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MEMORANDUM

To: All priests, deacons, liturgy coordinators, musicians, and parishes
From: Father Nicholas Smith
Date: 28 August 2023
Re: 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar

Following is the Liturgical Calendar for the 2024-2025 year, specified for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Pastoral Notes:

1. The Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Vigil of Christmas are on December 24. A separate memorandum addresses this issue.
2. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 8. When this Feast occurs on the Monday of the First Week of Ordinary Time, the readings assigned to Monday may be joined to those of Tuesday so that the opening of each book will be read.
3. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (March 30) begins thirty minutes after sundown (sundown on March 30 is 7:32 PM). **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is not to begin before 7:30 PM.**
4. For the Sacrament of Matrimony celebrated within Mass on Saturday, April 6 (Saturday within the Octave of Easter), the Mass for Saturday in the Octave of Easter and the assigned readings for the day **MUST** be used. Ritual Masses are not allowed on this day.
5. In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, The Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 12).
6. The Feast of Saint Louis is on Sunday, August 25, this year. The Archbishop gives permission to **ALL** parishes to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Louis on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 25). Readings will be those for the proper Sunday.
7. The Archbishop gives permission to **ALL** parishes to celebrate Saint Vincent de Paul (September 27), secondary patron of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 29). Readings will be those for the proper Sunday.
8. Ritual Masses are **NOT** allowed on November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). Weddings celebrated within Mass **MUST** use the Mass orations and readings proper to All Souls. Weddings celebrate outside of Mass may use the proper wedding readings.
9. The Archbishop gives permission to **ALL** parishes to celebrate Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne (November 18), secondary patron of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, on the Third-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 17). Readings will be those for the proper Sunday.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us here in the Office of Sacred Worship at maggiedapron@archstl.org. Wishing each of you abundant graces.

Liturgical Calendar for 2024, Cycles Year B – Weekdays II

December 2023

- December 3: First Sunday of Advent, Begin Sunday Cycle B and Weekday Year II
- December 8:** **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)**
Holyday of Obligation
- December 10: Second Sunday of Advent
- December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 17: Third Sunday of Advent
- December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Pastoral Note: Evening Mass on December 24 is the Vigil of Christmas and NOT the Fourth Sunday of Advent.
- December 25:** **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
Solemnity
- December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 2024

- January 1:** **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity
NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year
- January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord
- January 8: The Baptism of the Lord (**Monday**)
- January 9: First Week in Ordinary Time
- January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- January 21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- January 22:** **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
(See GIRM, no. 373). Day of Penance, for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life. The Mass “Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (#48/1A or B) from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions may be celebrated with white vestments or the Mass “For the Preservation Of Peace and Justice” (#30) with violet vestments. Mass readings: 2 Sm 5:1-7/Mk 3:22-30 (no. 317) or for the

Day of Prayer, any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” nos. 947A-947E, or the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891.
January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2024

February 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14: **Ash Wednesday**
Catholics (14+) are to abstain from meat, and Catholics (18-59) are to fast.
February 18: First Sunday of Lent
February 17/18: Rite of Election (Enrollment of Names) celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica
February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

March 2024

March 3: Third Sunday of Lent
First Scrutiny of the Elect (see RCIA 150-156)
March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Second Scrutiny of the Elect (See RCIA 164-170)
March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Third Scrutiny of the Elect (See RCIA 171-177)
March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Solemnity)
March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28: The Chrism Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 10:00AM **Holy Oils available in Boland Hall following The Chrism Mass**
March 28: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
March 29: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Deacons may not conduct this liturgy as if it were a Communion Service, refer to Roman Missal, Third Edition.) **Pastoral Note: The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion takes place about three o’clock unless pastoral reasons suggests a later hour. The Archbishop may permit the liturgy to be repeated later for pastoral reasons.**

- March 30: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night begins thirty minutes after sundown (sundown: 7:32PM). **Pastoral Note: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is not to begin before 8:00 PM.**
- March 31: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

April 2024

- April 7: Second Sunday of Easter **(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**
- April 8: The Annunciation of the Lord **(Solemnity)**
- April 14: Third Sunday of Easter
- April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter
- April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2024

- May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- May 12: The Ascension of the Lord**
Pastoral Note: In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to The Seventh Sunday of Easter
- May 19: Pentecost Sunday, Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica
- May 20: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Seventh Week in Ordinary Time)
- May 26: The Most Holy Trinity

June 2024

- June 2: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- June 7: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus **(Solemnity)**
- June 8: Immaculate Heart of Mary
- June 9: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- June 10: Anniversary of the Appointment of the Metropolitan Archbishop Mitchell Thomas Rozanski (2020)
- June 16: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- June 23: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- June 24: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist **(Solemnity)**
- June 29: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles **(Solemnity)**
- June 30: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2024

July 4:	Independence Day
July 7:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28:	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2024

August 4:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 6:	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)
August 11:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) Holyday of Obligation
August 18:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25:	Saint Louis of France, patron saint of the Archdiocese of St. Louis Pastoral Note: The Archbishop has given permission to ALL parishes to celebrate Saint Louis on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings will be those for the proper Sunday. Anniversary of the Installation of Archbishop Mitchell Thomas Rozanski (2020)
August 25:	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2024

September 1:	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8:	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15:	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22:	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27:	Saint Vincent de Paul, priest, archdiocesan secondary patron Pastoral Note: The Archbishop has given permission to ALL parishes to celebrate Saint Vincent de Paul on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings will be those for the proper Sunday.
September 29:	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2024

October 6:	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12:	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Metropolitan Cathedral, Archdiocese of St. Louis (Solemnity in Cathedral only; elsewhere Feast)
October 13:	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20:	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25:	Anniversary of Dedicated Churches (Celebrated as a Solemnity in these churches only)
October 27:	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 2024

November 1:	All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)
November 2:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Pastoral Note: Ritual Masses are NOT allowed. Weddings celebrated within Mass MUST use the Mass orations and readings proper for All Souls'. Weddings celebrated outside of Mass can use proper wedding readings.
November 3:	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10:	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17:	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18:	Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin, archdiocesan secondary patron Pastoral Note: The Archbishop has given permission to ALL parishes to celebrate Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings will be those for the proper Sunday.
November 24:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25:	Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
November 28:	Thanksgiving Day

2025

Cycles Year C - Weekdays I

December 2024

December 1:	First Sunday of Advent
December 8:	Second Sunday of Advent
December 9:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)

NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year.

December 12:	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 15:	Third Sunday of Advent
December 22:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 25:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Solemnity
December 29:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

A parish's celebration of its patron saint is celebrated with the rank of solemnity (see *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, Table I. 4. c.).

The anniversary of a church dedication is celebrated with the rank of a solemnity (see *Rite for the Dedication of a Church*, #27; *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, Table I. 4. b.)