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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/>

Please see the link below for sheet music for the hymn of the Eucharistic Revival, Let the Earth Acclaim (in English and Spanish):

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/sheet-music-available-for-new-eucharistic-hymns?_hsmi=283496485&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8yfd0ViHAKXN5FZT2DCEnq-P0agJI9G0394neBfJHvvMS-XjEdilKOITMkYbLjbajvfP0hHylbgj_MMSXFRXxQ1IcCIA

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html>

LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

Looking forward to All Souls Day 2024

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saturday, November 2, 2024

The only type of wedding that can take place on All Souls Day is outside of Mass. The Mass of the day is the Mass for the Dead without exception, which does not allow for any ritual to be associated with it. A Funeral Mass can take place since it is principally a Mass for the Dead.

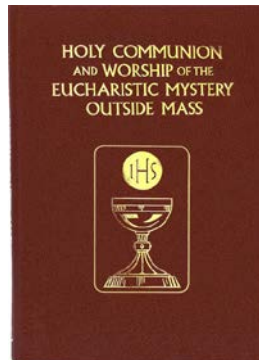
TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2025

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and is not in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 7:44 PM on April 19, 2025. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2024-2025. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.

NEW RITUAL BOOKS

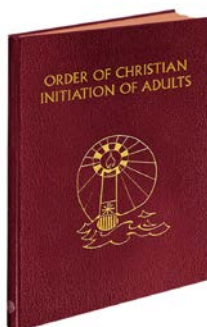
WEBINARS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR EACH RITUAL IN THE FALL 2024

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass



Ritual editions will go on sale beginning August 1, 2024, and its optional use will be permitted as of September 14, 2025, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The obligatory-use date has been established for the United States as the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Ritual editions will go on sale beginning November 1, 2024, and its optional use will be permitted as of the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. The obligatory-use date has been established for the United States as Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

FROM VARIOUS PUBLISHERS FOR PREORDER SALES OF THE RITUAL BOOKS

« Liturgy Training Publications (Chicago, IL)

<https://ltp.org/products/details/COMRE/holy-communion-and-worship-of-the-eucharistic-mystery-outside-mass>

OR

« Liturgical Press (Collegeville, MN)

<https://litpress.org/Products/8921/Holy-Communion-and-Worship-of-the-Eucharistic-Mystery-outside-Mass>

OR

« Catholic Book (Totowa, NJ)

<https://catholicbookpublishing.com/products/rite-of-holy-communion-worship-of-eucharist-outside-mass-brown>

OR

« Magnificat (Yonkers, NY)

<https://bookstore.magnificat.net/holy-communion-and-worship-of-the-eucharistic-mystery-outside-mass.html>

OR

« Midwest Theological Forum (Downers Grove, IL)

<https://www.theologicalforum.org/books/new-and-popular-titles/holy-communion-and-worship-of-the-eucharistic-mystery-outside-mass/>

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship has the responsibility for direction, guidance and support of pastors and those who collaborate with them in the formation of adults for Christian Initiation. Additional information on Christian Initiation for adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*

Please see the flyer attached to the mailing about the workshop on Christian Initiation for adults on Saturday, October 5, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE

Full Sacramental Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first Reception of Holy Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside of the immediate danger of death, requires the permission of the Archbishop (see RCIA, no. 331). Archbishop Perez delegates

the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for Fall 2024-Spring 2025 workshops for liturgical ministers will be posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship as soon as this information is available. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, without exception, are to have a current appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- **Extraordinary Ministers who serve in institutions and schools throughout the Archdiocese are typically commissioned for service in their parishes and likewise commissioned for service in the institution and/or school.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, not in an invalid marriage, recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution/school. Pastors/chaplains are reminded to be discerning in the invitation to members of the lay faithful to carry out this ministry.
- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow. *Veteran Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to attend.*
- Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Divine Worship if they conduct their own formation and to send to this office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Request forms can be found on the Office for Divine Worship website. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow.

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are appointed for a three-year term and for the place where they are commissioned. Terms may be renewed if agreeable to both the pastor/chaplain and the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution/school.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned after participation in a training session, according to the form found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63, “Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.”**
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only serve in the parishes/institutions/schools for which they are commissioned.

PROTOCOL

FOR BUILDING NEW OR RENOVATING CHURCHES AND CHAPELS WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO LITURGICAL REQUIREMENTS

Step One

The pastor of the parish church, or the person in charge of a chapel, contacts the Office for Divine Worship to obtain archdiocesan guidelines for the construction and renovation of churches and chapels.

