



## A NEW NAME TO SERVE YOU BETTER !

For a number of years, *Liturgy Services* published a newsletter called *The Acolyte*. While that term refers more to one service or ministry employed in liturgy, there are many other services that contribute to successful liturgical action. In order to acknowledge this, to reinvigorate our participation in the liturgy and to enter into the understanding of it, we have chosen a new name: "**Synaxis**." This Greek word means liturgical meeting, assembly of the faithful gathered for prayer and the Eucharist. Along with the change of name, the layout of the newsletter will undergo some changes as well. From this point forward, our articles will be divided into five headings: Our Pastor speaks to us, Liturgy section, Resources for prayer, and two types of testimonies: one will be feedback from our parishes describing their liturgical favourites and the other an individual's personal testimony on the liturgy and its impact on our lives.

As we await the next issue of our newsletter bringing you the content of these new sections, the current issue offers you this appetizer: the new pastoral letter from our Archbishop Monsignor Christian Lépine to the faithful on the occasion of the launch of the preparation process for the [Synod](#). In today's liturgical section, we take the opportunity offered by the publication of the new translation of the Roman Missal into French to invite those interested to discover the missal. The section addresses a number of questions, such as the importance of the book, its purpose and whether it is a book to be read. In the section on Prayer resources, we invite you to walk with the saints recommended for our meditation for the months of October and November.

We hope that the liturgical participants will soon take up the invitation and answer our call to share testimonies from your parishes, and we wish you a pleasant liturgical experience with the new "**Synaxis**."

Thank you for reading!

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Director, *Liturgy Services*

## OUR PASTOR SPEAKS TO US

Dear People of God in Montreal,

"The world in which we live and that we are called to love and serve even with its contradictions, demands from the Church the strengthening of synergies in all areas of her mission. And it is precisely on this way of synodality where we find the pathway that God expects from the Church of the third millennium."

(Pope Francis, 2015, COMMEMORATION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS)

The XVIth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will be held in October 2023 on the theme: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission." On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis will launch the preparation process for the Synod at the level of the universal Church. On October 17, this process will also be launched in every diocese in the world.

The Church of God is being convened as a Synod: a time of listening, dialogue and discernment, during which the whole Church is called to participate over the next two

years so that we are better equipped to fulfill the mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the whole world.

For the Diocese of Montreal, this process is an opportunity to pursue the path of synodality more vigorously at the local level by living the missionary transformation of our Diocese under the Holy Spirit's guidance in a more profound way.

In this context, dear brothers and sisters, and in addition to the parish-level launch, I invite you this **October 17, at 5 p.m.**, to take part in a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral to mark the beginning of this diocesan synodal experience.

In view of the current restrictions, you may attend in person or take part virtually on the [YouTube channel](#) "Catholic Church in Montreal."

On the eve of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, let us keep our eyes fixed on Mary. Let us implore the aid of the Holy Mother of God, who is uniquely associated with the Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection of the Son of God, by reciting the Rosary and meditating on the Mysteries of Christ under her protection.

May God who is rich in mercy fill you with the grace of salvation which comes to us through the pierced Heart of Jesus Christ.

† **Christian Lépine**

Archbishop of Montreal

## **REDISCOVERING THE ROMAIN MISSAL**

### **The Missal, a book to rediscover**

Ten years ago, our English-speaking sisters and brothers welcomed the new translation of the Roman Missal into English. This year, at the end of October, the new French translation of the Roman Missal will at last be available in Canada. As the publication was awaited, everyone was talking about the missal. So what will this long awaited book be used for? Will it have an impact on your life of faith, on your liturgical life? After close to two years away from our parish communities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, let's ask ourselves these questions in order to take stock this book.

