



BISHOP'S LETTER

HOLINESS IS MANIFESTED AS CLOSENESS, TENDERNESS

My Beloved People of God,

Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Pope Leo XIV recently said, "God invites us to share in His own holiness. When He calls us to be holy as He is holy, he indicates that the path we must follow." Solomon was asked by God what he wanted, he did not say I want a bigger house, or more land, more attendants, or a better car. Solomon asked for an understanding heart; he asked God to help him to be holy, to fashion himself after God's own heart.

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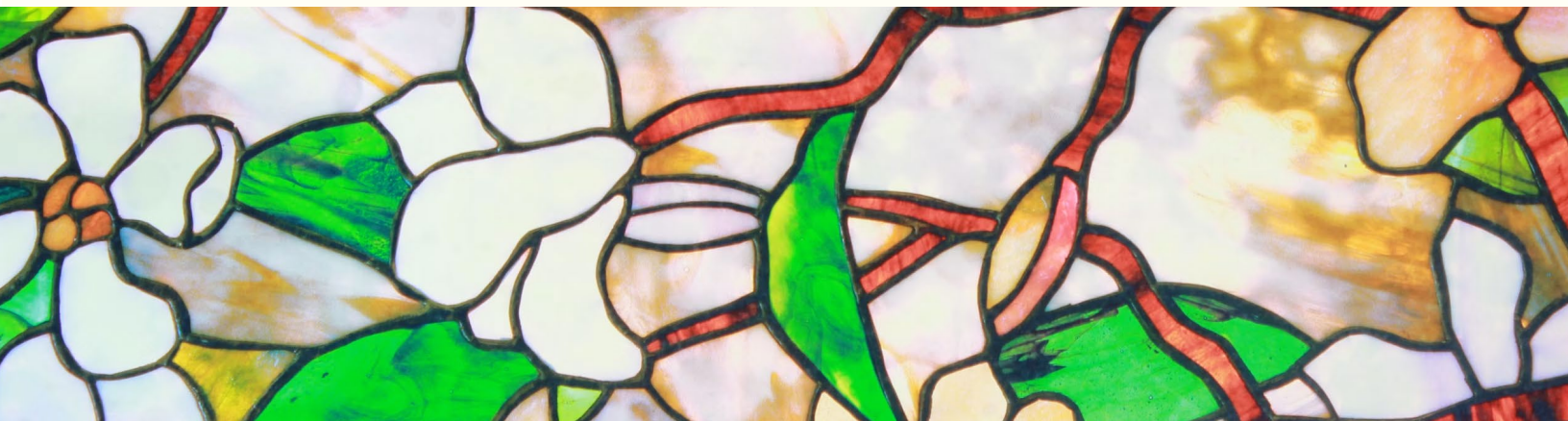
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LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

Due to recent changes Bishop Noonan has made, we have a new Chancellor for Canonical Affairs. Very Reverend Martin Nguyen of Holy Family Catholic Church is our new Chancellor for Canonical Affairs. As we transition with him, we are asking for your requests for a letter of good standing to be sent in as soon as you know or agree to an event. We appreciate your patience in the matter.

COUPLES RETREAT

We have the dates for 2027 couples retreats at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center:

January 22nd-24th | February 19th-21st | March 5th-7th | April 23rd-25th

As soon as San Pedro is ready to take your reservations, we will send the link for you begin to register for one of the retreats.

DIACONATE CONVOCATION

To register for Convocation use [this link](#). If you will be attending our Convocation Social on Friday, October 2, 2026, please register [here](#).

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Great Resource for Mental Health Webinars

[Mindspringhealth.org](https://mindspringhealth.org)

NEW LITURGY OF THE HOURS

GROUP DISCOUNTED ORDER THROUGH DIOCESE OF ORLANDO

The long-awaited new edition of the Liturgy of the Hours is now available for pre-order through two approved publishers, Ascension Press and Word of Fire. While clergy are free to purchase from either publisher, the Diocese of Orlando will coordinate a group discounted purchase through Ascension Press. This decision was based on the availability of multiple price points based on the purchaser's preference. The group discount will afford buyers with a 25% discount on either the standard or premium leather versions (both standard and large print), take advantage of the diocesan tax-exempt status, with only a minimal \$5 handling fee per order. Pre-orders may be placed now online.

Liturgy of the Hours Pre-Order Form

Jennifer will send you an invoice and payments should be made to the Office of Worship. Each volume will be received as it is printed, and will be distributed to purchasers through deanery meetings, formation weekends, Chrism Mass, ordinations, Convocation, or other community gatherings. Orders must be placed by September 30th, 2026, to take advantage of this offer.

