



### **January 23 - Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life**

- ◆ The new Roman Missal includes a Mass that was recently confirmed by Rome for use in the United States: the “**Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life.**” Found at no. 48/1 (with A & B options for the prayers) in “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions,” this Mass is specially intended for use on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (Jan. 22 - or observed liturgically on Jan. 23 when the 22nd is a Sunday, as is the case in 2012). This Mass celebrates the dignity of human life, and white vestments are used.

January 23, 2012 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 Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (no. 30) may also be used this day, with violet vestments.

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### **New in the Roman Missal for Christmas Time**

Formerly found only in the *Sacramentary Supplement*, these items are now in the Missal:

- ◆ **January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus** (Opt. Memorial), Proper of Saints
- ◆ **The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Roman Martyrology** – located in **Appendix I**, 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** – 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. 8, 2012). A recording of the chant is also available on this page:  
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#### **ALSO:**

- ◇ 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.”
- ◇ Although the Missal calls for the Creed to be said during the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is omitted this year because the Feast is transferred to a Monday (January 9, 2012).

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### **Important Dates in 2012**

- **Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion:**  
Fort Wayne: Sunday, February 26, 2:00 PM — Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
South Bend: Sunday, March 4, 2:00 PM — St. Matthew Co-Cathedral
- **Chrism Masses:**  
South Bend: Monday, April 2, 7:30 PM — St. Matthew Co-Cathedral  
Fort Wayne: Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 PM — Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

### **Easter Vigil, 2012**

**Easter Vigil Time:** On April 7, 2012, the end of civil twilight occurs at 8:41 PM EDT on the Fort Wayne side, and 8:46 PM EDT on the South Bend side. As such, in the interest of practicality, the Vigil may begin at 8:45 PM throughout the Diocese.