## **What is a Missal?**

The term missal comes from the Latin word "missa," which is related to the Latin verb "mittere:" "to adjourn, to dismiss the assembly". Those faithful who have known the Latin Mass remember the phrase spoken by the priest used at the end of the celebration: "Ite, missa est," which means: "Go: you may leave." The priest pronounced this in order to dismiss those who had just participated in the liturgical action. From the fourth century onwards, the term "missa" had come to designate the liturgy of the Word in which the catechumens took part. It was thus called the mass of the catechumens. Later Christians extended the term to the whole Eucharistic liturgy. In the liturgy, not to get too academic, the Eucharist is the technical term designating the sacrament, the Mystery being celebrated. The Latin word "missa", "mass" refers to the manner in which this Mystery is celebrated; and so we often hear liturgical specialists making distinctions among the Roman, Gallican, Ambrosian, Dominican Mass, and other rites. The differences have to do with the manner of celebrating the Eucharist under the requirements of each rite. Examined in this light, the book called the Roman Missal, "Missale romanum," is therefore the liturgical book that enables us to pray and celebrate the Eucharist according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church.

## **What is its purpose?**

Liturgical servers know this very well. There is more than one kind of missal: the altar missal and the missal of the faithful. The first type is always in a very large format. It is often distinguished by the robustness of its pages. The priest often uses it and finds in it the prayers he needs for the Eucharistic celebration. The second type of missal, the hand missal, is always small and is designed to be used by the faithful. Those who use this missal know that it can be for Sunday or for weekdays, and that it provides prayer texts and songs, as well as readings from the Holy Scriptures. Regular use of this missal gives spiritual nourishment through reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures selected for each Eucharistic celebration. Thus, using the missal is a fine way to be initiated gradually into the Holy Scriptures and prayer.

## **Is it only a book for the priest?**

The missal is the book of prayers used by the congregation, summoned by the Father to gather around our risen Lord and inspired by the working of the Holy Spirit, to celebrate the Mystery of salvation. It is not merely a book intended to be used only by priests. The faithful also use it to take part in a meaningful and productive way in the Eucharistic celebration presided over by ordained ministers.

## **One book, many types of texts!**

If you look more closely, you will see that the missal contains three types of texts, distinguished either by their typeset or by the colour in which they are printed. Some texts are written in large script. These are meant to be declaimed, read aloud. Others are in small script. They are reserved for the congregation. Finally, the missal includes texts written in red, "ruber" in Latin. These texts are called rubrics. They provide indications on how the ritual is carried out, describing the gesture, the word, the symbol, the posture or the attitude to be adopted during the celebration.

## **How is it constructed?**

A book is meant to be read. For those who enjoy devouring books, they can be read in one sitting, from cover to cover. The missal, on the other hand, is not designed to be read. The fact is that the missal does not have readers, it has users. To use it, as we mentioned, is to be gradually introduced to the Holy Scriptures and to prayer. Opening up this book, the user will notice that it begins with a document that has the appearance of an introduction with an evocative title: The General Instruction of the Roman Missal. This describes the rites of the Eucharist, presents their arrangement, mentions the various selections possible, explains the role of each liturgical server and explains the different ways of celebrating the Eucharist.

Apart from the Introduction, the Roman Missal consists of four main parts: The Temporal, the Ordinary of the Mass, the Sanctoral and The Prayers for Special Needs and Occasions.

## **The Temporal**

The liturgy of the pilgrim Church is celebrated in time, as marked by the advent of Christ in history and oriented towards his return at the end of time. Thus, taking into account the specific moment of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum and Easter, Ordinary Time), the Roman Missal offers five liturgical pieces for the celebration of the Eucharist each time. These are: the opening antiphon, the opening prayer, the prayer over the offerings, the communion antiphon and the prayer after communion.

## **The Sanctoral**

This part of the Roman Missal proposes the contemplation of Christ through his witnesses for certain days of the calendar. These witnesses are leading figures, such as the saints, the blessed, the Virgin Mary, the apostles, the pastors, the martyrs, and the virgins.

## **The Ordinary of the Mass**

The Ordinary of the Mass, in Latin "Ordo Missae" is the central element, the heart of the missal. It contains the prayers and invariable parts of the Holy Mass.

