC, & NPM**

On November 4, 2019, Pope Francis celebrated Holy Mass in memory of Cardinals and Bishops deceased during the previous year.

November 11-13, 2019, the USCCB held a General Assembly in Baltimore. Liturgy action items included the approval of the English translation of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (217 in favor, 3 against, 3 abstaining), translated by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL). The US Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship will prepare the arrangement of the ritual book, on which the US Bishops will vote to send for approval from the Holy See. The Bishops also approved the translation of the Hymns of the Liturgy of the Hours (translated by ICEL), and this approval marks another stage on the lengthy process of approving a new English translation of the Liturgy of the Hours. The USCCB General Assembly also included the election of the new president of the conference, Most Rev. José H. Gomez (Archbishop of Los Angeles), and vice president, Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron (Archbishop of Detroit).

November 19-26, 2019, Pope Francis made an Apostolic Trip to Thailand and Japan.