

**NOTATIONS ON THE
LITURGICAL CALENDAR
FOR THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS**

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THE YEAR OF GRACE 2012

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The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2012*

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: In addition to Sunday, there are five days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Province of Indiana since the **Solemnity of the Ascension has been permanently transferred to the following Sunday. (This year, this Solemnity will be celebrated on Sunday, May 20, 2012.)** Since the Nativity of the Lord (December 25, 2011) and the Solemnity of Mary (January 1, 2012) also fall on Sundays during this liturgical year, the additional holy days of obligation are:

- December 8, 2011: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 15, 2012: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1, 2012: Solemnity of All Saints

THE EASTER VIGIL: The first Mass of Easter, the Easter Vigil, is celebrated between nightfall of Holy Saturday, April 7, and daybreak of Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. The *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 21, states:

The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the “mother of all vigils.” Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ’s resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before the dawn of Sunday.

Individual parishes can check the following website to determine the time of nightfall on April 7: <http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO/astronomical-applications/data-services/rs-one-day-us>. On this website, nightfall is listed as “End civil twilight.” For example, in Marion County, nightfall on April 7, 2012 is 8:43 p.m. EDT, and so the Easter Vigil should not begin before 8:45 p.m.

RITUAL MASSES: Ritual Masses are prohibited on the Sundays of Advent, Lent and the Easter season, on all solemnities including the days within the octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls), on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week. In addition, the norms in the ritual books or in the Masses themselves also apply [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (2011), no. 352ff].

Rite of Marriage:

“Weekend wedding Masses are normally to be celebrated prior to any Saturday evening Masses of anticipation. For exceptional Saturday night or Sunday wedding Masses, consult the Missal for the appropriate prayers and readings.” (Ritual Masses, IV, 1) *Sacramental/Liturgical Policies, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 9560.52*

- ◆ If the marriage is celebrated on a Sunday or solemnity, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and the special final blessing according to the circumstances.
- ◆ When the wedding Mass may not be held, one of the readings from the texts provided for the marriage celebration (nos. 67-105) may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter, on the solemnities of Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, or the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or on holy days of obligation.
- ◆ However, the Rite of Marriage outside Mass may be celebrated on the above days except during the Easter Triduum.
- ◆ On the Sundays of the Christmas season and in Ordinary Time, the entire wedding Mass may be used in Masses that are not parish Masses.
- ◆ When a marriage is celebrated during Advent or Lent or other days of penance, the special nature of these liturgical seasons are to be considered [*Rite of Marriage*, no. 11].

FUNERAL MASSES: Funeral Masses are not permitted on solemnities that are holy days of obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent and the Easter season [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 380]. On days when Funeral Masses are not permitted, it may be possible to use the Rite of Funerals Outside of Mass.

For the following notations, “ORDO 2012” refers to “The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2012, Dioceses of the Province of Indiana.”

NOVEMBER 2011

27 November, Sunday, **First Sunday of Advent**

- ◆ beginning of the new liturgical year, Year B, Weekdays II
- ◆ initiation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition

DECEMBER 2011

3 December, Saturday, **St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the Archdiocese**

- ◆ feast

8 December, Thursday, **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ holy day of obligation - the patronal feast of the United States of America
- ◆ ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ a funeral Mass is not permitted

12 December, Saturday, **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- ◆ feast
- ◆ patroness of the Americas

21 December, Wednesday, **Anniversary of the Dedication of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral**

- ◆ feast
- ◆ solemnity in the Cathedral only

25 December, Sunday, **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

- ◆ solemnity

30 December, Friday, **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

- ◆ feast

JANUARY 2012

1 January, Sunday, **Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord)**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace

8 January, Sunday, **The Epiphany of the Lord**

- ◆ solemnity

9 January, Monday, **Baptism of the Lord**

- ◆ feast

10 January, Tuesday,

- ◆ Ordinary Time begins (1st Week).
- ◆ **Anniversary of the death of Edward T. O'Meara**, 10th bishop/4th archbishop

23 January, Monday, **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

- ◆ Ritual Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” or “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” may be celebrated.
- ◆ White (Human Life) or Violet (Peace and Justice) vestments should be worn for these Masses.
- ◆ Additional information, see *ORDO 2012*.

FEBRUARY 2012

2 February, Thursday, **The Presentation of the Lord (World Day for Consecrated Life)**

- ◆ feast
- ◆ Candles may be blessed this day as a part of the principal liturgy as described in the Roman Missal.

17 February, Friday, **Anniversary of the death of Paul C. Schulte**, 8th bishop/2nd archbishop

19 February, Sunday, **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ◆ **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral
- ◆ The parish **Rite of Sending to the Bishop** may be celebrated at a time prior to the diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. [RCIA, no. 108]

22 February, Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday**

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.

26 February, Sunday, **First Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral
- ◆ The parish **Rite of Sending to the Bishop** may be celebrated at a time prior to the diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. [RCIA, no. 108]

MARCH 2012

4 March, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **Penitential Rite** - optional rite for baptized but uncatechized adults and children of catechetical age

11 March, Sunday, **Third Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **First Scrutiny** with the Elect.
- ◆ **Presentation of the Creed** is not celebrated on Sunday but at Mass within the Third Week, unless it was anticipated prior to Lent.

