

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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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](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>

**Archdiocesan Opening of the Holy Year**  
**Sunday, December 29, 2024**  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**  
**11:00 AM Solemn Mass**  
**Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Celebrant and Homilist**  
*All are welcome.*

*All priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass.*

*More information on the Holy Year in the Archdiocese  
will be distributed in a separate mailing.*

LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

Pope Francis established this observance in September 2015 following a similar observance in the Eastern Church. The homily on this day, as well as an intention in the Universal Prayer, should call to mind this observance.

Additional resources for Prayers to Care of Creation can be found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>.

**MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

A votive *Mass of the Holy Spirit* may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The *Roman Missal* provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The Lectionary texts for the day are preferable.

Also, see the options in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to celebrate liturgically the opening of the academic year.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

**FOR USE WITH THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION**

The three *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* for use with the *Roman Missal* are available as a supplement to the Missal. Copies of these prayers can be obtained from Catholic Book Publishing, <https://catholicbookpublishing.com/product/1650>.

The introduction to the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* highlights several significant pastoral and ritual issues. The *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* are strictly limited to Masses celebrated with children (no. 14). Emphasis is to be given to singing the responses and

acclamations proper to the Prayers. Catechetical instruction on “internal participation” in the saving event of the Eucharistic Prayer should precede celebrations with children and the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children*.

## **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

### **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

The Church in the United States will observe Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2024. On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Please see the website of the USCCB for additional resources:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/come-me-all-you-who-labor-and-are-burdened>.

*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.

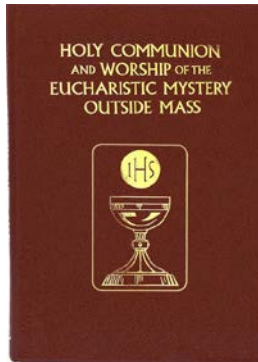
### **TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2025**

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

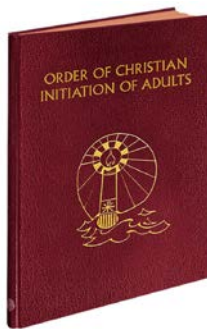
WEBINARS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR EACH RITUAL IN THE FALL 2024

### **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, 2024, 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 see flyer attached to this mailing for the workshop for priests and deacons on the revised Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, October 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 of Philadelphia (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

Fall 2024 / Spring 2025

Register for these workshops at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).

*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 of Philadelphia for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.*

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshops

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Main Church

Saint William Church (Philadelphia North)

**PLEASE REGISTER AT:** [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Main Church

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Coatesville (Chester County)

**PLEASE REGISTER AT:** [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Main Church

Holy Cross Church, Mount Airy

by Sister Marganne Drago

**PLEASE REGISTER AT:** [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Main Church

Saint Isadore Church, Quakertown (Bucks County)

**PLEASE REGISTER AT:** [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Main Church

Holy Cross Church, Springfield (Delaware County)

**PLEASE REGISTER AT:** [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Main Church

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church (Montgomery County)

PLEASE REGISTER AT: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**SATURDAY, January 18, 2025**

9:30 AM to 11:30 PM

Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul (Philadelphia South)

PLEASE REGISTER AT: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Saint Richard Church (Chichester)

PLEASE REGISTER AT: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

## Lector Workshop

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Main Church

Saint Andrew the Apostle Church

Drexel Hill, PA (Delaware County)

PLEASE REGISTER AT: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, without exception, are to have a current appointment letter from the Archbishop of Philadelphia.**
- **Extraordinary Ministers who serve in institutions and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia 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.

#### GUIDELINES FOR THE BUILDING AND RENOVATING OF CHURCHES AND CHAPELS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in addition to what is described in the liturgical ritual books, follows the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the building and renovating of churches and chapels. These guidelines are found in the USCCB document, *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship*, 2007, Fifth Printing, revised.

#### RECURRING INFORMATION

##### **THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL**

Many parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia 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/>.