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Implementation of the
Misal Romano, Tercera Edición for the USA

First Sunday of Advent

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent (December 2), the use of the *Misal Romano Tercera Edición* is obligatory for all Masses celebrated in Spanish throughout the United States. This resource is being published by Catholic Book Publishing and Liturgical Press.

Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 8, 2018

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the principal patroness of the Diocese of Lansing, is observed as a solemnity and is a Holy Day of Obligation (CIC 1246, §1) and remains so in the United States of America, even if December 8th falls on a Saturday (or a Monday). For other Holy Days of Obligation—the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or the solemnity of the Assumption, or the solemnity of All Saints—the obligation is lifted when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. Since the Blessed Virgin Mary is the patroness of the United

States of America, The Immaculate Conception has a certain gravitas in the calendar. For the pertinent legislation on this, see the USCCB’s *Complementary Norms, Canon 1246, §2 - Holy Days of Obligation*.

So, in the time frame from Friday evening, December 7, to Sunday, December 9, we are obligated to attend two separate Masses for two distinct obligations: 1. In order to fulfill our obligation for the Holy Day (The Immaculate Conception); 2. In order to fulfill our Sunday obligation (Second Sunday of Advent). Since these two obligations are distinct, they cannot be fulfilled at once, for example, by simply attending the Saturday-evening vigil Mass.

Please note that the Mass celebrated on Saturday evening should be the Mass of the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

	Immaculate Conception		Second Sunday of Advent
Date	Friday, Dec. 7	Saturday, Dec. 8	Sunday, Dec. 9
Time	Masses <i>after</i> 4 PM	Masses <i>before</i> 4 PM	Masses throughout the Day
Mass	Immaculate Conception	Immaculate Conception	Second Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 9, 2018

The optional memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin is superceded by the First Sunday of Advent; following the *Table of Liturgical Days According to their Order of Precedence*, a Sunday in Advent ranks as 2, whereas an optional memorial ranks as 12.

Where it is favorable to the devotion of the faithful, recognition of the exemplary life and heroic virtues of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin can fittingly be made in a homily drawn on the texts provided for the First Sunday of Advent, particularly since his story is strongly intertwined with the coming of Christ. Indeed, the “appearance of Mary to the native Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 had a decisive effect on

evangelization” (Ecclesia in America 11). The culture of human sacrifice that had reigned until the day of Our Lady’s appearance had bowed its knee to the One who had poured out His blood and showed how to love one another.

Solemnity/Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Saint Mary’s Cathedral

Monday, December 10, 2018,

The Anniversary of the Dedication of Saint Mary’s Cathedral, Lansing (1913), is observed with the rank of a Solemnity (*Gloria* and *Creed*) within the Cathedral, and as a Feast (*Gloria*) in all parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Lansing. Orations are taken from the *Roman Missal*, Common of the Dedication of a Church, I. In the Church that was Dedicated [at the Cathedral only], or II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in all parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Lansing]. A wide selection of proper scriptural texts are found in the Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church in the *Lectionary*, numbers 701–706.

The *Liturgy of the Hours* is taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church I. In the Church that was Dedicated [at the Cathedral only], or II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in the Diocese]. The *Te Deum* is said.

Christmas 2018

A reminder that Christmas Eve Mass should begin no earlier than 4pm.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

On this anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), all dioceses of the United States shall observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (see GIRM, no. 373). The Mass “For 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.

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Saturday, March 9, 2019

9:30 AM – Saint Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor

2250 E Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

❖ *Parishes of the Washtenaw and Lenawee-Hillsdale
Vicariates*

2:00 PM – Saint John the Evangelist, Fenton

600 N Adelaide St, Fenton, MI 48430

❖ *Parishes of the Genesee and Livingston Vicariates*

Sunday, March 10, 2019

3:00 PM – Saint Gerard, Lansing

4437 W Willow Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

❖ *Parishes of the Ingham-Eaton-Clinton-Shiawassee and
Jackson Vicariates*

Time of the Easter Vigil, 2019

“The Greatest and Most Noble of All Solemnities” – Roman Missal, Easter Vigil, no 2

“The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on the Sunday” (*Roman Missal, The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, no. 3*).

On Saturday, April 20, 2019, according to the U.S. Naval Observatory, Astronomical Applications Department, civil twilight will end in the Diocese of Lansing at 8:57 PM. **Thus, in 2019, the Easter Vigil should not begin until 9:00 PM.**

Blessed Solanus Casey

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Contrary to what is printed in the *Ordo*, the optional memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey may be observed in the Diocese of Lansing as per a rescript given by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (July 3, 2018).

Saint Louis Guanella

Thursday, October 24, 2019

The optional memorial of Saint Louis Guanella, priest, may be observed in the Diocese of Lansing.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Please recall that the evening Mass on this day is to be that of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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