



Liturgical Calendar Information from the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

ITEM 1: Solemnity of All Saints on Saturday, November 1, 2008 / Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on Sunday, November 2, 2008

The Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 will fall on a Saturday this year. In accord with the USCCB decision of November 1991, confirmed by the Holy See in July 1992, the precept to attend Mass on this day is abrogated. Since the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated this year, a funeral Mass may be celebrated on this day (GIRM, 336). November 1, however, remains a Solemnity and ritual Masses are forbidden on this day (GIRM, 330). Since most marriages in the United States are celebrated on Saturdays, pastors should be mindful of liturgical protocol in this instance. While the ritual Mass for marriage is forbidden on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Mass of the day (that is, the solemnity) with the nuptial blessing may be celebrated. All three readings for the Feast of All Saints are to be used. The Rite of Marriage outside Mass may also be celebrated on November 1 this year.

The Solemnity of All Saints begins with Evening Prayer I on Friday, October 31, and concludes with the celebration of Evening Prayer II of the Solemnity on November 1. The Liturgy of the Hours on Sunday, November 2, 2008, All Souls Day, is that of

the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. When Morning and Evening Prayer are celebrated with the people, however, these hours may be taken from the Office of the Dead. If the Eucharist is celebrated on the evening of Friday, October 31, the Mass is that of the Solemnity of All Saints. If the Eucharist is celebrated on Saturday evening, November 1, the Mass is that of All Souls Day and is taken from the Proper of Saints section in the Sacramentary.

ITEM 2: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8, 2008

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, will fall on a Monday this year. In accord with the USCCB decision of November 1991, confirmed by the Holy See in July 1992, the precept to attend Mass on this Solemnity is maintained, even when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. Therefore, Monday, December 8, 2008, WILL be a holy day of obligation for the faithful in the United States.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception begins with Evening Prayer II on Sunday, December 7, and concludes with the celebration of Evening Prayer II of the Solemnity on December 8. In light of the fact, however, that Sunday evening Masses are a common occurrence in many parts of the United States, the Mass celebrated on the evening of Sunday, December 7, may be either the Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent or of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, provided that this is

made clear to the faithful in advance. One Mass for both commemorations is not permitted.

ITEM 3: Conversion of Saint Paul on Sunday, January 25, 2009

As a result of the Pauline Year celebrating the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree on May 30, 2008 authorizing the use of the Mass formulary and Lectionary readings for the Conversion of Saint Paul for Mass on Sunday, January 25, 2009. The date, however, remains the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Regarding the Lectionary readings, as there is no second reading for the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Second Reading is taken from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, namely 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. In addition, the Creed is recited, as is customary for a Sunday Mass.

Liturgical Resources for the Pauline Year 2008



Parishes wishing to schedule special liturgical celebrations to mark the Pauline year in the local parish or as a deanery may wish to consult the USCCB Secretariat for

Divine Worship website at www.USCCB.org/liturgy.

Pueri Cantores Choral Festival and Mass: March 28, 2009

Each year, Pueri Cantores organizes Choral Festivals and Masses for Roman Catholic parish and school choirs (welcoming choristers ages 8 to 18) in cathedrals and other churches around the United States. The singers join together as one large combined choir to prepare and present great liturgical music whose repertoire spans some 1500 years – from Gregorian chant and polyphony to masterworks of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries. This

extraordinary musical experience will be for singers in the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Dioceses of Cleveland, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Saginaw and Toledo. The festival and Mass will be held at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on March 28, 2009. Paul French, Music Director at Chicago's Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and the William Ferris Chorale, will guide singers through a liturgy filled with vocal excellence and inspiring music. For more information contact Detroit Festival link on the Web site of the American Federation Pueri Cantores at www.puericantores.com.

Resources for the training of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishes in the diocese may be searching for an appropriate training tool for lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago has two very fine resources that incorporate the most current liturgical norms found in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal as well as providing a sufficient history and theological foundation for these two liturgical ministries. They are: *Guide for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*, by Kenneth A. Riley and Paul Turner (ISBN 978-1-56854-608-7) and *Guide for Lectors*, by Paul Turner and Virginia Meaghan (ISBN 978-1-56854-607-0). Cost per copy: \$4.95. Contact Liturgy Training Publications at www.ltp.org or contact Sue French at 419-244-6711, ext. 516 to receive the diocesan 40% discounted price.

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