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SUNDAY of the WORD of GOD • JANUARY 26, 2020

On the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jan 26, 2020), the universal Church observes the Sunday of the Word of God. To assist with preparations for this Sunday, **the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has produced a free public resource** that includes a brief introduction, Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis*, readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, pastoral suggestions, sample intercessions for the Prayer of the Faithful, music suggestions, related documents and texts, and an outline of the *Lectionary for Mass*. The resource has been made available to all Priests in the Diocese of Arlington and is available to Parish Staff by email request to the Office of Divine Worship (liturgy@arlingtondiocese.org).

EASTER & the MOVEABLE FEASTS

"Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour."

~ Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (Roman Missal, Appendix I)

On Epiphany, in keeping with ancient practice of Holy Church, the moveable feasts of the current year are announced (for the musical setting of the announcement, see *Roman Missal, Appendix I*).

- † **Ash Wednesday** | February 26, 2020
- † **Easter Day** | April 12, 2020
- † **Ascension** | May 24, 2020 (*observed this Sunday in the Diocese of Arlington*)
- † **Pentecost** | May 31, 2020
- † **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** | June 14, 2020
- † **First Sunday of Advent** | November 29, 2020

Time of the Easter Vigil: In announcing the date of Easter, it is also recalled that the Easter Vigil must begin after nightfall. Therefore, **in the Diocese of Arlington the Easter Vigil must begin no earlier than 8:30pm on April 11, 2020.**

NOTES on LENT 2020

Season of Lent | Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday (*excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper*)

Twofold Theme | Repentance & Baptism

Liturgical Days

- † *Ash Wednesday*: The proper texts of Ash Wednesday must be used. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted
- † *Weekdays of Lent*: Funeral Masses are permitted. Prayers & readings for Ritual Masses are permitted. The use of prayers & readings for Masses for Various Needs or for Votive Masses requires specific permission of the diocesan Bishop.
- † *Sundays of Lent*: The proper texts of the Sunday 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 and may be omitted or observed as commemorations.
- † *Solemnities*: The Solemnity of Saint Joseph (3/19) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation (3/25) are observed as solemnities. Funeral Masses are permitted. Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted.
- † *Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of Holy Week*: Funeral Masses are permitted. Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted
- † *Thursday of Holy Week*: The proper texts of Thursday of Holy Week must be used. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and 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*: Office of Readings— The Proper Hagiographical Reading and Responsory may follow the Patristic Reading and Responsory; the Collect of the Saint may be used.
- † The “Te Deum” is omitted during the Office of Readings on Sundays of Lent.
- † *Commemorations in a Privileged Season*: Morning 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.

RCIA

- † *The Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion* will take place in the Diocese of Arlington on the first two Sundays of Lent. (*Additional details are provided on page 3.*)
- † *The Scrutinies* are ordinarily celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent within the Ritual Masses “For the Celebration of the Scrutinies.” All three scrutinies are celebrated, except when the Bishop provides specific dispensations from one or even two of the scrutinies for serious pastoral reasons.
- † *The Presentation of the Creed* ordinarily takes place after the 1st Scrutiny (Third Week of Lent).

- † *The Presentation of the Lord's Prayer* ordinarily takes place after the 3rd Scrutiny (Fifth Week of Lent).

Penance/Reconciliation

- † The Season of Lent is a most fitting time for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially communal celebrations according to Rite II of the *Rite of Penance*.

Matrimony

- † If Matrimony is celebrated during Lent, couples ought to be reminded that the celebration should respect the special nature of the season.

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, the altar may be decorated.
- † 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 the observance of Holy Week, as well as details on the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Time, will be provided in future bulletins.)

RITE of ELECTION & of the CALL to CONTINUING CONVERSION

✠ **Sunday, March 1, 2020 • 2:30pm** ✠ ✠ **Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 2:30pm** ✠
Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington) *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Lake Ridge)*

Parish Clergy and Staff are responsible for registering all Catechumens and Candidates with the Office of Divine Worship using the *Parish Registration Form* (enclosed and available online as a fillable PDF). **Registration forms are due no later than January 30, 2020.**

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

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS: SPRING 2020

Liturgy Forms for Confirmation are due on the 1st of the month in the month prior to the scheduled Confirmation (e.g. February 1st for Confirmations scheduled in March). Drafts of the liturgical program are reviewed by the Office of Divine Worship and should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month (e.g. February 15th for Confirmations scheduled in March).

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

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 Spring 2020 schedule is available online.

Schedule: www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops

The ORDER of BAPTISM of CHILDREN, SECOND EDITION

The Order of Baptism of Children, 2nd ed., 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).**

NOTES on the LITURGICAL YEAR

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*).

February 2, 2020: On February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the blessing of candles and procession as provided in *The Roman Missal* are celebrated before the principal Mass. In addition, on this day the updated *Order of Baptism of Children*, second edition, may begin to be used in the United States of America.

February 3, 2020: On February 3rd, the Memorial of Saint Blaise, the Blessing of Throats may be given—see *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1622-1655.

February 9, 2020: On the second Sunday of February (in 2020, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time), World Marriage Day is observed.

February 11, 2020: World Day of the Sick is observed annually on this date.

February 26, 2020: Ash Wednesday is celebrated and the Season of Lent begins. At Mass, the penitential act is omitted, and the blessing and giving of ashes takes place following the homily, as found in *The Roman Missal*. Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.

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 December 1, 2019, Pope Francis promulgated the Apostolic Letter *Admirabile signum* on the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene. In the letter, the Holy Father encourages us to enter into the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith, saying,

Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, [the Nativity Scene] teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God’s love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness.