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# The Mustard Seed

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Pastoral Bulletin

January 23, 2009

## **DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Office of the Bishop**

Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane announces the following appointment:

*Reverend Thomas A. Heck as Administrator of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Port Charlotte, effective February 16, 2009. At the same time he is relieved of his duties as Administrator of St. Finbarr Mission, Naples.*

Following the provisions of Canon Law and presentation of the appropriate religious superiors, this is to announce the following appointments:

*Reverend Joseph (JJ) McCarthy, O. Carm. as Director of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, effective January 5, 2009.*

*Reverend Benjamin Casimir, C.S. as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Immokalee, effective January 20, 2009.*

### **Development and Stewardship**

#### ***Important dates in February for CFA:***

February 7/8	Kick-off Sunday
February 14/15	Preparation Sunday
February 21/22	Appeal Sunday - In Pew Collection

***Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Frank Dewane!*** In honor of the anniversary of the Diocese, Bishop Dewane will lead a pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Venice, Assisi, Florence and Rome from September 28<sup>th</sup> until October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. For details on the trip, please call Mary Campo, 941-441-1117.

### **Education Department**

***Safe Environment Training:*** All diocesan employees—clergy, religious, laity must undergo Safe Environment Training. Volunteers who have routine contact with children or vulnerable adults are reminded that attendance of Safe Environment Training is required. Contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training.

**Bulletin editors:** Attached is a Spring schedule of upcoming training sessions, please post and share this information with all parish/school staff and volunteers.

### **Respect Life**

The February 2009 edition of the *Word of Life* series provided by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is available on the Internet at: [http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol\\_feb09\\_eng.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol_feb09_eng.pdf). WOL also features *Intercessions for Life* and *Bulletin Briefs*. The Spanish version is at: [http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol\\_feb09\\_sp.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol_feb09_sp.pdf).

### **Vocations**

**“Come and See” Retreat:** The Daughters of Charity are offering a “Come and See” vocation retreat weekend February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1st. Single women ages 18-35 interested in a vocation as a Sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held in Emmitsburg, MD. If interested please contact Sr. Denise LaRock, D.C. at 410-646-2074 or [dcvoc@doc.org](mailto:dcvoc@doc.org) or their website: [www.thedaughtersofcharity.org](http://www.thedaughtersofcharity.org).

### **Worship and Ministries**

**Editors:** Attached is the 2009 Lent/Easter Newsletter. This newsletter can also be found on the Diocese/Worship Web site, [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org).

**Parish Secretaries:** please send in reservations for the **Couples Anniversary Masses on February 7 and 14** as soon as possible to Betty K in Ministries 941- 484-9543.

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please publish in your bulletins)**

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### **Catholic Charities**

**Our Mother’s House Wine Tasting Event:** The 8th Annual Our Mother's House Wine Tasting, Auction & Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. Funds raised during this event, part of “A Year of Celebration,” commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Venice, are used to ensure that the single mothers and their children receive the programming and services they need to lead self-sufficient lives. Tickets are \$50 per person and seating is limited. Last year's event was sold out. For tickets or more information, please call 941-485-6264.

## **Respect Life**

### ***Registration Deadline is Feb. 13 for Catholic Days at the Capitol, March 10-12,***

**2009:** Register now to join us in discussing priority issues on life, health, social concerns and education with our legislators in Tallahassee. See your state government in action and pray for our civic leaders. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be the homilist for the annual Red Mass with the Florida Bishops and public officials on Wednesday, March 11. For details and registration, including bus and hotel accommodations, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-441-1101 or [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org). Hotel and bus space is limited so register early.

***Catholic Bioethics Seminar and White Mass:*** Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate a White Mass for healthcare workers to begin a Catholic Bioethics Seminar on **Saturday, March 21**, at Church of the Resurrection Parish Center, Fort Myers. The White Mass and the Bioethics Seminar are scheduled as part of “A Year of Celebration” which commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. Speakers for the seminar include Cardinal Javier Barragan of Mexico and educators from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. CME credits and Nursing Contact Hours are available. To register or request a brochure, call 239-573-5458 or course director Dr. Stephen Hannan, 239-849-6908.

If you're struggling after an abortion, don't struggle alone. For confidential help, call **Project Rachel** in Florida toll-free at 877-908-1212 or email [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org).

**Did You Know?** According to the Florida Department of Corrections, 45.16 years is the average age of inmates on Death Row. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112.