## **Special celebrations**

The Missal offers us several forms of the Mass. They can be used for special circumstances, such as celebrations of the sacraments of Marriage, Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination or the Anointing of the Sick or at ceremonies of Religious Profession or Consecration of Virgins. In such circumstances, they are called Ritual Masses. Some forms are designed to guide the faithful in prayer, taking into account the needs of the Church, the needs of the world and their own needs. Other forms are also provided in the Missal. These are for so-called votive Masses, that is, devotional Masses of the priest or congregation. Such Masses are celebrated only on free days of the liturgical year, never on a solemnity or an obligatory memorial. Finally, the missal also provides forms of the Masses for the dead. The Missal is a book unlike other books. It is designed to help us enter into the Church's ultimate liturgy, the Eucharist, and to better participate in the work of salvation that God is still carrying out today through and by his Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you wish to discover more about this liturgical book, here are three valuable resources:

-The presentation file prepared by the editor: [\*Presentation of the Roman Missal\*](#)

-The general presentation of the Roman Missal: [https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/238-239-vec\\_hiver\\_2019\\_printemps\\_2020.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/238-239-vec_hiver_2019_printemps_2020.pdf) and the new translation of the Roman Missal into French: [https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/243-244-vec\\_printemps\\_ete\\_2021.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/243-244-vec_printemps_ete_2021.pdf) by the magazine Vivre et Célébrer.

## **PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER**

**October 2021**

**Intention to evangelize - *Being missionary disciples***

Let us pray that each baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to  
the mission,  
by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**OBLIGATORY MEMORIALS... AND FEASTS**  
**MISSIONARY MONTH**

**Friday, October 1**

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and teacher of the Church**

**Obligatory Memorial:** Thérèse Martin, also known as Thérèse of Lisieux or Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, was the fifth and last daughter in a [large Christian family](#). She was four years old when her mother died. Her father and sisters left the village and moved to Lisieux in order to be closer to some of her family. Entered the Carmelite convent on April 9, 1888. Declared patron of the Missions of the Universal Church and Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II, she was canonized by Pius XI in 1925.

**Saturday, October 2**

**Holy Guardian Angels**

**Obligatory Memorial:** Just as our Holy Guardian Angels do, let us contemplate the Lord, let us be at the service of the men and women of our time, walking beside them and watching over them with care.

**Monday, October 4**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

**Obligatory Memorial:** "The king of youth" turns to the poor and the lepers. He is 24 years old when he divests himself all his fine clothes and declares that he has no father but the One in heaven. In 1226, in the midst of great suffering, he composed his "Canticle of the Creatures" and on October 3, "naked, on the naked earth," he welcomed "our sister, the death of the body." Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of all Cub Scouts. Pope Gregory IX canonized him in 1228. A lover of nature, John Paul II named him patron saint of ecology in 1979. He also inspires those in anti-violence movements.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, [hope](#);

Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy;

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we

are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

After a carefree youth, he chose to live according to the Gospel, serving Christ, whom he discovered mostly in the poor and abandoned, and living in poverty. He drew companions to himself, the Friars Minor. On roads as far away as the Holy Land, he preached the love of God to all, seeking by his words and deeds to follow Christ as best he could, and desirous of dying on the bare earth.

**Wednesday, October 6**

**Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin**

Optional Memorial: Marie-Rose's secret lay in prayer and self-forgetfulness. She founded a community in Longueuil tasked with the instruction and religious education of young girls in poor areas: the [Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary](#). John Paul II beatified her on May 23, 1982.

Opening Prayer: *Lord, you kindled in the heart of Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher the flame of fervent charity and the great desire to work with others as an educator in the mission of the Church, grant us that same charity, so that by helping to respond to the needs of the world of today, we may lead our brothers to the happiness of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

**St. Bruno, priest**

Optional Memorial: Founder of the Carthusian order. he was called to Rome by Blessed Pope Urban II to assist him in responding to the needs of the Church, he spent the last years of his life in a hermitage near the monastery of La Torre in Calabria, where he died in 1101.

**Thursday, October 7**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

Obligatory Memorial: "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary (...) is a prayer loved by countless saints and encouraged by the Magisterium." John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae (Vatican website). It is both a prayer and a meditation on the great moments of the life of Jesus and Mary. We meditate on the Joyful Mysteries, the Luminous Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Glorious Mysteries. It is the whole Christian Mystery that is given for our contemplation and prayer. Through the prayer of the Rosary, the Christian people implore the aid of the Holy Mother of God in meditating on the Mysteries of the Christ under the guidance of her who was uniquely associated to the Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection of the Son of God.

