



Year of Grace Liturgical Calendar
Diocese of Syracuse
2020-2021

The Church “celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days and in the course of the year with sacred remembrance” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, 1).

This celebration is governed by a calendar that is both general and particular (*Ibid.*, 48).

What follows are various general reminders for the new liturgical year as well as specific information that pertains to the celebration of liturgy in the Diocese of Syracuse.

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TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

Key	
	Advent
	Christmas, Easter, Solemnities
	Ordinary Time
	Lent / Penitential Days
	Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Martyrs, etc.
	Feast / Memorial
	Diocesan Celebrations

November 2020		
29	First Sunday of Advent	Immaculata Award Blessing 5:10 PM Mass The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

December 2020		
2	“The Light is On For You” Campaign	5 PM – 6 PM in parishes around the diocese
6	Second Sunday of Advent	Potential Conferral of the Immaculata Award in parishes
9	“The Light is On For You” Campaign	5 PM – 6 PM in parishes around the diocese
8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity; Holyday of Obligation Potential conferral of the Immaculata Award in parishes
10	Feast of Our Lady of Loreto	Optional Memorial; see below
13	Third Sunday of Advent	
16	“The Light is On For You” Campaign	5 PM – 6 PM in parishes around the diocese
20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
21	“The Light is On For You” Campaign	4 PM – 7 PM in parishes around the diocese
25	Christmas	Solemnity; Holyday of Obligation
	Octave of Christmas	
27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Feast

January 2021		
1	Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace	Holyday of Obligation
3	The Epiphany of the Lord	Solemnity
10	The Baptism of the Lord	Solemnity
18- 25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313) or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the <i>Lectionary for Mass Supplement</i> , 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
23	Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin	Observed as an Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Syracuse
24	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday of the Word of God World Leprosy Day

February 2021		
7	World Day for Consecrated Life	
8	World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking	
11	World Day of Prayer for the Sick	
14	World Marriage Day	2:30 PM The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
17	Ash Wednesday	
	“The Light is On For You” Campaign	TBD
21	First Sunday of Lent	Rite of Election 2:30 PM The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
28	Second Sunday of Lent	Optional Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion in parishes

March 2021		
7	Third Sunday of Lent	Scrutiny I
14	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Scrutiny II
17	Saint Patrick	Commemoration
19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity <i>Note: there is no obligation on this Friday during Lent to abstain from meat</i>
21	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Scrutiny III
25	Annunciation of the Lord	Solemnity
28	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
30	Chrism Mass	11:00 AM The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

April 2021		
1	Holy Thursday	Thursday of the Lord's Supper
2	Good Friday	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
3	Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil	May begin at 8 PM or after
4	Easter Sunday	
	Octave of Easter	Each day is a Solemnity
11	Second Sunday of Easter	Divine Mercy Sunday
18	Third Sunday of Easter	
25	Fourth Sunday of Easter	World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 2021		
2	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
6	Diocesan May Crowning	1:00 PM
9	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
13	The Ascension of the Lord	Solemnity; Holyday of Obligation
16	Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	
23	Pentecost	Solemnity
24	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church World Day of Prayer for the Church in China	Memorial from the Votive Masses: 10. <i>Blessed Virgin Mary,</i> B. <i>Our Lady, Mother of the Church</i>
30	The Most Holy Trinity	Solemnity
31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial Day	Bishop Lucia directs that the prayers and readings of the liturgical feast be used. Memorial Day may be highlighted through the homily, Universal Prayer, and music selected.

June 2021		
4	Anniversary of the appointment of Bishop Lucia (2019)	
5	Ordination: Priesthood	10:00 AM The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
6	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Solemnity
11	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests	Solemnity
12	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
22-29	Religious Freedom Week	
24	The Nativity of John the Baptist	Solemnity
29	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity

July 2021		
4	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Independence Day	The prayers and readings of the Sunday in Ordinary Time must be used. Independence Day may be highlighted through the homily, Universal Prayer, and music selected.
14	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	Memorial

August 2021		
6	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Feast
8	Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Lucia (2019)	
15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	Memorial

September 2021		
1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast
15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Memorial
19	Catechetical Sunday	
25	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (1910)	Feast; A Mass “On the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church Outside the Church that was Dedicated” from the Common may be celebrated
26	World Day of Migrants and Refugees; World Tourism Day	
29	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	Feast

October 2021		
2	The Holy Guardian Angels	Memorial
5	Saint Faustina Kowalska or Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos	Memorials
7	Our Lady of the Rosary	Memorial
19	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
24	World Mission Sunday World Youth Day (USA)	