## **Peace and Justice Office**

***15<sup>th</sup> Annual Leaven Conference March 7:*** As part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Venice, the Leaven Conference will celebrate its 15th anniversary on March 7, 2009. The 15<sup>th</sup> Leaven Conference, “Hunger—A Faith-filled Response,” will address how people of faith can respond to the hunger crisis. A variety of workshops based on Catholic social teachings (such as dignity of the human person, call to community, human rights, option for the poor, dignity of work, pursuit of justice and peace, care for God's creation) will inform and involve participants in promoting the common good. For a program with a list of the workshops and to register, see the Leaven Conference brochure on the diocesan web site ([dioceseofvenice.org](http://dioceseofvenice.org)) or contact the Peace and Justice Office, 941-484-9543 or [peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org).

## **Worship and Ministries**

***Couples Anniversary Masses:*** In a continuing “Year of Celebration” commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese, two Anniversary Masses honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane on February 7, 2009 at Our Lady of Light Parish in Ft. Myers at 11:00 a.m. and on February 14 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11:00 a.m. Please contact your local parish to make a reservation. For information please call the Family Life Office at the Diocese of Venice (941) 484-9543.

## OUT AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

***Catholic Men's Conference:*** A Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Bishop Verot High School in Ft. Myers. The Conference's speakers include Jesse Romero, Steve Wood and Gus Lloyd. Cost of registration is \$20 for adults, \$5 for students; scholarships also available. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The conference will conclude at 2p.m. with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. All men and their sons are invited. Wives and mothers, please encourage your husband and sons to attend. To register, go to [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) and click on the "Register for Men's Conference" icon.

***Sunlight Home "A Mardi Gras Celebration"*** The Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show to benefit the local residence for pregnant women and teens in need will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Silent Auction Bidding at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club in the River of Grass Room. For additional information call Nancy Jordan at 596-5733 or Dolores at 566-8779.



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DIOCESE OF VENICE in FLORIDA

# Liturgy Newsletter

January, 2009

Fr. John Mark Klaus, T.O.R., Director of Worship

## GUIDELINES FOR LENT/EASTER 2009

Lent begins on February, 25, 2009, with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday April 9, 2009, with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Lenten season is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery of our faith.

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumen and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises. (*Ceremonial of Bishops, No. 249*)

In the planning of the seasons of Lent, Triduum and Easter, it would help to view the seasons as a whole with the parish liturgy committee and music director. A good reference for planning these seasons is found in the Florida 2009 Ordo, *The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy and the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist* beginning on page 56. Reference to the **Florida Ordo** is found throughout this Lent/Easter Newsletter.

*The information in the box below may be reproduced in your parish bulletin for the purpose of reminding the faithful of the regulations for fast and abstinence.*

### REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 25, and Good Friday, April 10, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are all days of abstinence.

**Note:** If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.

**Fasting, almsgiving and prayer** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

## **The Rite of Election**

In our diocese the Rite of Election will take place on the First Sunday of Lent, on March 1, at Epiphany Cathedral, beginning at 2:30. See details sent by the Department of Religious Education to the parishes. Parishes should celebrate the *Rite of Sending the Catechumens for Election* or the combined *Rite of the Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop* (RCIA, Nos. 108, 110) at a suitable time before the rite of election.

The *Penitential Rite* for baptized candidates preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist or to be received into full communion at Easter may be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2009 (RCIA Nos. 462-463). The *scrutinies* for the elect (those unbaptized) are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The Mass at which the scrutinies take place uses the text for the *Ritual Mass for the Scrutinies* found in the *Sacramentry* (pp. 826-829 or RCIA, nos. 146, 156, 170 and 177)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

It is very appropriate for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be celebrated during Lent in a more solemn form, as described in the *Rite of Penance Form B* (*Rite of Penance*, nos. 22-30, 48-59). The Church considers individual confession and absolution to be the only ordinary way for persons aware of serious sin to be reconciled with God and the Church. (June 2002 BCL Newsletter). The faithful should be clearly and positively encouraged to receive this Sacrament during Lent. Schedules for confessions and communal celebrations should be arranged in each parish and among parishes so that all may be served adequately. Any communal celebration should take place before the Easter Triduum and should **not** immediately precede the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. (*Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feast*, No. 37)

## **Funerals during the season of Lent and the Easter Triduum**

A funeral Mass **may not be celebrated** on the Sundays of Lent, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday (*Order of Christian Funerals*, No. 178). On these days the body of the deceased may be brought into the church for the *Funeral Liturgy outside Mass* using the *Order of Christian Funerals*, Part 1, Chapter 4. A Mass for the deceased should be offered when it is convenient after Easter Sunday. Also funeral Masses should not be celebrated the morning of the Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 7, so priests can celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m.