This feast in honor of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Victory, was instituted by St. Pius V to commemorate the victory of Lepanto which repelled the Turkish invasion (October 7, 1571). Twenty-one years later, Pope Gregory XIII gave this Marian feast its present name. To celebrate the victory over the Turks on August 5, 1716, Pope Clement XI made it a feast for the entire Catholic Church.

**Monday, October 11**  
**Thanksgiving Day**

In the dioceses of Canada, a special day of prayer and thanksgiving for the harvest and for all the divine blessings.

**St. John XXIII, Pope**

Optional Memorial: Beatified on September 3, 2000, and canonized along with John Paul II on April 27, 2014, St. John XXIII worked spreading Christian charity liberally and in quest of the fraternal union of peoples. Out of concern for the pastoral effectiveness of Christ's Church throughout the world, he convened the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council.

'We are not on earth for the purpose of standing guard over the graves of apostles, saints and heroes, but rather to walk in their footsteps.' *John XXIII*

Opening Prayer: *Eternal and almighty God, in the person of the holy Pope John XXIII, you have caused to shine forth throughout the whole world the example of the good Shepherd.. Grant, we pray through his intercession, That we may joyfully spread Christian charity. Through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

**Wednesday, October 13**  
**Anniversary of the Dedication of**  
**Mary Queen of the World Cathedral in Montreal**

Diocesan Solemnity or Feast of the [Consecration of the Cathedral of Montreal](#)

**Friday, October 15**

**St. Teresa of Jesus (of Àvila), virgin and teacher of the Church**

Obligatory Memorial: Entered the Carmelite Order in Àvila and became a strictly observant mother and teacher. She laid out in her heart a spiritual itinerary of the soul's ascent towards God. She worked in reforming her order.

**Saturday, October 16**

**St. Marguerite d'Youville, nun**

Obligatory Memorial. A widowed mother, she raised her two sons to be priests and worked to help the sick, the elderly and the poor. For this purpose, she founded The Sisters of Charity of Montreal.

Opening Prayer: *God of tenderness and goodness, You led St. Marguerite d'Youville along paths that led her by the cross, and You desired that the charity she practised might bring comfort to the sufferings existing in her day. Grant us the courage to show your compassion as she did and the strength to persevere until the day. You invite us to share in the joy of all the saints. Through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

**Sunday, October 17**

**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - [UNESCO](#)**

Since 1993, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been celebrated each year on October 17. The United Nations General Assembly designated this day to emphasize the need to eradicate poverty in all countries, especially in developing countries. This need has now become a priority. Ordo 2020-2021

**Monday, October 18**

**St. Luke, evangelist**

Feast Day: St. Luke was born in Antioch and wrote the book of the Acts of the Apostles. A physician, he converted to Christianity in its infancy and became the dearest companion of the Apostle Saint Paul. In his Gospel, he carefully explains all that Jesus did and taught. In the Acts of the Apostles he describes the early life of the Church.

**Friday, October 22**

**St. John Paul II, Pope**

Optional Memorial.

Opening Prayer: *God, rich in mercy, You have called the holy Pope John Paul II to guide your Church throughout the world; strengthened by his teaching, grant that we may open our hearts in confidence to the saving grace of Christ, the only Redeemer of man. He who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Sunday, October 24**

**World Mission Day**

Theme: "It is impossible for us to be silent! Acts 4:20 [of the Pontifical Mission Societies](#)

**Thursday, October 28th**

**Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles**

Feast Day: Jude, also known as Thaddaeus, probably belonged, along with Simon, to those Zealots who refused the Roman occupation, but the message of Christ was for him the discovery of the universality of the love of God.

**Sunday, October 31**

**In Quebec: Day of Prayer for Peace**

## **PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER**

**November 2021**

**Universal Intention - *People who suffer from depression***

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### **OBLIGATORY MEMORIALS... AND FEASTS**

**Monday, November 1**

**All Saints (All Saints' Day)**

On this Solemnity, the Church venerates all those who share heavenly bliss with their Lord. She heeds the call to follow their example, she seeks their intercession and is crowned with their triumph.

