



### **Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation**

- Thursday, November 1 — All Saints
- Saturday, December 8 — Immaculate Conception \*
- Tuesday, December 25 — Nativity of the Lord
- Tuesday, January 1, 2013 — Mary, the Holy Mother of God

\* The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) falls on a Saturday this year, but as the patronal feast of the United States, it remains a holy day of obligation. Since the Second Sunday of Advent (Dec. 9) outranks Immaculate Conception, all Masses in the evening (after 4 PM) of Saturday, December 8 should use the prayers and readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. Nonetheless, attending Mass on Saturday evening can count towards either the Sunday obligation or the Immaculate Conception obligation—but not both. The two obligations must be fulfilled at two separate Masses.

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### **Other Important Dates**

- ◆ **Monday, December 10** marks this year's observance of the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and should be observed as a Feast outside the Cathedral, using option II in the Common of the Dedication of a Church.
- ◆ **January 22 - Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life**  
January 22, 2013—the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*—should be observed as a “particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion” (GIRM #373). The Roman Missal includes the “Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” which is found at no. 48/1 (with A & B options for the prayers) in “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions.” This Mass celebrates the dignity of human life, and white vestments are used.

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### **Christmas Notes**

- ◆ At all Christmas Masses, please remind the faithful to genuflect during the Creed at the words, “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”
- ◆ **The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Roman Martyrology** – Located in Appendix I of the Roman Missal, it “may be chanted or recited, most appropriately during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. It may also be chanted or recited before the beginning of Christmas Mass during the Night.” This proclamation “may not replace any part of the [Christmas] Mass.” A recording of the chant is available at the bottom of this page: <http://www.npm.org/Chants/others.html>
- ◆ **The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts** – Also found in Appendix I, it may be proclaimed after the Gospel at the Mass during the Day for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 6, 2013). A recording of the chant is also available on this page: <http://www.npm.org/Chants/others.html>



## **The Year of Faith**

The Year of Faith proclaimed by the Holy Father will last from October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013 (the Solemnity of Christ the King).

### **Plenary Indulgence Opportunities**

During the Year of Faith, a plenary indulgence may be obtained by all the faithful who, truly penitent, take Sacramental Confession and the Eucharist and pray in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff:

- (1) Each time they attend at least three homilies preached (e.g., at a parish mission) or lectures given on the Proceedings of the Second Vatican Council and on the Articles of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in any church or any other suitable location.
- (2) Every time they go as pilgrims to a Papal Basilica (that is, one of the four major Basilicas in Rome), a Christian catacomb, or a cathedral church (such as the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, or Saint Matthew Cathedral in South Bend), and take part there in some sacred function or at least pause in recollection for a suitable length of time with devout meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary or, depending on the case, to the Holy Apostles or Patrons.
- (3) On any day they choose, during the Year of Faith, if they make a pious visit to the baptistery, or other place in which they received the Sacrament of Baptism, and there renew their baptismal promises in any legitimate form.

### **Other Resources**

A number of resources, such as Prayers of the Faithful for use at Mass, are available on the USCCB's Year of Faith website: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/prayer-in-the-year-of-faith.cfm>

### **Use of the Diocesan Prayer Cards and the Apostles' Creed**

Bishop Rhoades has encouraged all the faithful to recite the prayers on the diocesan Year of Faith prayer card daily—this includes the Apostles' Creed and the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love. However, these should not be specially added to the liturgy during the celebration of holy Mass. A possible exception is the Apostles' Creed, which the new Missal allows to be used in place of the Nicene Creed at Mass (though this is not encouraged as the norm).

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### **Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

In September, Catholic Book Publishing and Liturgical Press began printing an updated version of Volume 1 (entitled "The Missal") of the popular blue-bound *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. This officially replaces the old Volume 1, which was titled "The Sacramentary."

The reprint includes such updates as the revised Order of the Mass, updated proper prayers and prefaces that correspond to Marian Masses in the new Roman Missal, and other changes in line with the new translation.

This revised Volume 1 can be purchased through the Cathedral Bookstore. Please contact Cathedral Books and Gifts at (260) 399-1442.

## **Clarification on the Mixture of Wine and Water at Mass**

In response to a frequent question, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has affirmed that during the preparation of the gifts at Mass, “it is sufficient for the water to be added only to the chalice used by the main Celebrant.” However, the Congregation also states there is no problem whatsoever with adding water to all chalices, if multiple ones are used. The ritual mixing of water in wine is symbolic of the blood and water that flowed from Christ’s side on the Cross, as well as the joining of His divinity with our humanity.

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## **Tropes Officially Disallowed in the Agnus Dei**

Answering another frequent question, the Congregation for Divine Worship informed the USCCB that the addition of other Christological tropes (e.g., “Bread of Life,” “Prince of Peace,” etc.) besides “Lamb of God” in the singing of the Agnus Dei is no longer permitted. No. 188 in the USCCB’s document, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, is being updated to reflect this. With the new Roman Missal, tropes had already been disallowed from all new and revised Mass settings, because the practice alters the actual text of the Order of Mass.

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## **Looking Ahead to Early 2013**

### **Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion:**

**Fort Wayne: Saturday, February 16, 7:00 PM**—Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

**South Bend: Sunday, February 17, 2:00 PM**—St. Matthew Co-Cathedral

### **\*Important Information about the Rites of Election\***

Please note that the Rite of Election scheduling is a significant change from previous years. Both Rites of Election will now be on the same weekend. This keeps them joined to the observance of the First Sunday of Lent, which is the preferred date for the Rite of Election.

Due to this change and the early start of Lent this year, it is imperative that each parish’s information on their catechumens, candidates, and other participants in the Rites of Election be compiled and ready to submit to the Office of Worship in early January when the forms are received, to avoid a serious time crunch. Especially for pastors or RCIA directors who may be on vacation during the Christmas Season, please have this information ready to go beforehand.

Regarding the use of the **Rite of Sending** before the Fort Wayne Rite of Election on Saturday evening—please be aware that the Rite of Sending need not be a sending on the same day as the Rite of Election (or even from a Mass). It could be done at a Liturgy of the Word, and mentions that it could even be done the week prior, thereby offering some flexibility.

### **Chrim Masses:**

**South Bend: Monday, March 25, 7:30 PM**—St. Matthew Co-Cathedral

**Fort Wayne: Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 PM**—Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

## **Easter Vigil, 2013**

**Easter Vigil Time:** On March 30, 2013, the end of civil twilight occurs at 8:32 PM EDT on the Fort Wayne side, and 8:37 PM EDT on the South Bend side. As such, in the interest of practicality, the Vigil may begin at 8:35 PM throughout the Diocese.

Rather than mere sunset, true darkness is essential to the nature of the Vigil. The Roman Missal states, “The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall and ends before daybreak on the Sunday.” The USCCB even encourages waiting an extra 15-30 minutes after civil twilight ends, if possible.