November 2021		
1	All Saints	Solemnity; <i>not</i> a Holyday of Obligation this year
2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)	
9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Feast
14	World Day of the Poor	
21	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Solemnity
25	Thanksgiving Day	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 (506) or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the <i>Lectionary for Mass</i> (vol. IV), the Mass “In Thanksgiving to God,” nos. 943-947
28	First Sunday of Advent	

December 2021		
8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity; Holyday of Obligation

Parish Celebrations		
Date	Parish Patronal Feast Day	This is celebrated as a Solemnity in each local parish. It may be celebrated on the day itself or, for pastoral reasons, transferred to the nearest Sunday (only Sundays in Ordinary Time)
Date	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Parish Church	This is celebrated as a Solemnity in each local parish church. It may be celebrated on the day itself or, for pastoral reasons, transferred to the nearest Sunday (only Sundays in Ordinary Time)

SUMMARY

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION 2019-2020:

Christmas (25 December 2020)
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (1 January 2021)
The Ascension (13 May 2021)
Immaculate Conception (8 December 2021)

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

Immaculata Awards (First Sunday of Advent and Second Sunday of Advent or The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)
The Light is On for You (Wednesdays during the first three weeks of Advent: 5 PM – 6 PM Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent: 4 PM – 7 PM)
Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope (23 January 2021)
World Marriage Day (14 February 2021)
Rite of Election (21 February 2021)
The Light is On for You (Lent 2021)
Chrism Mass (30 March 2021)
Ordination to the Priesthood (5 June 2020)
Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Lucia (8 August 2020)
Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (25 September 2020)

LECTIONARY AND THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

2020 LECTIONARY CYCLES:

Sunday Cycle	YEAR B	29 November 2020 – 21 November 2021
Weekday Cycle	CYCLE I	11 January – 16 February 2021 24 May – 27 November 2021
Sunday Cycle	YEAR C	28 November 2021 – 20 November 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

29 November 2020 – 10 January 2021	Advent, Christmas	Volume I
11 January -16 February 2021	Weeks 1-6, Ordinary Time	Volume III
17 February – 23 May 2021	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Volume II
24 May – 31 July 2021	Weeks 8-17, Ordinary Time	Volume III
1 August – 27 November 2021	Weeks 18-34, Ordinary Time	Volume IV
28 November 2021 – 9 January 2022	Advent, Christmas	Volume I

LITURGICAL SEASONS

ADVENT

“The **official color** for the season of Advent is violet. The use of blue vestments [candles, or banners] is not approved for the United States” (*Ordo*, 1).

Moderation should be observed in all liturgies (including weddings) with regard to the use of the organ and other musical instruments as well as decorating the altar with flowers.

Advent Preface I is used prior to 17 December. However, on Memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints the corresponding preface may be used.

Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance according to *Rite II* of the *Rite of Penance* are encouraged. They are not to be scheduled during or in place of “The Light is On For You” campaign. Moreover, these celebrations do not meet the conditions required for the valid reception of general absolution. Therefore, it is not permitted. (Canons 961-962 of the *Code of Canon Law* 1983).

CHRISTMAS

The **traditional Masses of Christmas** (during the Night, at Dawn, and during the Day) should be celebrated at their proper times.

A **Vigil Mass** may be celebrated on 24 December, but no earlier than 4 PM. Moreover, the number of vigil Masses celebrated should not serve as a substitute for encouraging the faithful to attend Mass on Christmas – 25 December.

Priests who (con-)celebrate the three traditional Masses may accept three Mass offerings (c. 951 §1).

Any **set of readings** from the Christmas Masses may be used according to the pastoral needs of each celebration (*Ordo*, 19).

Christmas pageants or Nativity plays within Mass are NOT PERMITTED. “The Mass is not a historical reenactment of the events of salvation history and care should be taken not to give the impression that the liturgy of the word is a play...[Moreover,] the Christmas Mass should not be presented as a **birthday party of Jesus**, nor should secular **notions of Santa Claus** be introduced into the Christmas liturgy” (*Lectionary for Masses with Children*, 52). Christmas is about the fact that Christ is born for us *today* (*Hodie, Christus natus est*). The celebration of the liturgy is to reflect this and, more importantly, draw those who are gathered to participate fully, actively, and consciously in the mystery of Christ present and active (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 41).

ORDINARY TIME

“No particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, 43).

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – “The annual procession on the feast of *Corpus Christi*, or on an appropriate day near this feast, is desirable, in accordance with the law, when circumstances permit and when it can truly be a sign of common faith and adoration” (*Ordo*, 153).

LENT

Apart from the Fourth Sunday of Lent (i.e., *Laetare Sunday*), the altar should not be decorated with **flowers and musical instruments** should only be used to support singing.

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Matrimony** during this time should respect the austere nature of this liturgical season.