**Tuesday, November 2**

**Commemoration of all the faithful departed**

On this Solemnity, Holy Mother Church prays and intercedes for her members who have fallen asleep in death and are undergoing a final purification before entering into Glory. She gives deserved praise to all her children who enjoy the happiness of heaven, intercedes with God for the souls of all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and on

behalf of all human beings since the creation of the world, whose faith is known only to the Lord, that with the help of earnest prayer they may enter the community of heavenly inhabitants and enjoy the vision of eternal happiness. Today, all priests have the privilege of celebrating three Masses. However, they can only receive an honorarium for one of these Masses; they apply the second for all the faithful who have died and the third for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. Ordo 2020-2021

### **Thursday, November 4**

#### **St. Charles Borromeo, bishop**

Obligatory Memorial: Cardinal and Archbishop of Milan, he showed himself to be a pastor attentive to the needs of the Church of his time. For the instruction of his clergy, he convened synods and founded seminaries. To promote Christian life, he visited his entire flock and suffragan dioceses several times, and made great efforts for the salvation of souls.

### **Tuesday, November 9**

#### **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Feast Day: The Cathedral of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran is the Pope's Cathedral. The Feast of its dedication reminds us that the ministry of the Pope, successor to Peter, is to constitute for the people of God the principle and the visible foundation of its unity.

### **Wednesday, November 10**

#### **St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Obligatory Memorial: He was an enthusiastic deacon of Rome. When he was elevated to the throne of Peter, he was deservedly called 'the Great.' He nourished his flock with excellent and prudent speech, forcefully affirming through his legates at the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon the orthodox doctrine of Divine Incarnation. He died in 461.

### **Thursday, November 11**

#### **St. Martin of Tours, bishop**

Obligatory Memorial: Born in Pannonia and raised in Pavia, he was a member of the imperial horse guard in Gaul. While still a catechumen, he gave half his cloak to a poor man. After his baptism, he left the army and led a monastic life at Ligugé under the guidance of St. Hilary, bishop of Poitiers. Ordained a priest and then bishop of Tours, he was a good pastor. He founded monasteries and parishes in the countryside and died at Candes in 397.

### **Remembrance Day**

Special day of prayer for those who died in defence of their country.

### **Friday, November 12**

#### **St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr**

Obligatory Memorial: Born into the Orthodox confession, John Kuncewicz joined the Catholic Union in his youth, becoming bishop of Polotz under the name Josaphat. He kept his flock unified and gave to the Byzantine Slavonic liturgy its full splendour. While on a pastoral visit to Vitebsk in 1623, he was murdered by a mob and died for the unity of the Church and the defence of Catholic truth.

### **Sunday, November 14**

#### **5th Annual World Day of the Poor**

Message of Pope Francis: "The poor will always be with you" (Mk 14:7). They are in our midst. In 2017, Pope Francis instituted this day so that everywhere in the world Christian communities may become ever better concrete signs of Christ's charity for the least among us and for those most in need. Ordo 2020-2021

### **Wednesday, November 17**

#### **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

Obligatory Memorial: Elizabeth of Thuringia was married at an early age to Ludwig, Count of Thuringia, and bore three children. When she was left widowed, she endured great hardships with courage. Drawn to meditation on the realities of heaven, she retired to Marburg in Hesse, to a hospital she had founded, embracing poverty and devoting herself to caring for the sick and the poor until her last breath at the age of twenty-four, in 1231.

### **Sunday, November 21**

#### **Christ, King of the Universe**

Solemnity. Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe concludes the liturgical year. It is celebrated on the thirty-fourth and last Sunday of Ordinary Time as an invitation to us all to contemplate the reign of the eternal King: "When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to everyone." (1 Cor 15:28).

### **Monday, November 22**

#### **St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr**

Obligatory Memorial: She is one of the martyrs of the early Church. She is the patron saint of musicians.

### Wednesday, November 24

#### St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and his companions, martyrs

Obligatory Memorial: André Dung-Lac, a priest and his companions, including several bishops, priests and Christian laymen, were put to death between 1745 and 1862 in various regions of Vietnam: Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina. They preferred to suffer exile, imprisonment, torture and finally the last torments, rather than trample on the cross and fail in the Christian faith.

