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## NOTES on SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2020

*In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen*

*~ Paschal Triduum, 1 (The Roman Missal)*

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum** | The Paschal Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with Evening Prayer on the Sunday of the Resurrection (see *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year*, 18-19).

### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper • Holy Thursday (April 9, 2020)

- † The only Masses permitted on Holy Thursday are the Chrism Mass and the Evening Mass of Thursday of the Lord's Supper. With permission of the Bishop, an additional Evening Mass of Thursday of the Lord's Supper may be celebrated. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted. According to ancient tradition, all Masses without an assembly are forbidden.
- † For Funerals, Mass is not permitted during the Triduum. However, the body of the deceased may be brought to the church and the Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass may be celebrated
- † Communion may be received at both the Chrism Mass and the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Communion may be taken to the sick and homebound following the Evening Mass.
- † Evening Prayer is celebrated only by those who do not participate in the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- † It is not appropriate for First Communion to be celebrated at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Rather, First Communion may be celebrated on the Sundays of Easter, on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, and on the Sundays in Ordinary Time.
- † The tabernacle should be emptied before Mass begins; enough hosts should be consecrated at this Mass for the Communion of all for this liturgy and for the liturgy of Good Friday.
- † Holy water is removed from the fonts before or immediately after Mass.
- † The group selected for the washing of the feet, usually twelve in number, may appropriately "consist

of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women and laity” (Decree *In Missa in Coena Domini*, 2016). In order to preserve the symbolism of this rite, it is preferable that the principal celebrant alone wash the feet of all selected; if the principal celebrant is impeded in some way (such as physical ailment), then a concelebrant may enact this rite.

- † After Communion, the procession for the reposition of the Holy Eucharist takes place according to *The Roman Missal*.
- † Following the celebration, the altar is stripped privately. Any crosses that remain may be removed or veiled. Candles are not lit before the images of saints.
- † The faithful are encouraged to participate in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the night. According to custom, this lengthy adoration may be accompanied by the reading of the Gospel of John, especially chap. 13-17. After midnight, adoration is made without external solemnity.

### **Friday of the Passion of the Lord • Good Friday (April 10, 2020)**

- † The paschal fast is observed on Good Friday and, if possible, extended through to the Easter Vigil.
- † No Masses are permitted on this day. By a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, except for Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is given only at the liturgy of the Passion of the Lord and as viaticum.
- † For Funerals, Mass is not permitted during the Triduum. However, the body of the deceased may be brought to the church and the Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass may be celebrated.
- † Communal celebrations of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer are fitting and encouraged.
- † The liturgy of the Passion of the Lord is celebrated preferably at three o'clock, but certainly between midday and nine o'clock. The liturgy is enacted according to *The Roman Missal*.
- † The Gospel of the Passion is read without incense or candles. The greeting and signing of the book are omitted. The veneration of the book with a kiss is omitted, but “The Gospel of the Lord” is said with its response. The Gospel may be read by the deacon, a concelebrant, or the presider; or, the Gospel may be read by lay readers with the part of Christ reserved to the priest.
- † After the Adoration of the Holy Cross, enacted according to the options available in *The Roman Missal*, the Cross is carried by a deacon or another minister to its place at the altar. Lighted candles are placed around or on the altar near the Cross.
- † After the liturgy, the altar is stripped, but the Cross surrounded by four candles remains.

### **Holy Saturday (up to and exclusive of the Easter Vigil) (April 11, 2020)**

- † The paschal fast is observed on Good Friday and, if possible, extended through to the Easter Vigil.
- † No Masses are permitted on this day. By a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, except for Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is given only as viaticum.
- † For Funerals, Mass is not permitted during the Triduum. However, the body of the deceased may be brought to the church and the Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass may be celebrated
- † Communal celebrations of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer are fitting and encouraged.
- † For those involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday are celebrated (RCIA, nos. 185-205).

### **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (April 11, 2020)**

- † In the Diocese of Arlington, the Easter Vigil must begin no earlier than 8:30pm on Saturday, April 11, 2020. The Easter Vigil is celebrated according to *The Roman Missal* and other liturgical books.
- † Crosses & images may be covered on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sun. 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.

- † It is not permitted to celebrate the entire Easter Vigil more than once in a given church or to anticipate the Mass of Easter before the Vigil.
- † At least 3 Old Testament readings must be read. The reading from Exodus 14 must always be read.
- † By law, the priest who baptizes an adult has the faculty to confirm that individual immediately and in accordance with the official rites of the Church. By law, the priest who receives an adult into full communion in the Catholic Church has the faculty to confirm that individual immediately and in accordance with the official rites.
- † Adults who have already been baptized, who are in full communion in the Catholic Church, but who have not yet received Confirmation, should receive Confirmation from the Bishop. A priest does not have the faculty to confirm such individuals unless this faculty has been granted by the competent authority.
- † The dismissal for the Easter Vigil includes the double “alleluia,” which is continued throughout the Easter Octave.
- † According to custom, the food served at the first meal of Easter, which breaks the paschal fast, may be blessed according to the Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter (*Book of Blessings*, nos. 1701-1723; *Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers*, nos. 125-126).

