

Liturgy Line

*A Seasonal Liturgical Resource
from the Archdiocese of Seattle Liturgy Office*

Ordinary Time, Summer

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NPM Cantor Intensive



Presenter: ValLimar Jansen

Monday, June 16
St. Michael Catholic Church
in Olympia

A local, day-long workshop for cantors with sessions including "Liturgical Role of the Cantor", "Singing the Psalms", "Animating the Assembly" and "Vocal Techniques for Cantors".

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Liturgical Considerations

Civic Holidays

As the United States celebrates a three-day weekend, the faithful celebrate Independence Day on Friday, the Fourth of July. In addition to your customary barbeques, watermelon in the park, and of course fireworks don't neglect the propers for the Mass (*Roman Missal*, Proper of Saints July 4, *Lectionary* 887-891). This is a great opportunity to foster the recreation of our nation through justice. As we think about all that is embodied in that American spirit of welcoming the stranger and giving everyone a voice and stirred with compassion by seeing anew the tolls exacted in the struggle for liberty and religious freedom throughout the world we are reminded about the moral imperative, both as Roman Catholics and as Americans, to both pray for and actively seek out justice for immigrants. As liturgy sends out into the world "to glorify the Lord by our life" we cannot fail to incorporate faithful citizenship into our celebrations.

We begin the first day in September with Labor Day which, beyond merely signaling the close of the summer months, is an opportunity to remember the importance both our nation and the Catholic tradition gives to the dignity of work. This year as your parish celebrates the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time it would be good to include not only among the Prayer of the Faithful petitions for laborers, especially those whose lack of legal status places them at greatest risk for exploitation, but also to have the dignity of workers reflected in the preaching, music, and remarks in order to emphasize the way in which "the work of human hands" cooperates with God's plan of salvation.

Assumption

Because the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 falls on a Friday this year, it **is** observed as a holy day of obligation. One of the characteristics of the Assumption is that both the *Roman Missal* and the *Lectionary* provide texts for a proper vigil (*Roman Missal*, Proper of Saints August 15, *Lectionary* 621). These texts are a valuable catechetical tool for catechumens even if the parish doesn't make use of the vigil itself.

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Saints of the Summer

Liturgy of the Hours Retreat



Presenters:

Brother Aelred Woodard, OSB
and Andrew Casad

September 12 - 14
[The Archbishop Brunett
Retreat Center at the
Palisades](#)

- * What is the Liturgy of the Hours?
- * How do you pray it?
- * Would you like to experience Morning or Evening Prayer individually and in community?
- * Interested in ways and ideas on how to bring this official prayer of the Church back to your parish?

At this Liturgy of the Hours retreat, we will learn about:

- * the theology of the Liturgy of the Hours,
- * music and the Liturgy of the Hours,
- * the spirituality of the Psalms,
- * how the regular prayer of the Church leads us to Christ in his mysteries,
- * gain helpful tips and techniques about how to practice the Liturgy of the Hours for ourselves as well as to lead liturgical prayer in your parish and faith communities,

In addition to the solemnities of the Sacred Heart (June 27, 2014) and Assumption, these next few months of July and August are filled with several of our most illustrative holy men and women. Saint Benedict is remembered on July 11. Those of us engaged in the liturgy need the intercession of Saint Benedict even more than most! In his *Rule*, Saint Benedict reminds us that we need to begin all good works in prayer (*RB* Prologue), should consider prayer - the work of God - the most important thing we do (*RB* 43.3), though balance such with both manual labor and *lectio divina* (*RB* 48.1). [St. Martin's University](#) in Lacey is the only Benedictine university west of the Rocky Mountains. Established in 1895 by monks of the Roman Catholic Order of Saint Benedict, the Saint Martin's community is shaped by its Benedictine heritage; a heritage characterized by a commitment to intellectual and spiritual growth, hospitality, and service.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, *Doctor Mellifluus*, is remembered on August 20 as the reformer of the Benedictine tradition and the most influential of the Cistercian Fathers and therefore father of the later reformed Cistercians usually known as Trappists.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawk and of particular importance to Native American Catholics, should be highlighted on her July 14 memorial, with [proper prayers](#). The canonization of Saint Kateri has special meaning for the Church in Western Washington because the miracle that opened the way for her canonization took place in our own archdiocese, with the miraculous healing of Jake Finkbonner, a young Ferndale boy who was attacked by flesh-eating bacteria in 2006. Jake, a student at Assumption School in Bellingham, and his family were present when Kateri was canonized on October 21, 2012.