“**Lenten weekdays** are not commemorated on Solemnities and Feasts...All **Memorials of saints** occurring during Lent are observed as optional. Hence, they may be omitted or observed as commemorations” (*Ordo*, 67, 265). Accordingly, during the **Office of Readings** the proper reading may follow the patristic text and its responsory and the concluding Collect of the saint may be used. During **Morning and Evening Prayer** the ending of the concluding prayer may be omitted and the saint’s antiphon (from the Proper or Common) and the Collect of the saint may be added. During **Mass** the Collect of the saint may replace the Collect of the day.

LENT (CONTINUED...)

Prayers over the People are provided. On weekdays, they are optional and may be used. On Sundays, they are required and must be used. The priest says, “The Lord be with you.” The priest or the deacon (if present) invites the assembly to “Bow down for the blessing.” The priest prays over the people. The priest concludes with, “And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.” The priest or the deacon then dismisses the assembly in the usual way (e.g., “Go forth, the Mass is ended).

Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance according to *Rite II* of the *Rite of Penance* are encouraged near the end of the season of Lent, before the Easter Triduum (not on Monday (The Light is On) or Tuesday (Chrism Mass) of Holy Week or on the days of the Paschal Triduum). These celebrations do not meet the conditions required for the valid reception of general absolution. Therefore, it is not permitted. (Canons 961-962 of the Code of Canon Law 1983). When there is a genuine pastoral need, the Sacrament of Penance may be celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

R.C.I.A. – the rite of election, scrutinies, presentation of the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed, and catechesis, serve as the immediate and final preparation for catechumens (not candidates for Confirmation) to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

On **Ash Wednesday**, the Penitential Act is omitted. The priest says, “The Lord be with you...Let us pray...” Ashes are blessed and imposed after the homily.

On **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**, three different forms of the commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem are provided. The form chosen should be followed according to the rubrics in the *Roman Missal*.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

“The **Paschal Fast** should be kept sacred. It is to be celebrated everywhere on Friday of the Lord’s Passion and, where appropriate, prolonged also through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Lord’s Resurrection” (*Roman Missal*).

The **liturgies of the Triduum** should be prepared with care so that the faithful understand them and are able to participate actively in them. They are not to be staged as “passion plays” (*Lectioary for Masses with Children*, 52).

Funeral Masses are not permitted on Holy Thursday morning or during the days of the Triduum.

Holy Thursday – Masses without a congregation are prohibited on this day. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the evening. No additional Masses are to be scheduled without the presence of a serious pastoral need and the permission of the local ordinary (*Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of Paschal Feasts*, 47). The feet of some (e.g., 12) men and women – not all present – may be washed by the priest celebrant alone after the homily (Pope Francis, Decree *In Missa in Cena Domini*, 2016). Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful only during Mass, but may be brought to the sick at any hour of the day.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM (CONTINUED...)

Good Friday – “The celebration of the Lord’s Passion is to take place in the afternoon, at about three o’clock. For pastoral reasons, an appropriate time will be chosen in order to allow the people to assemble more easily, for example, shortly after midday or in the late evening, however, not later than nine o’clock” (*Circular Letter*, 78). For pastoral needs, the diocesan bishop may permit a parish or other community to celebrate an additional Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. Only a priest is permitted to celebrate this liturgy. The Church does not celebrate the Sacraments on this day, except for Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Saturday – Holy Communion may only be given on this day as Viaticum.

The Easter Vigil – This is not an anticipated Mass, but a true vigil. It is not to begin before nightfall (8:00 PM) (*Circular Letter*, 78). One celebration in each church is permitted. When the need for multiple Paschal Candles to be blessed arises, the others may be prepared ahead of time and blessed alongside the main Paschal Candle. They may also be prepared and blessed privately. In any case, only one Paschal Candle is used. At least three readings (always including Exodus 14 with its canticle) from the Old Testament should be read and their respective Responsorial psalms sung. The celebration of the sacraments of initiation takes place. The rite of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church for baptized Christians as well as the completion of initiation for baptized Catholics may take place. However, it is not generally recommended (National Statutes for the Catechumenate, 26, 32-33). In any case, pastors, parochial vicars, and priest chaplains have the faculty, by law, to confirm those seven years or older whom they baptize or those baptized persons whom they receive into the full communion of the Catholic Church. They also are delegated to confirm baptized Catholics 16 years of age or older who are uncatechized at the Easter Vigil. In these circumstances, the priest celebrant alone is to celebrate the sacraments of initiation in their entirety. Accordingly, deacons are not to baptize those whom the priest confirms.

Easter Sunday – the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises, used at the Easter Vigil, may take the place of the Creed after the homily.