The discounted pricing is as follows:

Product Type	Bundle List Price	Discount Price
Standard Leather - Standard Print	\$264.99	\$198.74
Standard Leather - Large Print	\$284.99	\$224.99
Premium Leather - Standard Print	\$489.99	\$367.49
Premium Leather - Large Print	\$529.99	\$397.49

Volume	Shipping Date	First use	Mandatory Use
Volume II	January 2027	February 10, 2027	Dec 3, 2028
Volume III	April 2027	May 17, 2027	Dec 3, 2028
Volume IV	July 2027	Aug 1, 2027	Dec 3, 2028
Volume I	October 2027	Nov 28, 2027	Dec 3, 2028

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why a new version?

- The new Typical Edition (Latin edition) was published in 2000. This is the translated English language version which has been approved by the USCCB.

What has changed?

- There is a new translation of the Psalms based on The Abbey Psalms and Canticles.
- The readings will match the translation in the new Catholic American Bible (scheduled release date 2027, predicted release of new Lectionary, late 2028).
- Psalm prayers will be eliminated.
- New hymns will be consistent with those published in the Divine Office Hymnal.
- There will be a three-year cycle for the Sunday antiphons for the Benedictus and Magnificat to match the Sunday readings.
- Sunday Collects will be consistent with those used at Mass.
- Updated Calendar of Saints with expanded set of 2nd readings in the Office of Readings.

Will the page numbers be the same between the Ascension Press and Word on Fire versions?

- While the content will be the same, due to the layout and format, the page numbers will not be consistent between the two publishers.

Will the page numbers be the same between the Ascension Press standard format and large print format?

- Yes.

Will there be new editions for the Shorter Christian prayer and one volume versions?

- Four publishers have been selected, pending the completion of the license agreement process, to receive five-year exclusive contracts for producing major extracts of the Liturgy of the Hours: Catholic Book Publishing Corp., Liturgical Press, Magnificat, and Midwest Theological Forum. They will publish the major extracts of the Divine Office: one-volume editions with at least Lauds, Vespers, and Compline.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Will there be new editions for the Shorter Christian prayer and one volume versions? (Continued)

- The USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship is devoting 2026 and the first half of 2027 to the publication of the four-volume editions of the breviary. Once that process is complete, work will turn to the review and publication of the one-volume major extracts; they are expected to go on sale in mid-2028. In addition, various minor extracts of the Divine Office—General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, Daytime Prayer, Compline, etc.—will be published at some point during 2027 or 2028.

Will the digital editions be updated, as well?

- Yes, and the USCCB will manage the digital files to ensure consistency across digital platforms.
- Digital versions are anticipated to come out in 2028, but the final publication schedule has not been finalized by the digital platforms.

Is it acceptable not to buy the new print copies and only use the digital versions?

- While digital versions are convenient, especially if one is traveling, it is the expectation of the Church that her liturgies are celebrated from the liturgical books. In the same way that it is expected that a priest celebrates Mass from the Roman Missal and not a tablet or cellphone (barring exceptional circumstances), the Liturgy of the Hours should be prayed from the liturgical books provided.

DISPOSAL OF YOUR PREVIOUS LITURGY OF HOURS

As the Liturgy of the Hours is a ritual book of the Church, it is not simply to be discarded. The Church states that retired ritual books are buried or burned. The Office of Permanent Deacons, in partnership with the Office of Worship and the Catholic Cemeteries of Central Florida, will arrange collection points for your retired Liturgy of the Hours and will attend to the proper disposal in keeping with Church norms. We will communicate those collection points prior to the delivery of the first new volumes.



PARISHES STILL IN NEED OF DEACONS

Several pastors have requested additional deacons be assigned to their parishes. If you feel God may be calling you to one of these parishes, or that God may be letting you know it is time to change parishes, please contact **Deacon Dave** to discuss one or more of these opportunities:

St. Andrew Parish

801 N. Hastings St., Orlando | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Pastor: Father Leo Hodges

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Winter Haven)

532 Ave. M, NW, Winter Haven | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Parochial Administrator: Father Glenn Lopez

St. Paul Parish and School

1330 Sunshine Ave., Leesburg | Needs a deacon (bilingual Spanish/English preferred).

Parochial Administrator: Father Joseph Tran

St. Mary Catholic Church

1136 Seminole Dr., Rockledge | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Parochial Administrator: Father Joseph Shaute

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

861 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs

Pastor: Father Ralph DuWell

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, PATHWAYS TO CARE

Learn how to volunteer.

TOURISM

Serving at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe** continues to be a deeply rewarding ministry. The beauty of the liturgy, our collaboration with the Diaconate Formation Program, and the opportunity to accompany pilgrims in prayer and conversation make this service especially meaningful.

As visitation grows, we are having trouble covering all scheduled Mass times. We invite deacons to consider **volunteering**—even once per quarter—to support this important ministry to the thousands who visit the Basilica.