Step Two

The Director of the Office for Divine Worship meets with the pastor of the parish church or the person in charge of a chapel and, if possible, the proposed architect, to review the application of the above-mentioned archdiocesan guidelines.

Step Three

Once the provisional architectural plan, including its liturgical requirements for a new or renovated church or chapel, is available, a meeting with the Director of the Office for Divine Worship is arranged by the pastor of the church, or the person in charge of the chapel, for its review.

Step Four

After the review of the provisional architectural plan, including its liturgical requirements, and with recommendations, if any, then it may be presented to the Moderator of the Curia for next steps.

Step Five

When the Moderator of the Curia and his staff have completed its review of the plan, then it proceeds to the College of Consultors for approval and finally to the Archbishop for his approval.

PROTOCOL

FOR BUILDING NEW OR RENOVATING MUSIC SPACES

IN CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY

Step One

The pastor of the parish church, or the person in charge of a chapel, contacts the Office for Divine Worship to obtain Archdiocesan Guidelines for the Music Spaces in the construction and renovation of churches and chapels.

Step Two

The Director of the Office for Divine Worship or a representative meets with the pastor of the parish church or the person in charge of a chapel and, if possible, the proposed architect, to review the application of the above-mentioned archdiocesan guidelines.

Step Three

Once the provisional architectural plan is available, the pastor of the church or the person in charge of the chapel arranges a meeting with the Director of the Office for Divine Worship for its review. The conclusions of this review become a constitutive part of the presentation to Moderator of the Curia and his staff of the larger construction or renovation project.

The Office for Divine Worship should be consulted concerning the purchase or renovation of an organ, even apart from the construction or renovation of churches or chapels.

NORMS REGARDING COMMUNION SERVICES

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

WHEN DAILY MASS CANNOT BE CELEBRATED

October 1, 2010

Every priest knows the great privilege it is to celebrate Mass for the faithful on Sunday, as well as on a daily basis.

Legitimate occasions, however, arise when a priest cannot be available for daily Mass. These include times for priests to be away from the parish, such as retreat, workshop and vacation, as well as pressing pastoral needs and the weekly day-off. These occasions when daily Mass cannot be celebrated require a pastoral response for the benefit of both the priests and the faithful.

1. The cancellation of a daily Mass, when known in advance, should be well published for the faithful, together with the schedule of Masses at nearby locations.
2. If a parish has more than one daily Mass but, for the legitimate occasions listed above, must cancel one of these, then the faithful should be encouraged to participate, when possible, at another scheduled Mass, even outside the parish.
3. A priest may permit a Communion Service consisting of the Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion only when it is difficult for the faithful to participate at a scheduled Mass. A Communion Service is not to be scheduled on a regular basis; it is meant to be an exception.
4. When there is the need for a Communion Service, deacons and, in their absence, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion may be delegated by the priest for such a service. Deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be prepared in advance according to the proper liturgical rites.
5. When a daily Mass is cancelled, and another Mass or a Communion Service is not available, other laudable practices would include the Liturgy of the Hours, a Liturgy of the Word, adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, or the communal recitation of the rosary.

The theological and liturgical primacy of the reception of Holy Communion during Mass is rightly safeguarded when a Communion Service occurs only by way of exception.

RECURRING INFORMATION

THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

Many parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese have responded positively to pray the prayer to Saint Michael in conjunction with the celebration of Mass. You are reminded that this devotional prayer is to take place outside of Mass. It is not

to be prayed as the concluding prayer of the Universal Prayer nor as part of the Communion Rite.

TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANTICIPATED MASSES

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS WHEN THE OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED

In the United States, there are three Holy Days, Solemnities, when the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended when the observance falls on a Monday or a Saturday—the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). In these instances, the Mass schedule certainly can be modified. However, there should be the celebration of one Mass at least for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

THE LITURGICAL EXCHANGE

For information about the new Liturgical Exchange in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, please see: <https://www.liturgicalexchange.com/>.

Please consider spring cleaning your sacristies and storage areas for liturgical items no longer needed or in use. The *Liturgical Exchange* provides a great service within and outside the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for those looking to repurpose liturgical items for churches and chapels.

FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online around the fifteenth of the month approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers.

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/newsletter>.

FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

Visit: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>.