EASTER

Octave – each liturgy celebrated during the Octave of Easter concludes with a double alleluia. The sequence, *Victimae paschali* is obligatory at Mass on Easter Sunday, but optional during the other days of the octave. Easter Preface I is used (“on this day”).

The **Paschal Candle** remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday.

The *Regina coeli* takes the place of the *Angelus*.

The period of time **after the Ascension through the Saturday before Pentecost** is a time of preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit (via novenas, singing the *Veni Creator Spiritus*, etc.).

The Easter season ends with the conclusion of Vespers on Pentecost.

PENTECOST

During Mass on Pentecost, pastors, parochial vicars, and priest chaplains are delegated to confirm baptized Catholics 16 years of age or older who are uncatechized.

MEMORIALS

RECENT ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSAL CALENDAR AND THE UNITED STATES PROPER CALENDAR

Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto (10 December)

Obligatory Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope (23 January)

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (24 May; Monday after Pentecost)

Optional Memorial of Saint Paul VI (29 May 2021)

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene (22 July)

Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska (5 October)

Optional Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (5 October)

Optional Memorial of Saint John XXIII (11 October)

Optional Memorial of Saint John Paul II (22 October)

Prayer texts and readings may be found at:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar>

and in the liturgical year updates sent from the Office of Liturgy and the R.C.I.A.

SAINT MARIANNE COPE

Roman Missal – from the Common of Virgins: For One Virgin, or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy. **Collect:** *O God, who called us to serve your Son in the least of our brothers and sisters, grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope, we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...*

Lectionary – aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the Common of Virgins or the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Worked for the Underprivileged may be used for St. Marianne Cope (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, no. 517A).

Office of Readings – Second Reading: From an address of Pope Benedict XVI (May 16, 2005: *Insegnamenti di Benedetto XVI, I* [2005], 111-112). Available at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-marianne-cope.cfm>

MASSES IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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. This is indicated in the calendar by “BVM.” The readings and prayers may be selected from the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

REMINDERS

VIGIL MASSES

The proper Vigil Masses for the Epiphany, the Ascension, and Pentecost are to be celebrated when Mass is offered in the evening on the day before these solemnities.

DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

DISPENSATIONS

For a just cause, presbyters, who are pastors, can dispense their subjects as well as any visitors within their boundaries from the obligation to observe a feast day, for example, Sunday or a holy day of obligation. They can also dispense them from the obligation to observe a day of penance, for example, fasting and abstaining on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstaining on Fridays during Lent. Or, they can commute these obligations to other pious works (c. 1245).

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER ACTS OF DIVINE WORSHIP

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS WITHIN MASS

On certain days, namely, those listed below, *the Mass of the Day must be celebrated*. Consequently, the prayers, readings, and color of the day are to be used. The celebration of other sacraments (e.g. Confirmation, Marriage), when permitted, may take place according to the prescribed ritual after the homily.

Sundays of Advent	Holy Thursday	Sundays of Easter
The Nativity of the Lord	Good Friday	The Ascension
The Epiphany	Easter Vigil	Pentecost
Sundays of Lent	Easter Sunday	Holydays of Obligation

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The **RCIA process** is the normative way that one is prepared to celebrate the sacraments of initiation. For any other process (e.g., private instructions) a dispensation is needed.

The **Rite of Election** will take place for catechumens on Sunday, 1 March at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The **Rite of Sending** of the Catechumens for Election may be celebrated in parishes.

The **Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** may be celebrated by the pastor of the parish in communities where there are no catechumens with baptized but previously uncatechized adults who wish to complete their Christian initiation or with those who wish to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

The **scrutinies** are to be celebrated for Catechumens on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent in order to complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ” (RCIA, 141).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

<p>“First Communion should always be administered by a priest and never outside the celebration of Mass” (<i>Redemptionis Sacramentum</i>, 87).</p>
<p>“It is appropriate that children receive their First Communion on one or other of the Sundays of Easter” (<i>Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Paschal Feasts</i>, 103).</p>
<p>“Apart from exceptional cases, it is not particularly appropriate for First Communion to be administered on Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper. Another day should be chosen instead, such as a Sunday between the Second and Sixth Sunday of Easter, or the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or the Sundays of Ordinary Time, since Sunday is rightly regarded as the day of the Eucharist” (<i>Redemptionis Sacramentum</i>, 87).</p>