### Sunday, November 28

#### First Sunday of Advent

- In Jesus, hope more -

### Tuesday, November 30

#### St. Andrew, apostle

Feast Day. Born in Bethsaida in Galilee, brother of Simon Peter, fellow fisherman and disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was the first one called by Jesus from the banks of the River Jordan. He followed Him and brought his brother to him. He preached the Gospel in Achaia and died on the cross in Patras. The Church of Constantinople venerates him as its illustrious patron.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Archbishop Lépine invites us to a **Penitential Triduum** for the Archdiocese of Montreal at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on:

September 29: **Feast of the Holy Archangels St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

Part 1: Fasting, Rosary prayed to the Archangel Michael and Mass. Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Archangel Michael and petition for his protection against the powers of evil and for the search for truth. October 7: **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

Part 2: Fasting, Rosary, Glorious Mysteries and Mass. Renewal of the Consecration of our Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and petition for her protection against sin.

October 13: **Feast of the Consecration of the Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**

Part 3: Fasting, Penitential Liturgy and Mass. Diocesan Day of Atonement and Purification. Participate in person or virtually on the YouTube channel "Catholi Church of Montreal."

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The timeline of the XVI<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the **Synod** of Bishops will take place as follows:

- Opening of the Synod (October 2021)

The opening of the Synod will take place both at the Vatican and in each diocese. The process will be inaugurated by the Holy Father at the Vatican on October 9 and 10. Similarly it will be opened in the dioceses on Sunday, October 17, and presided of the respective bishops.

On Sunday October 17, 2021, the Particular Churches will begin their journey on the synodal path which will lead them to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2023. To help each diocese in the liturgical celebration of the opening of the diocesan phase of the synod process , in particular with regard to the Sunday Eucharist of October 17, you will find attached, in English and French, the resources provided by the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. These same resources are now available on the following pages of the CCCB

**French:** <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/liturgie-et-sacrements/ressources-en-francais/activites-et-informations/>

**English:** <https://www.cccb.ca/liturgie-sacrements/resources-in-english/documents/liturgical-resource-materials/eucharistic-celebrations/>

- Diocesan phase (October 2021 - April 2022)

The objective of this phase is to consult the People of God (cf. *Episcopalis Communio*, 5,2) so that the synodal process may unfold in actively listening to all the baptized, subjects of the *sensus fidei infallible in credendo*.

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Provincial Day for the **Permanent Diaconate**. This year, the day is October 6, 2021. The Assemblée des responsables diocésains du diaconat permanent du Québec (ARDDPQ), in partnership with the Centre PRI (Présence religieuse intercommunautaire), presents a discussion kit to guide our prayers for this ordained ministry and to make the mission of permanent deacons in our Church better known. We are invited to take time on this day to pray for the deacons across Quebec, for their wives and their families. For the toolkit and more information: [www.centrepri.qc.ca/fr/jpdp](http://www.centrepri.qc.ca/fr/jpdp)

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**Special celebrations at Saint Joseph's Oratory:**

Sunday, October 17 - 11th anniversary of the canonization of Frère André (2010) Tuesday, October 19 - 117th anniversary of the founding of the Oratory (1904)

As we mark the anniversary of the founding of the shrine on October 19, rediscover the history of the Oratory, a place of prayer to St. Joseph which has through the years become

a monumental work, a magnificent mountainside basilica, a home for hope and prayer unique in the world.

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Diocesan Day - Source et Sommet / Source and Summit, Webinar revitalization gathering on the Sacrament of Divine Love on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Source et sommet, lien ici](#)/[Source and Summit, click here](#)

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Diocesan liturgical preparation session on the Mystery of Christmas 2021 Webinar, Wednesday November 3, 2021 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. [Avent-Noel, lien ici 2021-2022](#)  
[Advent-Christmas, click here](#)

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The National Liturgical Office (ONL) is planning the first training session on the French New Translation of the Roman Missal on Wednesday November 10, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday November 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Delayed two weeks after the presentation.

