

Office of Worship

Diocese of Honolulu

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

FROM: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director
Office of Worship

DATE: October 23, 2020

RE: **2021 LITURGICAL NOTES FOR THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU -
(Year B, Sundays; Year I, Weekdays)**

Miscellaneous Notes

1. As a reminder in our diocese the Holydays of Obligation are two: the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (December 8, the Patroness of the USA); and **Christmas** (December 25). The faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on the other holydays of obligation celebrated in the United States of America. Pastors are therefore asked to provide practical opportunities for more people to attend Mass on these days by celebrating a Vigil Mass (when permitted) or an extra Mass or two at hours convenient for the faithful.
2. The 2021 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020.
3. Anniversary of the Dedication of the Parish Church – This date should be celebrated as a Solemnity by the parish, unless impeded by a day of higher rank. (*The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar*, Chapter II, para #27 and *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, para # [R10]).
4. Memorial of the Patron(s) of the Parish – This date should be celebrated as a Solemnity by the parish, unless impeded by a day of higher rank. (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* (by Pope Paul VI in 1969) para # 59 (Table of Liturgical Days) I, #4a.)
5. The celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in our diocese is transferred to Sunday, May 16, 2021. Thursday, May 13, 2021 is observed either as an Easter weekday [6] or the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima.
6. Outside Advent, Christmas Time, Lent, and Easter Time, on Saturdays which have no commemoration having the rank of Obligatory Memorial or higher, a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated. The readings and prayers may be selected from the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

Dates to Remember (2021)

Friday, January 1 – **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (Solemnity, holyday of obligation only in other US dioceses, but faithful should be encouraged to celebrate it, and additional Masses are recommended to make that possible.)

Sunday, January 3 – **The Epiphany of the Lord** (Solemnity)

Friday, January 22 – **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (all US dioceses shall observe this day, see GIRM # 373.)

Saturday, January 23 – **Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin** (Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, January 24 – **Sunday of the Word of God** - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis" published on September 30, 2019, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.")

Wednesday, February 17 – **ASH Wednesday** (Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.)

Sunday, February 21 – First Sunday of Lent – Rite of Election for Catechumens to be initiated at the Easter Vigil.

NOTES:

1. If the Scrutinies for the Elect are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the readings for those Masses should be for those of Year A.
2. Priests should be sure to schedule one or more occasions for the anointing of catechumens with the Oil of Catechumens.
3. Chrism Masses are scheduled as follow:
 - a. Thursday, March 11 – Maui/Lanai Vicariate
 - b. Wednesday, March 17 – East/West Hawai'i Vicariates
 - c. Tuesday, March 23 – Kauai Vicariate
 - d. Tuesday, March 30 – Oahu Vicariates

Friday, March 19 – **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Solemnity).

Thursday, March 25 – **The Annunciation of the Lord** (Solemnity).

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 1 – **Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

Friday, April 2 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (Good Friday)

Saturday, April 3 – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Sunday, April 4 – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** (Solemnity, at Masses with a congregation, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises, used at the Easter Vigil, may take the place of the Creed after the homily.)

Monday, May 10 – **Memorial of Saint Damien de Veuster** (Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, May 16 - **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** (Celebrated on Sunday in the Diocese of Honolulu. *The second reading and gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter (no. 60) may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.*)

Sunday, May 23 – **Pentecost Sunday** (Solemnity).

Sunday, May 30 – **The Most Holy Trinity** (Solemnity).

Sunday, June 6 – **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi** (Solemnity).

Friday, June 11 – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** (Solemnity).

Thursday, June 24 – **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist** (Solemnity).

Tuesday, June 29 – **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** (Solemnity).

Friday, July 9 – **Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu** (Celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral Basilica *and in all* churches of the Diocese of Honolulu.) (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, para # 59 (Table of Liturgical Days, section I & II.))

Sunday, August 15 - **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Solemnity).

Monday, August 16 – **178th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** (Celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral Basilica and with all the proper prayers in all other churches of the Diocese of Honolulu.) (*Dedication of a Church and an Altar*,” Chapter II, para # 26.)

Monday, November 1 - **All Saints** (Solemnity).

Tuesday, November 2 – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Soul’s Day** (Not a holyday of obligation anywhere in the USA, but pastors are encouraged to add Masses for the convenience of the faithful. Note that there is a wide selection of possible Scripture readings, so the parish or community should choose beforehand the Scriptures it prefers.)

Sunday, November 21 – **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (Solemnity)

Wednesday, December 8 – **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Celebrated** (Solemnity, holyday of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu. Additional Masses should be offered for the convenience of the faithful.)

Saturday, December 25 – **The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas** (Solemnity, holyday of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu and throughout the world; additional Masses should be offered for the convenience of the faithful. Note: If a Saturday evening Mass is celebrated on December 25, it would be for the Solemnity of the Holy Family.)

Please feel free to contact me at the Office of Worship, 808-585-3342 or email at mcordero@rcchawaii.org should you have any questions. Blessings!