## **Marriages during Lent and the Easter Triduum**

Marriages celebrated during the season of Lent should respect the penitential character of the season, i.e., a marked moderation in festivity. The sanctuary is not to be decorated with flowers. (*Ceremonial of Bishops*, No. 252) Marriages are strictly prohibited on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. (*Circular Letter*, Nos. 61&75)

## **Communion for the Sick and Viaticum**

According to the Church's ancient tradition, the Sacraments are not celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Communion may be brought to the sick on all days except Holy Saturday. On that day Communion may only be given as viaticum. (*Circular Letter*, No. 75) Communion services outside of the liturgy are not held during the Triduum.

## **Liturgical Vestments for Lent**

Good liturgical practice would suggest reflecting on the liturgical season in the choice of music and Scripture. The season of Lent also reflects a change in the color of vesture. The red/purple colored Lenten vestment rather than the blue/purple vestment used in the Advent season should be worn. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 22, a rose-colored vestment may be worn. (*Ceremonial of Bishops*, No. 252)

## **Lent and the Worship Environment**

During Lent the altar area is not to be decorated with flowers. (*Ceremonial of Bishops, No. 252*) The Fourth Sunday (Laetare Sunday) solemnities and feasts are an exception to the rule. The visual goal of the Lenten environment is austerity, simplicity and plainness. *The 2009 Source Book for Sundays and Seasons* (Published by LTP, Chicago, IL) gives excellent ideas on the setting, sense, look, sound and rhythm of the Lenten environment. *To Crown the Year: Decorating the Church through the Seasons* by Peter Mazar (published by LTP) also gives helpful hints.

## **Ash Wednesday, February 25**

The blessing and distribution of ashes may take place at either a celebration of the Eucharist or at a Liturgy of the Word. (For Liturgy of the Word Service, *Book of Blessings, Nos. 1656-1678*) The blessing and distributing of ashes follows the homily. There is no penitential rite at the beginning of the Liturgy. The ordinary minister for the blessing of ashes is a priest or deacon. Others (e.g., extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) may assist with the imposition of ashes where there is genuine need, especially for the sick and shut-ins.

## **Rite of Election March 1**

This will take place at the Cathedral at 2:30 pm.

**Stations of the Cross** are a good devotion to schedule weekly during Lent. Various publishers offer a variety of formats for this devotion.

## **St. Patrick Day, March 17**

## **Feast of St. Joseph, March 19**

A Gloria and Creed is said at this Mass. It is the custom in some places to bless bread, pastries and other food and to give a large portion of it to the poor.

## **Annunciation of the Lord, March 25**

A Gloria and Creed is said. Genuflect during the Creed at the words, “and the Word became flesh.”

## **Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 5**

On this day the Church remembers Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem. The commemoration, with the blessing of the palms and procession, is a ritual action that marks our own entry into Holy Week and the celebration of the Christian Passover.



Three forms are given for the beginning of the liturgy: the procession, the solemn entrance and simple entrance. Mass then begins with either the solemn entrance or the procession, omit the penitential rite, and the opening prayer is said. The reading of the Passion is essential and cannot be omitted. It may be proclaimed using one to three or more readers. The congregation may sit if they cannot stand for the entire Gospel. In Year B the Gospel of Mark is read.

## **The Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral**

Parishes are to properly dispose of their old oils by burning or burying them prior to the Chrism Mass. (Please **do not** bring them with you to the Cathedral.) Newly consecrated Chrism for the coming year will be given to each parish at the conclusion of the Chrism Mass.



**Note:** Pastors may wish to consider adjusting their Mass schedule for this day in order to invite parishioners to attend the Chrism Mass. Funeral Masses should not be celebrated the morning of the Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 7, so priests can celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m.

## Morning and Evening Prayer

Prayer being one of the traditional disciplines of Lent, it is appropriate to offer opportunities for parishioners to join in the Liturgy of the Hours of the Church using the Morning and Evening Prayer format. They could offer solemn Evening Prayer on the Fridays or Sundays of Lent, or before the morning or evening mass. As with all liturgies, music is integral and should be a part of these celebrations.

## Holy Thursday, April 9

Lent ends with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, which is the principal and only Mass of the day. The Tabernacle is empty before the liturgy begins. Communion under both forms is strongly recommended. Enough hosts should be consecrated at this Mass for the Liturgy of Good Friday as well. The washing of the feet ("maundatum") is an act of humility and service which inspires the community to do the same.