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (April 12, 2020)**

- † The Paschal Candle is lit on this day and in all solemn liturgical celebrations of the Easter Season.
- † The sequence *Victimae paschali*, found in the *Lectionary for Mass*, is required on Easter Sunday. On the remaining days of the Easter Octave, this same sequence is optional but encouraged.
- † At Masses with a congregation, the renewal of baptismal promises, as found in the rites for the Easter Vigil (including the sprinkling with holy water), may take the place of the Creed.
- † The Paschal Triduum ends with the conclusion of Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

## **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.

- ✘ Sat, Feb 29 • 10am EMHC, 12pm Presentation, 1:30pm Reader • OL of Hope (Potomac Falls)
- ✘ Sat, Mar 14 • 10am EMHC, 12pm Presentation, 1:30pm Reader • Precious Blood (Culpeper)
- ✘ Sat, Apr 04 • 10am EMHC, 12pm Presentation, 1:30pm Reader • All Saints (Manassas)
- ✘ Sat, Apr 25 • 10am EMHC, 12pm Presentation, 1:30pm Reader • Good Shepherd (Alexandria)

**More Information:** [www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops)

## **CONFIRMATION for ADULTS**

Each year the Bishop of Arlington celebrates Confirmation for baptized Catholic adults (beyond school age) who have received First Communion but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Registration forms are due to the Office of Divine Worship no later than April 30, 2020.*

**✘ Pentecost Sunday • May 31, 2020 • 2:30pm ✘**

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More | Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

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

## “DÍVERSOS RÍTMOS, UNA ORACIÓN | MANY RHYTHMS, ONE PRAYER” (NPM)

This concert and workshop by Peter Kolar is addressed to all music ministers and offers the opportunity to explore dialogue among Spanish- and English-speaking musicians, bilingual repertoires, and proper styles and interpretation of Hispanic music. The event is co-sponsored by NPM Arlington and NPM DC. \*\* *Event postponed— visit <https://www.npmarlington.org> for updates.*

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## LITURGY PREPARATION AID FOR LENT, TRIDUUM, & EASTER (FDLC)

Each year the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions publishes a free resource to aid in the liturgical preparation for the Season of Lent, the Paschal Triduum, and the Season of Easter. This resource is available in English and Spanish at <https://fdlc.org/resources>.

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## NOTES on the LITURGICAL YEAR

**Lent 2020: February 26 - April 9** (*see enclosure for details*)

**March 13, 2020:** March 13<sup>th</sup> is the Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis. Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge has granted priests of the Diocese of Arlington permission to use the prayers “For the Pope” on this day. It is recommended that the readings of the weekday of Lent be used.

**March 19, 2020:** The Solemnity of Saint Joseph is observed on this day, even during Lent. The proper prayers and readings of the solemnity are used. According to custom, the Order for the Blessing of Saint Joseph’s Table may be celebrated (*Book of Blessings*, nos. 1679-1700). March 19<sup>th</sup> also marks the Anniversary of the Installation of Pope Francis.

**March 25, 2020:** The Solemnity of the Annunciation is observed on this day, even during Lent. The proper prayers and readings of the Solemnity of the Annunciation are used.

**Holy Week 2020: April 5-11** (*see enclosure for details*)

**Paschal Triduum 2020: April 9-12**

**Octave of Easter 2020: April 12-19:** The days of the Octave of Easter are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord, though the Creed is omitted on weekdays. The sequence *Victimae paschali* is obligatory on Easter Sunday; it is optional, but encouraged, on the remaining days of the octave. Easter Preface I (“on this day”) is used throughout the octave. Intercession for the newly baptized is made in the Eucharistic Prayer (i.e., the proper *Communicantes*). The dismissal includes the double “alleluia.” Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted; Funeral Masses are permitted on the weekdays within the octave. The octave concludes with Evening Prayer II of the Second Sunday of Easter.

**Season of Easter 2020: April 12 - May 31:** During the Easter Season, neophytes may be given a special place among the faithful. On Sundays of Easter, the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water, found in Appendix II of *The Roman Missal*, may be used in place of the Penitential Act. First Communion is fittingly received on Sundays of Easter. Easter is a traditional time for the blessing of homes (Order for the Blessing of Homes, *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1597-1621; *Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers*, nos. 153-156).

**April 19, 2020:** The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, prayers for the plenary indulgence offered this day may be led by priests after Masses.

**April 23, 2020:** The feast of St. George is the patronal feast of Pope Francis. The pope may be fittingly included in the intercessions on this day.

**April 25, 2020:** This day was formerly marked by the Greater Litanies (Major Rogation). Therefore, the Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks may fittingly be celebrated (*Book of Blessings*, nos. 966-985).