On July 15 we honor the great Franciscan scholastic theologian, Saint Bonaventure known as the Seraphic Doctor. During the subsequent month (August 8) we along with the Dominican Friars at Blessed Sacrament in Seattle celebrate his contemporary, the founder of the other great mendicant order, the Order of Preachers, Saint Dominic. Three days later we celebrate Saint Clare, companion to Saint Francis of Assisi.

Several saints who lived during the lifetime of Jesus honored during the last week of July including Saint Mary Magdalen, Apostle to the Apostles (July 22), Saint James the Apostle (July 25), Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Mary, Mother of God (July 26) and Saint Martha (July 29). On August 6 we celebrate the Transfiguration, a solemnity of the Lord. Appearing in the West in the eleventh century, about five hundred years after being first celebrated in the East Syrian tradition, the Transfiguration invites us now as it did when it was promulgated in the West, to consider our own election as the beloved sons and daughters of God as well as raise our awareness of the Holy Land. Finally, of equally ancient origin, we find the Martyrdom of John the Baptist on August 29.

* and of course, experience these prayers first-hand as prayed in community.

Visit the [Palisades website](#) for more information and to register.



November 7 - 8
Seattle University

Join Nick Wagner, Founder of [Team RCIA](#), and Diana Macalintal, Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, as we:

* Discover how the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* forms missionary disciples

* Learn how to apply the core RCIA principles across all parish ministries

* Acquire the skills to build an evangelizing parish

* Know how to recruit and build a thriving RCIA team

* Learn to grow a pool of passionate and engaged sponsors

More details, including a full schedule, information on early bird and group rates, and discounted lodging accommodations may be found on the [Liturgy Office website](#) or the [Team RCIA website](#).

co-sponsored by the Liturgy Office, Team RCIA, and [Seattle University Campus Ministry](#).

Items from the Chapel of the Christian Brothers

Jesuits and Society of Jesus ministries throughout the world and in our own archdiocese celebrate the patronal solemnity of their founder, Saint Ignatius of Loyola whose influential *Spiritual Exercises* would likewise make for excellent summer reading as we seek to be re-created.

On the subsequent day, August 1, we remember Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, *Doctor Zelantissimus* (most zealous), known for his moral theology and as the founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.S.s.R.) considered by many the patron of confessors. No less known among confessors is the Curé of Ars, Saint John Vianney, the patron of parish priests, whom we remember on August 4.

Of an earlier era we celebrate on August 10 the feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon of the early church and Roman martyr. August 27 is set aside to remember Saint Monica whose memorial comes one day before that of her more well known son and Father of the Church, Saint Augustine of Hippo.

As many parishes will be holding Vacation Bible School during these summer months it may be helpful to plan specific liturgies for their benefit at the end of the day as a way to introduce some of these holy men and women to these youngest of the faithful who may not otherwise regularly be able to attend weekday liturgies and who therefore hear almost exclusively from the temporal. Having the saints as role models and helpers for our young people is one of the treasures of the Church and the liturgy.

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Year-round Catechumenate

Just as the Church continues to celebrate the liturgy during the summer though schools may be closed and faith development programs likewise on break, we need to keep in mind that, centered on the liturgy, the catechumenate is meant to keep on going! For those unfamiliar with the idea of a year-round catechumenate we recommend Mary Birmingham's [Year-Round Catechumenate](#) (LTP, 2003).

In addition to continuing to celebrate rites and provide catechesis for the catechumens and candidates for reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church entrusted to your parish do not neglect the formation of your Christian initiation team.

