



## Fall/Winter 2017 Newsletter

Information for Parishes from the Meeting  
of the Diocesan Music Commission (DMC)  
and the Diocesan Office of Liturgy

### Instruction on the Celebrations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas

This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. As you are anticipating scheduling your parish Masses, please be advised that:

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** {violet} 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38 (11) Psalms IV

**NB: All Masses in the morning of December 24<sup>th</sup> are for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

**DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> MONDAY - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (Christmas) {white} Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation]

- **Vigil:** Isaiah 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)
- **Night:** Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14) Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Titus 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20 (15)
- **Day:** Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16) Psalms - Proper

**NB: All Masses in the evening of December 24<sup>th</sup> are the Vigil for Christmas (Nativity of the Lord – either the Vigil or Night). No Christmas Vigil Mass can be scheduled any earlier than 4:00 p.m. According to the “Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar”, there cannot be more Christmas Vigil Masses than Masses on Christmas Day.**

### New Diocesan Mass Setting Selected

At a recent meeting of the Diocesan Music Committee it was decided that the Mass Setting for the 2018 Liturgical Year will be *Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations* by Tony Alsonso. It is available through GIA Publications, Chicago, IL [with full score, instrument edition, presider and choir editions].

### “Liturgical Catechesis Corner”

Pastors and Pastoral Administrators: Please remind your EMHC who take communion to the sick – nursing homes, hospitals and the homebound - that when they receive Holy Communion at Mass it needs to be taken and immediately distributed to the faithful they are visiting. The Blessed Sacrament CANNOT ever be “reserved” by the EMHC for a time of their convenience. Please consult “Guidelines & Protocols for Liturgical Ministers” (cf: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion).

*The Year of Grace 2018  
Liturgical Year Calendar and Advisory  
is in process and will be  
forthcoming soon ...  
see page 3 of this Newsletter  
for “Liturgical Year at a Glance”*

# Upcoming Diocesan Liturgies

<u>March for Life:</u>	Thursday, January 18, 8:00 AM at Holy Spirit Church
<u>Rites of Election:</u>	<u>Saturday</u> , February 17, 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption <u>Sunday</u> , February 18, 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
<u>Chrism Mass:</u>	Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
<u>Mission Mass:</u>	Sunday, April 22, 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
<u>Mystagogia Mass &amp; Adult Confirmation:</u>	Sunday, April 15, 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
<u>Religious Jubilee Mass:</u>	Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption

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## AVAILABLE, DISCOUNTED & FOR SALE FROM THE OFFICE OF LITURGY

- *Order of Celebrating Marriage* – ritual text from Catholic Book Publishers: \$33.95
- *Built of Living Stones* – art, architecture, and worship from the USCCB: \$12.95
- *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of A Priest* – ritual text from USCCB: \$44.95
- *To Crown the Year* – enhancing the Church worship space throughout the liturgical seasons (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition from Liturgy Training Publications - LTP): \$23.95

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## THE LITURGICAL YEAR AT A GLANCE – 2017-2018

<b>Advent Begins</b>	<b>Sunday, December 3, 2017</b> <i>Funeral and Ritual Masses not permitted on the Sundays of Advent</i>
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Friday, December 8, 2017</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation.</b> <i>Funeral Masses and not permitted</i>
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	<b>Monday, December 25, 2017</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation.</b> <i>Funeral Masses not permitted</i>
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	<b>Monday, January 1, 2018</b> <b>Holy Day but dispensed of the Obligation this year.</b> <i>Funeral Masses permitted</i>
The Epiphany of the Lord	<b>Sunday, January 7, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses permitted</i>
The Baptism of the Lord	<b>Tuesday, January 9, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses permitted</i>
Ash Wednesday	<b>Wednesday, February 14, 2018</b> <b>Day of Fast and Abstinence</b> <i>Funeral Masses permitted</i>
Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday	<b>March 29, 30, 31, 2018</b> <i>Funeral and Ritual Masses not permitted on these days</i>
Easter Vigil	<b>Saturday, March 31 – The Easter Vigil CANNOT begin before 8:30 p.m.</b>
Easter Sunday	<b>Sunday, April 1, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses not permitted</i>
Octave of Easter	<b>Monday, April 2 to Saturday April 7, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses permitted</i>
Ascension of the Lord	<b>Sunday, May 13, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses not permitted</i>
Pentecost Sunday	<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses not permitted</i>
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	<b>Sunday, June 3, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses not permitted</i>
Saints Peter and Paul	<b>Friday, June 29, 2018</b>
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Wednesday, August 15, 2018</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> <i>Funeral Masses not permitted</i>
All Saints Day	<b>Thursday, November 1, 2018</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> <i>Funeral Masses not permitted</i>
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	<b>Friday, November 2, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses permitted</i>
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	<b>Sunday, November 25, 2018</b> <i>Funeral Masses permitted</i>
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