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Pope Francis is preparing to welcome a [delegation of Aboriginal, Métis and Inuit people for a meeting](#), scheduled for December 17-20, 2021. <https://www.ecdq.org/comprendre-lhistoire-des-pensionnats/>

*Prayer: For the children who perished in Canada's residential schools and for all those who still live in pain today, let healing be grounded in truth and may the Spirit inspire our continuing commitment to reconciliation. Lord, look upon our great weakness and our deep repentance and continue to purify and transform your family. Give us the humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed, and the courage to love others as ourselves, as we are aware of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.*

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[With Aid to the Church in Need](#), **one million children pray the rosary** for unity and peace on October 18, 2021, Year of St. Joseph. The **Rosary Prayer Campaign for Children** was launched in 2005 in Caracas, the Venezuelan capital. As a few children prayed the Rosary at a roadside shrine, several people present recalled what Saint Padre Pio had said: "If a million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." **Aid to the Church in Need** has supported the campaign since 2008 and took over the global organization of the entire event four years ago. The Campaign quickly expanded internationally. [Click here To register](#). We are looking forward to seeing many of you! Monday, October 18, 2021 7:00 - 7:30 PM EDT [To register](#).

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Three virtual training sessions will be offered during the first three weeks of November on the new translation of the **Roman Missal**. The first shipment of the Missal (2,000 copies) is expected to arrive on November 8. Delays on account of COVID-19 may occur, delaying the actual arrival in some areas.

## **ON THE ARCHBISHOP'S AGENDA**

### **Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - Fast, Glorious Mysteries Rosary and Mass, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral*

### **Wednesday, October 13 at 7:30 pm**

*Feast of the Consecration of Mary Queen of the World Cathedral - Fast, Penitential Liturgy and Mass.*

### **Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

*Mass of thanks to donors in the annual collection, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral*

### **at 6:00 p.m.**

*White Mass, Catholic Doctors (Private mass)*

### **Sunday, October 17 at 5 p.m.**

*Mass - Opening of the Synod on Synodality, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral*

### **Saturday, 23 October from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

*Mass - Carrefour of Consecrated Life, Marie-Reine-des-Coeurs Sanctuary*

### **Sunday, October 24 at 5 p.m.**

*Ceremony of first community engagement (no mass) Mother Community of Divine Love, Saint-Jude Church, 10120 Auteuil avenue*

### **Saturday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

*Source and Summit diocesan day (liturgy deepening) no mass, in virtual mode*

### **Saturday, October 30 at 5 p.m.**

*Mass - Mary Queen of Palestine with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral*

### **Sunday, October 31 at 9:30 a.m.**

*Mass - Carmel of Montreal, 351 du. Carmel avenue*

### **Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m.**

*Pilgrimage and Mass with the Scouts of Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parish, Ste-Marguerite d'Youville shrine in Varennes*

### **Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Red Wednesday Mass for persecuted Christians (Aid to the Church in Need), Mary Queen of the World Cathedral,*

### **Friday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Christ the King Vigil, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral,*

### **Saturday, November 20 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.**

*Catechesis, activities, etc. Teen Festival with The Sacred Heart School of Montreal,*

**Jeudi 7 octobre à 19 h 30**

*Fête de Notre-Dame du Rosaire* - Jeûne, Chapelet Mystères Glorieux et Messe, basilique-cathédrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde

**Mercredi 13 octobre à 19 h 30**

*Fête de la Consécration de la Cathédrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde* - Jeûne, Liturgie pénitentielle et Messe.

**Samedi 16 octobre à 10 heures**

*Messe de reconnaissance aux donateurs de la collecte annuelle*, Basilique-cathédrale Marie-Reine-du Monde

**à 18 heures**

*Messe Blanche*, Médecins catholiques, 18 heures (en privée)

**Dimanche 7 novembre à 14 heures**

*Pèlerinage et messe* avec le Groupe Scout de la paroisse St-Jean-Baptiste, Sanctuaire Ste-Marguerite d'Youville à Varennes

**Mercredi 17 novembre à 19 h 30**

*Messe pour les chrétiens persécutés* du Mercredi Rouge (Aide à l'Église en Détresse), Basilique-cathédrale Marie-Reine-du Monde

**Vendredi 19 novembre à 19 heures**

*Veillée du Christ-Roi*, Basilique-cathédrale Marie-Reine-du Monde

**Samedi 20 novembre entre midi à 18 heures**

*Catéchèses, activités, etc.*, Festival des adolescents avec Sacred Heart High School