WEDDINGS

<p>The role of the deacon at a wedding that takes place during Mass is to assist the priest in the usual manner (e.g., proclaim the Gospel). Deacons should not act as the official witness for the Church by receiving the couple’s consent (FDLC, <i>Presiding at the Wedding Liturgy: A Guide for Deacons</i>, 69).</p>
<p>The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated on any day of the liturgical year except on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.</p>
<p>When weddings are celebrated at Masses on Sundays in Ordinary Time, one Scripture reading that explicitly speaks of marriage may be taken from <i>The Order of Celebrating Matrimony</i> (OCM 144-187; cf. <i>Lectionary for Mass, Volume IV</i>, nos. 801-805) and the Nuptial Blessing is added.</p>
<p>The character of the liturgical season governs the celebration of marriage (e.g., the penitential nature of Lent; OCM 32).</p>
<p>The Ritual Mass “For the Celebration of Marriage” impacts various elements of the liturgical season (e.g., the Gloria is sung/said and white vestments are used for a wedding on a weekday in Advent).</p>

<p>The Ritual Mass “For the Celebration of Marriage” is NOT PERMITTED on the following days. The celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony, however, may take place within Mass when it is permitted. The prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony when permitted).</p>	
Sundays of Advent	Weekdays within the Octave of Easter
The Immaculate Conception	Sundays of Easter
The Nativity of the Lord	The Ascension
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Pentecost
The Epiphany	The Most Holy Trinity
Ash Wednesday	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Sundays of Lent	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Solemnity of Saint Joseph	The Nativity of John the Baptist
The Annunciation	The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
Palm Sunday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Weekdays of Holy Week	All Saints
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Easter Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

FUNERAL MASSES

Whenever a funeral Mass is celebrated, the readings and prayers of the Funeral Mass must be used. On certain days, namely, those listed below, **funeral Masses** are ***NOT PERMITTED***. Funeral rites outside of Mass, however, may take place in cases of necessity.

Sundays of Advent	Good Friday	The Ascension
The Nativity of the Lord	Easter Vigil	Pentecost
Sundays of Lent	Easter Sunday	Holydays <i>of Obligation*</i>
Holy Thursday	Sundays of Easter	

*When there is no obligation to attend Mass on a Holyday, a funeral Mass may be permitted.

SUNDAY CELEBRATION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

“In circumstances in which there is **no reasonable opportunity** to provide for the celebration of Mass, **local bishops may judge** it necessary to provide for other Sunday celebrations in the absence of a priest” (*Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest*, 10). Such celebrations may only take place if, “in the judgement of the diocesan bishop, it is not practical or possible for the community to participate in the celebration of Mass in a church nearby (Ibid., 14). Accordingly, these celebrations are **not to be scheduled** without the permission of the bishop.

APPENDIX: LITURGICAL TEXTS FOR NEW MEMORIALS

May 29
SAINT PAUL VI, POPE
From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord chose him for himself as high priest,
and, opening his treasure house,
made him rich in all good things.

Cf. Sir 50:1;44:16,22

COLLECT

**Almighty ever-living God,
who chose blessed Pope Saint Paul VI
to preside over your whole people
and benefit them by word and example,
keep safe, we pray, by his intercession
the shepherds of your Church
along with the flocks entrusted to their care,
and direct them in the way of eternal salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

**Accept this sacrifice from your people,
we pray, O Lord,
and make what is offered for your glory,
in honor of blessed Paul VI
a means to our eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life
for his sheep.

Cf. Jn 10:11

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

**May the Sacraments we have received,
O Lord our God,
stir up in us that fire of charity
with which blessed Paul VI burned ardently
as he gave himself unceasingly for your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.**

July 22
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
Preface

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
to glorify you in all things, almighty Father,
whose mercy is not less than your power,
through Christ our Lord.

He appeared in the garden
and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,
who had loved him in life,
witnessed him dying on the Cross,
sought him as he lay in the tomb,
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,
so that the good news of new life
might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

October 5

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

From the Common of Virgins: For one Virgin

Entrance Antiphon

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent,
who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

COLLECT

**Hear us, God our Savior,
that, as we rejoice in commemorating the virgin
blessed Faustina Kowalska,
we may be instructed by her loving devotion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

**As we proclaim your wonders, O Lord,
in the Virgin blessed Faustina Kowalska,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, as her merits are pleasing to you,
so, too, our dutiful service
may find favor in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming;
come out to meet Christ the Lord.

Cf. Mt. 25:6

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

**Renewed by partaking of this divine gift
we pray, O Lord our God,
that by the example of the blessed Faustina Kowalska
bearing in our body the Death of Jesus,
we may strive to hold fast to you alone.
Through Christ our Lord.**

October 5

BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

From the Common of Pastors: For Missionaries

Entrance Antiphon

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

COLLECT

**O God, who made your Priest
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
outstanding in love,
that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption
and comfort those in affliction,
grant, by his intercession,
that we may work zealously for your glory
and for the salvation of mankind.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

**Look upon the sacrificial gifts we offer, almighty God
on the feast day of blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,
and grant that we, who celebrate the mysteries
of the Lord's Passion,
may imitate what we now do.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

I pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord.