Other rites or statements of commitment are not appropriate for Holy Thursday. It is not particularly appropriate for First Communion to be administered at the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. Another day should be chosen instead, such as a Sunday between the Second and Sixth Sundays of Easter, or the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ or Sundays in Ordinary Time. (Redemptions Sacramentum, 87, Ordo 89)

Before Mass begins the tabernacle should be entirely empty; a sufficient amount of bread should be consecrated at this Mass for the communion of the clergy and laity today and tomorrow. (Ordo 89)

It is appropriate that the oils blessed and consecrated at the Chrism Mass be carried in at the presentation of the gifts. The proper rubrics and prayers for the presentation of the oils are found in the *Sacramentary Supplement*.

## Texts for the reception of the Holy Oils at the Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Commentator:** On this most holy night, we enter into the Three Days, the paschal mystery of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection, into which the elect and candidates of our community will be initiated. As we begin, therefore, we receive from our Bishop Frank of the Church of Venice, the holy oils blessed and consecrated for the sacramental life of our parish community.

**The Oil of the Sick:** By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil, and with the prayerful support of this community, may those who are sick experience the healing presence of Christ.

**The Oil of Catechumens:** Anointed with this oil and assisted by this community's example, may our catechumens persevere in their journey to the saving waters of baptism and share in Christ's victory over sin and the power of evil.

**The Holy Chrism:** Through anointing with this fragrant oil, may all who are baptized and confirmed, all who are ordained to the service of God's people, and this assembly whose altar and church are dedicated to God's glory, fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's Gospel and be built up as living stones into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit.

Holy Water may be removed from all fonts and refilled with Blessed water from the Easter Vigil. (Ordo 89)

## Good Friday, April 10

The Liturgy of the Hours, particularly Morning Prayer, is strongly encouraged to be said with the faithful. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion, the principal celebration of this day, should take place about 3 p.m. If pastoral need dictates, there may be another celebration later in the day or it can be moved to the evening.



During the veneration of the cross, only one cross should be used. Other crosses may be used if there is a pastoral need, but doing so diminishes the symbolism of the "one" cross as the symbol of victory and salvation. (Ordo Page 91)

After Communion, a ciborium with hosts for Good Friday is left on the altar. Following the prayer after Communion, the procession with the Holy Eucharist takes place and the Holy Eucharist is transferred to the place of reposition. This may be the usual tabernacle, if it is in a separate chapel or area removed from the sanctuary. The place of reposition should be simply decorated. **Under no circumstances should the Blessed Sacrament be exposed in a monstrance.** The faithful should be encouraged to spend some time in adoration through the remainder of the evening. It should conclude by midnight. (*Circular Letter, Nos. 55-56.*) It is not permitted to reserve the Precious Blood for adoration on Holy Thursday for distribution on Good Friday.

After Mass the altar is stripped. Votive candles should not be lit before the images of saints. (*Circular Letter, No.57— Ordo 89*)

### **Holy Saturday, April 11**

The Liturgy of the Hours, particularly morning prayer is encouraged. According to custom, food may be blessed before or after the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning for consumption at the first meal of Easter, when fasting is ended and the Church is filled with joy. It is recommended that Morning Prayer be celebrated with the participation of the people. The Church abstains strictly from celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass. Holy Communion may only be given in the form of Viaticum. The celebrations of marriages are forbidden, as is the celebration of other sacraments, except those of penance and the anointing of the sick.

The entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before the dawn of Sunday (*General Norms, 21*). This rule is to be taken according to its *strictest* sense. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. (*Ordo 93*)

The Easter Vigil should begin at the time that allows for the new fire to break the darkness of night. The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. The Easter Vigil must be the only Mass of the evening and should occur after dark. It is not to be celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. (*Ordo 93*) Sunset occurs this year at 7:53 p.m. The Easter Vigil should not be scheduled in any parish before 8:15 p.m.

**The Easter Fire** is an important part of the Easter Vigil celebration. Here is a suggestion to use in your parish: Use denatured alcohol to begin the fire in place of wood. One parish in the diocese uses a large clay dish, 12 inches in diameter and 1½ inches tall, and filled with sand. On this they place a round cake pan lined with foil and filled with salt. They pour denatured alcohol onto the salt and before the Easter Vigil they practice to figure out the right amount of denatured alcohol for the height of the flame and the length of time it will burn. On Holy Saturday they pour the alcohol on the salt before the vigil and then cover the pan with foil. Just before the vigil begins they take the foil off. It is uncovered for only about 10 minutes because it evaporates. The flame lasts about 20 minutes, and there is no smoke. The flame is about a foot high and very impressive. They use a candle taper to light it.