In our archdiocese, we are hosting a [Team RCIA Institute](#) this fall in order to help ministers of Christian Initiation experience and understand the RCIA through which they are leading others. Many people come to the parish during the summer break either because they have moved to the area to start school and find it an opportune time to formally begin a journey they have long discerned. If we simply expect people to come back in September they will likely already be

After 91 years, the Christian Brothers are leaving Seattle and they have [liturgical furnishings and vestments](#) (including an electric organ) which need to find new homes.

All items are available for a free-will donation, which will help defray the costs of the Brothers' move.

If you are interested in any of these items, please contact [Corinna Laughlin](#) at St. James Cathedral (206) 622-3559.

Many thanks to the Christian Brothers for your years of service and ministry in the Archdiocese!

Altar from St. Joseph in Issaquah



St. Joseph in Issaquah is looking for a new home

enmeshed in their new routine and may find themselves less open to the rich catechumenal process your parish offers them.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, Pope Francis reminds us that the Church doors are and should be open to everyone, challenging us to see evangelization through a new lens: one of joy. "The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door."

- *Evangelii Gaudium*, # 47

It is quite possible that God will fill the hearts of our communities with joy in the dead of the night while we are asleep.

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Praying for the Synod of Bishops

With the announcement by Pope Francis of an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Pastoral Challenges to the Family in October and with his call to pray now for the deliberations and work that will be accomplished, pastors and priests may use the formularies given in the *Roman Missal*, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, no. 5: "For a Council or a Synod." This Mass may be used on weekdays in Ordinary Time that do not have an obligatory memorial. In addition, all the faithful should exercise their baptismal priesthood by interceding on behalf of the upcoming Synod and by offering, in their personal prayers outside the liturgy, one of the two Collects provided for this Mass:

**O God, who care for your peoples with gentleness
and rule them with love,
endow with spirit of wisdom
those to whom you have handed on authority to govern,
that your people may be led to know the truth more fully
and to grow in holiness according to your will.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Or:

**O Lord, ruler and guardian of your Church,
pour out, we pray, upon your servants
a spirit of truth, understanding and peace,
that they may strive with all their heart
to know what is pleasing to you
and then pursue it with all their strength.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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for their previous altar, which is 52" across, octagonal and made entirely of wood.

Contact [Brad Van Horne](#) at St. Joseph (425) 392-5516 x231 for more information.

Mark your Calendars

[NPM Cantor Intensive](#)

Mon. June 16, St. Michael in Olympia

John Michael Talbot concert

Tues, June 24, 7pm, [St. Charles Borromeo in Tacoma](#) and

Wed. June 25 at 7pm, [St. Joseph in Vancouver](#)

Priestly Ordinations

Sat. Sept 6, 10am, St. James Cathedral

[Liturgy of the Hours Retreat](#)

Sept 12-14, The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

[Cornerstone Catholic Conference](#)

October 24-25, Tacoma Convention Center

[Team RCIA Institute](#)

Nov 7-8, Seattle University

MC Workshop

Nov 15, St. Michael in Olympia

St. Cecilia Sing!

Nov 22 (Location TBA)

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Wedding Bells

For many parishes, July and August mark the height of wedding season. This, therefore, may be a good opportunity to catechize your community through the *Rite of Marriage* itself which is also in keeping with the [USCCB task force on marriage](#).

Coming soon: *Rite of Marriage* Workshop

The English translation and the U.S. Adaptations for the *Rite of Marriage* were approved by the U.S. Bishops at their November 2013 meeting and the texts have been sent to the Holy See for approval.

The Bishops Committee on Divine Worship and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions are planning a national workshop on the revised Order for Celebrating Matrimony here in our own archdiocese. This workshop will focus on the Introduction to the Rite, the Ritual changes, various cultural adaptations and best pastoral practices.

We are anticipating that the workshop will be offered in 2015. Stay tuned for more information!

Consider the Unity Candle

Although a symbolic presence, the unity candle is not an official part of the Church's marriage rite.

The Archdiocese of Newark has prepared a helpful [article and a table grace](#) that may be encouraged for use before the wedding reception which incorporates a ceremony of lighting the wedding candle.

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