Cf. Ez. 34:15

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

**By the power of this mystery, O Lord,
confirm your servants in the true faith,
that they may everywhere profess in word and deed
the faith for which Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
never ceased to labor
and for which he spent his whole life.
Through Christ our Lord.**

October 5
BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST
Liturgy of the Hours: from the Common of Pastors

Second Reading

From the letters of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

(Archives of the Baltimore Province)

Place nothing ahead of God's love

This desire to bring a sacrifice to God again and again extends to everything that I ever loved in this life, and upon which my heart was set.

When I think of the beauties of nature, these do not stir up longing and melancholy, but I am filled with the greatest joy, because, since I am not giving God any real and true gifts, I can give him imagined and pretended ones. At the same time, in the overflowing of my good fortune, I cannot at all get away from the thought that in heaven God will give me those that, for him, I have forsaken in the world, and for this I also constantly pray.

And so, the novitiate and its completion, the taking of vows, the life with confreres of the Order, and above all, the insight to cherish these goods to the best of my ability, so that there is nothing left for me to desire, except to fulfill my duties better—these were the first blessings of divine mercy.

Everything was completely against my nature. But precisely the joyful acceptance of them, in God's boundless grace, made so clear to me the mystery of renunciation and patience in this world that I feel that I am much too fortunate in the possession of my religious confreres and all the spiritual and temporal blessings that are bound together with it. And what is still more, that God has exalted me so high as to announce the Gospel to the poor, and to teach, and share with them his treasures.

Every offering has value only insofar as one snatches it away from one's own benefit and dedicates it to God through this self-conquest. One loves and gives precisely because one loves, and because one considers what is given as a good, as a treasure. Love of creatures must be subordinated to the love of God, whom one is pledged to love above all things.

Time, in which we have found nothing to offer up to God, is lost for eternity. If it is only the duties of our vocation that we fulfill with dedication to the will of God; if it is the sweat of our faces that, in resignation, we wipe from our brow without murmuring; if it is suffering, temptations, difficulties with our fellowmen—everything we can present to God as an offering and can, through them, become like Jesus his Son. Where the sacrifice is great and manifold, there, in the same proportion, is the hope of glory more deeply and more securely grounded in the heart of him who makes it.

Responsory

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

— Blessed are they who keep his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross and follow me.

— Blessed are they who keep his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

Prayer

O God, who made your Priest Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
outstanding in love,
that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption
and comfort those in affliction,
grant, by his intercession,
that we may work zealously for your glory
and for the salvation of mankind.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

October 11
SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE
From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord chose him for himself as high priest,
and, opening his treasure house,
made him rich in all good things.

Cf. Sir 50:1;44:16,22

COLLECT

**Almighty ever-living God,
who in Pope Saint John XXIII
have given a living example of Christ,
the Good Shepherd,
to shine throughout the whole world,
grant us, we pray,
that, through his intercession,
we may joyfully pour out
an abundance of Christian charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

**Accept this sacrifice from your people,
we pray, O Lord,
and make what is offered for your glory,
in honor of blessed John XXIII
a means to our eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life
for his sheep.

Cf. Jn 10:11

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

**May the Sacraments we have received,
O Lord our God,
stir up in us that fire of charity
with which blessed John XXIII burned ardently
as he gave himself unceasingly for your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.**

October 11

SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE

Liturgy of the Hours: from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope

Second Reading

From the addresses of Saint John XXIII, Pope

(At the solemn inauguration of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, October 11, 1962: *AAS* 54 [1962], 786-787, 792-793)

The Church is the most loving mother of all

Mother Church rejoices that, by a singular gift of Divine Providence, the most longed-for day has now dawned when, under the patronage of the Virgin Mother of God, whose maternal dignity is commemorated on this feast, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council solemnly begins here at the tomb of blessed Peter.

Truly, the very serious issues and questions that the human race needs to resolve have not changed after almost twenty centuries. Indeed, Christ Jesus always holds the central place in history and life. People either adhere to him and his Church, and so enjoy the goods of light, sweetness, right order and peace; or else they live without him or act against him and deliberately remain outside the Church. And so they cause confusion among themselves, bitterness in human relationships, and the imminent danger of bloody wars.

At the inauguration of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, it is evident, as always, that the truth of the Lord will remain for ever. Indeed, as one age gives way to another, we see that uncertain human opinions take over one from another; and often errors vanish as soon as they are born, like mist dispersed by the sun.