18 March, Sunday, **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **Second Scrutiny** with the Elect

19 March, Monday, **Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.
- ◆ patronal feast of Pope Benedict XVI

25 March, Sunday, **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **Third Scrutiny** with the Elect
- ◆ **Presentation of the Lord's Prayer** is not observed on Sunday but at Mass within the Fifth Week unless it was anticipated prior to Lent or deferred to the **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** during the day

26 March, Monday, **Annunciation of the Lord**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.

APRIL 2012

1 April, Sunday, **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

- ◆ Holy Week begins.

2-4 April, Monday-Wednesday, **Weekdays of Holy Week**

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.

3 April, **Tuesday of Holy Week**

- ◆ **Chrism Mass**, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

5 April, Thursday of Holy Week, morning and afternoon

- ◆ The only Mass permitted is the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ A funeral rite (Liturgy of the Word, closing with the rite of Farewell; cf. OCF part I, no. 4) may be celebrated, with the readings reflecting the nature of this day. Communion is not given.

5-8 April, Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening, **The Easter Triduum**

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ The sacraments are not celebrated except the non-communal forms of penance and anointing of the sick, and the sacraments of initiation within the Masses of Easter.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is not permitted. A funeral rite (Liturgy of the Word, closing with the rite of Farewell; cf. OCF part I, no. 4) may be celebrated, with the readings reflecting the nature of these days. Communion is not given.
- ◆ The Celebration of the Lord's Passion takes place on Good Friday afternoon at about three o'clock unless pastoral reasons suggest a later hour. The liturgy may be repeated later for pastoral reasons.
- ◆ The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil should take place at night; that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before the dawn of Sunday.

9-14 April, Monday through Saturday, **Days within the Octave of Easter**

- ◆ solemnities
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day. One reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.

MAY 2012

20 May, Sunday, **The Ascension of the Lord**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the Province of Indiana

27 May, Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ proper Vigil Mass

28 May, Monday, **Ordinary Time resumes, 8th Week.**

JUNE 2012

10 June, Friday, **Anniversary of the death of Joseph Elmer Ritter**, 7th bishop/1st archbishop

3 June, Sunday, **The Most Holy Trinity**

- ◆ solemnity

10 June, Sunday, **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ **Anniversary of the death of Servant of God Simon Bruté**, 1st bishop

15 June, Friday, **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.

29 June, Friday, **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ patronal feast of the Cathedral of Indianapolis
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.

JULY 2012

4 July, Wednesday, **Independence Day**

- ◆ Proper Mass texts may be used.

AUGUST 2012

15 August, Wednesday, **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is not permitted.

SEPTEMBER 2012

3 September, Monday, **Labor Day**

- ◆ for options see ORDO 2012

OCTOBER 2012

03 October, Wednesday, **Saint Theodora Guérin, virgin, Patroness of the Archdiocese**

- ◆ feast (Solemnity at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Motherhouse)
- ◆ proper texts, see page 9 of this calendar

17 October, Wednesday, **Anniversary of the death of George Joseph Biskup**, 9th bishop/3rd archbishop

NOVEMBER 2012

01 November, Thursday, **All Saints**, solemnity

- ◆ holy day of obligation
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is not permitted.

02 November, Friday, **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**

- ◆ White, violet or black vestments may be worn.
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is permitted.

16 November, Friday, **Anniversary of Dedicated Churches**

- ◆ Solemnity (observed in these churches only)
- ◆ for guidelines see ORDO 2012

22 November, Thursday, **Thanksgiving Day**

- ◆ for options see ORDO 2012

DECEMBER 2012

2 December, Sunday, **First Sunday of Advent**

- ◆ beginning of the new liturgical year, Year C, Weekdays I

3 December, Monday, **St. Francis Xavier, Principal Patron of the Archdiocese**

- ◆ feast

8 December, Saturday, **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ holy day of obligation - the patronal feast of the U.S.
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is not permitted.
- ◆ Masses celebrated after 4:00 p.m. are of the Second Sunday of Advent.

21 December, Friday, **Anniversary of the Dedication of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral**

- ◆ feast
- ◆ solemnity in the Cathedral only

25 December, Tuesday, **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

- ◆ solemnity
- ◆ holy day of obligation
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted.
- ◆ A funeral Mass is not permitted.

30 December, Sunday, **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

- ◆ feast

Proper Texts for the Feast of Saint Theodora Guérin – October 3

First Reading: Sirach 2: 7-13 (Lectionary no. 737.12)

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 (Lectionary no. 740.9)

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-34 (Lectionary no, 742.12)

Collect

**Loving God,
in Saint Theodora Guérin
you have given us an example of a religious woman
who trusted deeply in Providence.
Through her intercession,
inspire us to dedicate our lives
to proclaiming the Gospel
through works of love, mercy and justice.
We ask this through....**

Prayer over the Offerings

**Lord,
may the gifts we bring you
help us follow the example
of St. Theodora Guérin.
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,
and teach us to live the new life
of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

**Lord,
may our reception of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of St. Theodora Guérin
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice for ever in heaven.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**