The **Paschal Candle** should be made of wax, never be artificial, and be sufficiently large in size, and one in number, so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the light of the world. (*Circular Letter, No. 82*) The Paschal Candle is lit for all liturgical celebrations of the Easter season (*Ceremonial of Bishops No. 372*) and also during the year at every baptism and funeral. It is **not** to be extinguished after the Gospel on the Solemnity of the Ascension or Pentecost.



The **Exsultet** (Easter Proclamation) should be sung by one who can do so with grace and beauty. The deacon, priest, or cantor should do the proclamation. At least three of the seven Old Testament readings should be used. The reading from Exodus 3 should always be used (*Exodus 14:15-15-1*). The Gloria should be sung, and Communion under both species is strongly recommended. Adults being baptized or brought into Full Communion during the Vigil are to be confirmed by the presider. (*RCIA 305 & 481; Natural Statutes Nos. 14, 18 & 35; Code of Canon Law 833:2*)



### **Easter Sunday, April 12, and the 50 days**

For parishes planning sunrise worship services, sunrise on Easter Sunday is at 7:08 a.m. The fifty days from Easter Sunday (April 12, 2009) to Pentecost (May 31, 2009) are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “Great Sunday.” The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. (*Ceremonial of Bishops, Nos. 371 & 373*) The *Gloria* is to be sung or recited during the octave of Easter. The *Sequence* is sung or said before the *Alleluia* at all Masses on Easter Sunday but is optional during the days of the octave. (*GIRM #64*)

At **all** Masses on Easter Sunday the *Renewal of Baptismal Promises* and its accompanying sprinkling rite replaces the Creed. Because it is a reminder of baptism, it is appropriate that on all the Sundays of Easter, including Pentecost, the Rite of Sprinkling replace the usual Penitential Rite. The double Alleluia is added to the sung dismissal formulary during the octave of Easter. (*Ceremonial of Bishops, No. 373—Ordo 95*)

The Easter Triduum ends with the conclusion of Evening Prayer Easter Day. The traditions of celebrating baptismal vespers on Easter Day with the singing of psalms during the procession to the font should be maintained where it is still in force, and as appropriate restored. (*Ordo Page 95*)

### **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19**

This Sunday reminds us of the mercy God has for us. Adoration, the chaplet and benediction may be done on this day as a special devotion.

**May Crowning** may take place during May. A special crowning, rosary and devotions to Mary are encouraged during this month.

### **The Ascension, May 24**

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops voted in the year 2000 to transfer the solemnity of the Ascension from the Thursday forty-days after Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in accord with an indult granted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by the Holy See. **For the Catholic Churches in the Province of the State of Florida, the Seventh Sunday of Easter is always to be replaced by the solemnity of the Ascension. This year 2009 Ascension Sunday is celebrated on May 24, 2009**

### **Pentecost, May 31**

The *Sequence* of Pentecost is sung or recited at **all** Masses. The *Sequence* is sung or recited after the second reading **before** the Alleluia. The double Alleluia is added to the dismissal and the response as it was at the Easter Vigil. After Pentecost, the Easter Candle is returned to its place near the baptismal font. (*Ordo 133*)

### **The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7**

White vestments are worn.

### **Corpus Christi or the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 14**

An outdoor procession, adorations and other devotions may take place to celebrate the reverence of the Eucharist. (*Ordo 141*)

## **Regional Safe Environment Training - Spring 2009**

The following parishes will hold Regional Safe Environment Awareness training sessions. **All** diocesan employees...clergy, religious, laity..and those volunteers who have routine contact with children or vulnerable adults, **MUST BE TRAINED** in safe environment awareness issues. *No one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared.* Continued employment/volunteer status requires that you attend one of these sessions. **Please contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend** with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training or you may register online at [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org). Please share this information with all parish/school staff and volunteers. Due to the sensitive nature of this training, no children are permitted to attend.

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Southern</b>
Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Our Lady of Light	St. Paul	St. John the Evangelist
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Our Lady of Light	St. Paul <b>(ENGLISH and SPANISH)</b>	St. John the Evangelist
Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		San Pedro		
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am		San Pedro		
March 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm	St. Joseph	St. Columbkille		St. Peter the Apostle
March 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am	St. Joseph	St. Columbkille	St. Margaret <b>(SPANISH ONLY)</b>	St. Peter the Apostle
March 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		St. Charles Borromeo		
March 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am		St. Charles Borromeo		
April 2 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm				St. Ann
April 4 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am				St. Ann
April 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		Sacred Heart - PG		
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am		Sacred Heart - PG		
April 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		St. Leo		
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am		St. Leo		
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm	St. Michael the Archangel			
April 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am	St. Michael the Archangel			

**These are the only regional trainings that will be held in the spring.** The next trainings will be scheduled in the Fall 2009.