The Church has never failed to oppose these errors, and has even condemned them often, indeed with the greatest severity. But at the present time the Spouse of Christ is pleased to apply the medicine of mercy, rather than take up the weapons of severity. She judges it prudent to meet the needs of today by demonstrating more amply the power of her teaching, rather than by condemning. It is not that there is any lack of false doctrines, opinions, and dangers to be guarded against and eliminated; but these are all so openly in conflict with the right principles of honesty and have produced such deadly fruits, that today people seem to have begun to condemn them on their own account, even by naming those ways of living which despise God and his laws or place too much confidence in technological progress and a well-being based solely on the comforts of life. They understand more and more the dignity of the human person and that the need to perfect it is a matter of great importance and very difficult to accomplish. And what is most important, they have at last learned by experience that force exerted on others, the power of arms and political domination are of no use at all in finding a happy resolution to the grave issues which afflict them.

In these circumstances, the Catholic Church, as she raises the torch of religious truth through this Ecumenical Council, wishes to show herself a most loving mother of all, benign, patient, and moved with mercy and goodness towards the children separated from her. To the human race, laboring under so many difficulties, she says, as Peter once said to the poor man who had asked him for alms, *I do not have silver and gold, but what I have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, arise and walk.* That is to say, the Church does not offer to the people of our time riches that perish, nor does she promise them mere earthly happiness, but she imparts the goods of heavenly grace, which,

since they raise people to the dignity of the children of God, are powerful safeguards and aids to making their life more human. She opens the springs of her life-giving doctrine, by which people, illumined by the light of Christ, can understand in the depths of their heart what they really are, how excellent is the dignity they possess, and what end they should pursue. Finally, through her children, she extends everywhere the bounds of Christian charity: nothing is more suited to eliminating the seeds of discord, nothing is more effective in promoting harmony, a just peace, and the fraternal unity of all.

Responsory

Jesus said to Simon: I say to you that you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church,
— and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

God has established it for ever.
— And the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who in Pope Saint John XXIII
have given a living example of Christ,
the Good Shepherd,
to shine throughout the whole world,
grant us, we pray,
that, through his intercession,
we may joyfully pour out
an abundance of Christian charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

October 22
SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE
From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord chose him for himself as high priest,
and, opening his treasure house,
made him rich in all good things.

Cf. Sir 50:1;44:16,22

COLLECT

O God, rich in mercy,
who willed that Pope Saint John Paul II
should preside over your universal Church
grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,
we may confidently open our hearts
to the saving grace of Christ
the sole redeemer of the human race.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

Accept this sacrifice from your people, we pray, O Lord,
and make what is offered for your glory,
in honor of blessed John Paul II
a means to our eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life
for his sheep.

Cf. Jn 10:11

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

May the Sacraments we have received,
O Lord our God,
stir up in us that fire of charity
with which blessed John Paul II burned ardently
as he gave himself unceasingly for your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

October 22

SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE

Liturgy of the Hours: from Common of Pastors: For a Pope

Second Reading

From a homily of Saint John Paul II, Pope

(For the inauguration of his Pontificate, October 22, 1978: AAS 70 [1978], 945-947)

Be not afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!

Peter came to Rome! What else but obedience to the inspiration received from the Lord could have guided him and brought him to this city, the heart of the Empire? Perhaps the fisherman of Galilee did not want to come here. Perhaps he would have preferred to stay there, on the shores of Lake of Genesareth, with his boat and his nets. Yet guided by the Lord, obedient to his inspiration, he came here!

According to an ancient tradition, Peter tried to leave Rome during Nero's persecution. However, the Lord intervened and came to meet him. Peter spoke to him and asked. "Quo vadis, Domine?" — "Where are you going, Lord?" And the Lord answered him at once: "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter went back to Rome and stayed here until his crucifixion.

Our time calls us, urges us, obliges us, to gaze on the Lord and to immerse ourselves in humble and devout meditation on the mystery of the supreme power of Christ himself. He who was born of the Virgin Mary, the carpenter's Son (as he was thought to be), the Son of the living God (as confessed by Peter), came to make us all "a kingdom of priests."

The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council has reminded us of the mystery of this power and of the fact that Christ's mission—Priest, Prophet-Teacher, and King—continues in the Church. Everyone, the whole People of God, shares in this threefold mission. Perhaps in the past the tiara, that triple crown, was placed on the Pope's head in order to signify by that symbol the Lord's plan for his Church, namely that all the hierarchical order of Christ's Church, all "sacred power" exercised in the Church, is nothing other than service, service with a single purpose: to ensure that the whole People of God shares in this threefold mission of Christ and always remains under the power of the Lord; a power that has its source not in the powers of this world, but instead in the mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection.

The power of the Lord, absolute yet at the same time sweet and gentle, responds to the whole depths of the human person, to his loftiest aspirations of intellect, will and heart. It does not speak the language of force, but expresses itself in charity and truth.

The new Successor of Peter in the See of Rome today raises a fervent, humble and trusting prayer: "Christ, make me become and remain the servant of your unique power, the servant of your sweet power, the servant of your power that knows no setting. Make me a servant: indeed, the servant of your servants."

Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Supreme Pontiff and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power to serve the human person and the whole human race.

Be not afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors to Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Be not afraid. Christ knows “that which is in man”. He alone knows it. So often today, man does not know that which is in him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and with trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of life eternal.

Responsory

Be not afraid. The Redeemer of the human race has revealed the power of the Cross and has given his life for us.

— Open, open wide the doors to Christ.

In the Church we are called to participate in his power.

— Open, open wide the doors to Christ.

Prayer

O God, rich in mercy,
who willed that Pope Saint John Paul XXIII
should preside over your universal Church
grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,
we may confidently open our hearts
to the saving grace of Christ
the sole redeemer of the human race.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

December 10
OUR LADY OF LORETO

Interim Texts from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent

Entrance Antiphon

The angel said to Mary: You have found favor with God.
Behold, you will conceive and bear a son,
and he will be called Son of the Most High.

Cf. Lk 1:30-32

COLLECT

**O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to become the Mother of the Savior,
grant that we may follow her example,
for her humility was pleasing to you
and her obedience profitable to us.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

**Accept, O Lord, these offerings
and by your power change them
into the Sacrament of salvation,
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

Preface I or II of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Preface II of Advent

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name will be called Emmanuel

Cf. Is 7:14

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

**May the mysteries we have received,
O Lord our God,
always show forth your mercy in us,
that we, who commemorate in faith
the Mother of your Son,
may be saved by his Incarnation.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

December 10
OUR LADY OF LORETO

Liturgy of the Hours: from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer

O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to become the Mother of the Savior,
grant that we may follow her example,
for her humility was pleasing to you
and her obedience profitable to us.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

January 23

SAINT MARIANNE COPE, *VIRGIN*

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy

Entrance Antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me.

Cf. Mt 24:34, 36, 40

COLLECT

**O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of our brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession
of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope,
we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS**

**Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people,
and grant that we, who celebrate
your Son's work of boundless charity,
may, by the example of blessed Marianne Cope,
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Preface of Holy Virgins and Religious

Communion Antiphon

This is how all will know that you are my disciples:
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Cf. Jn 13:35

**PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION**

**Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we, who are renewed by these sacred mysteries,
may follow the example of blessed Marianne Cope
who honored you with tireless devotion
and, by surpassing charity, was of service to your people.
Through Christ our Lord.**

January 23
SAINT MARIANNE COPE
Liturgy of the Hours: from the Common of Virgins

Second Reading

From an address of Pope Benedict XVI

(May 16, 2005: Insegnamenti di Benedetto XVI, I [2005], 111-112)

Witness to sacrificial love

It is with great joy that I welcome you to Rome, dear brothers and sisters, for the Beatification of Mother Marianne Cope. I know that your participation in Saturday's solemn liturgy, so significant for the universal Church, will have been a source of renewed grace and commitment to the exercise of charity which marks the life of every Christian.

Marianne Cope's life was one of profound faith and love which bore fruit in a missionary spirit of immense hope and trust. In 1862 she entered the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse where she imbibed the particular spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi, dedicating herself wholeheartedly to spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Her own experience of consecrated life saw an extraordinary apostolate unfold, adorned with heroic virtue.

As is well known, while Mother Marianne was Superior General of her Congregation, the then-Bishop of Honolulu invited the Order to come to Hawaii and work among the lepers. Leprosy was spreading rapidly and causing unspeakable suffering and misery among the afflicted. Fifty other Congregations received the same plea for assistance, but only Mother Marianne, in the name of her Sisters, responded positively.

True to the charism of the Order and in imitation of St. Francis, who had embraced lepers, Mother Marianne volunteered herself for the mission with a trusting, "Yes!" And for 35 years, until her death in 1918, our new Blessed dedicated her life to the love and service of lepers on the islands of Maui and Molokai.

Undoubtedly the generosity of Mother Marianne was, humanly speaking, exemplary. Good intentions and selflessness alone, however, do not adequately explain her vocation. It is only the perspective of faith which enables us to understand her witness—as a Christian and as a Religious—to that sacrificial love which reaches its fullness in Jesus Christ. All that she achieved was inspired by her personal love of the Lord, which she in turn expressed through her love of those abandoned and rejected by society in a most wretched way.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us today be inspired by Bl. Marianne Cope to renew our commitment to walk the path of holiness.

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the gift of continual fidelity to the Gospel. May she help us to follow the example of the new Blesseds and to strive tirelessly towards holiness.

Responsory

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me.

—Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.

—Amen, I say to you...

Prayer

O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of our brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession
of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope,
we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.