If you would like to be included in the rotation, please contact **Deacon Joe Gassman**.

DIVINE MERCY/FIRST FRIDAYS

We are looking for deacon couples to lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet on First Fridays at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. For more information, contact **Deacon Joe Gassman**.

MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED

“... in prison and you visited me.” (MT 25:36)

The need for deacons willing to respond to Jesus’ invitation to visit our incarcerated brothers and sisters remains with us. We recently received an email from a woman who spent two months in Brevard County Jail and was told there is no active jail ministry there. If there’s any place the light of hope needs to shine it is in our jails and prisons. Recently, deacons from the Northern Deanery stepped up to fill the need at Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala. We need volunteers to do the same thing on the coast. If your heart is moved to learn more please contact **Deacon Dave Camous**.

For those interested in volunteering at any of the Florida Department of Correction sites you may click **here** to learn more and apply.

If you want to learn more about this ministry, especially about the good work already being done at the Central Florida Reception Center (CFRC) in Orlando, please reach out to **Deacon Jimmy Avellan**. If you know of prisons or jails that are underserved, please let us know.

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

AUGUST CALENDAR

Come to the Fountain Healing Prayer

Wednesday, August 5th, 2026 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

All are invited to join the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary to pray the Rosary and other prayers to our Blessed Mother.

[View Event](#)

Eucharistic Cenacle

Friday, August 7th, 2026 | 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Join the Servants of the Pierced Heart of Jesus and Mary for Mass, Adoration Praise and Worship and Prayer!

[View Event](#)

San Damiano Senior Day- History of the Catholic Church

Thursday, August 13th, 2026 | 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

The Catholic Church through the centuries.

[View Event](#)

VIVET- Youth and Young Adult Formation & Adoration

Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

All youth and young adults are invited to join the Servants of the Pierced Heart of Jesus and Mary for Adoration, Praise, Worship and Prayer!

[View Event](#)

Fill Your Cup- Holy Scripture: The WORD Made Flesh

*Thursday, Aug 27th, 2026 | 7 P.M. **through** Friday, Aug 28th, 2026 | 9 P.M.*

How was the Bible formed, and how can it shape your life today? Come discover, reflect, and pray with Scripture.

[View Event](#)

LITURGICAL UPDATES

Saturday, August 15th, 2026, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 & 2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America, because it is a Saturday, this year the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated. Masses celebrated after 4 P.M. on August 15th, are for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

2028 Liturgical Calendar

The 2028 USCCB Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America is available for download at Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America - 2028.

FDLC

Two publishers have been chosen to print the four volumes of the Liturgy of the Hours – Ascension Press and Word on Fire.

- The publishers have announced that they will begin accepting pre-orders on July 1st, 2026.
- The volumes will be released gradually.
- The first volume to ship will be Volume II – Lent and Easter seasons.
- Each volume will be shipped approximately one month before its permitted first use date.
- It is anticipated that digital and one volume editions will be available by the first Sunday of Advent 2028.
- Mandatory use for the revised translation of the Liturgy of the Hours is the first Sunday of Advent 2028.

ANNUAL SEASONAL RESOURCES

The **2027 (Year B) Publications** are now available for purchase. All parishes have the opportunity to order these publications and receive a 30% discount through the office of Worship. Order forms must be completed and mailed to the Office of Worship, along with a check made payable to the "Diocese of Orlando". All payments and order forms must be postmarked no later than **Friday, September 25th, 2026** for processing. Please note that one order per parish is permitted.

Please email **Erin Wolfe** for the order form.

2026 EMHC WORKSHOPS

EMHC Coordinators or Liturgy Directors ONLY:

Please fill out our EMHC Formation Workshop Host Application to schedule a workshop for the Spring 2027 season. *Please note these workshops are for new EMHCs and are open to the whole deanery.*

Those looking to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can apply this Fall. EMHC candidates must register for a workshop online via Eventbrite. A completed Petition for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with the pastor's signature must be sent to the Office of Worship. **Click here to visit EMHC webpage and register.**

Resurrection, Lakeland (W)

August 8th, 2026

St. Mary of the Lakes, Eustis (N)

August 22nd, 2026

Epiphany, Port Orange (E)

August 29th, 2026

Annunciation, Altamonte Springs (CN)

September 19th, 2026

Nativity, Longwood (CN)

October 10th, 2026 (English & Spanish)

St. Theresa, Belleview (N)

October 10th, 2026

Nativity, Seminole (CN)

October 10th, 2026 (English & Spanish)

Resurrection, Lakeland (W)

October 24th, 2026

St. Stephen, Winter Springs (CN)

November 7th, 2026

2026-2027 DIOCESAN CHOIR

If you would like more information about joining the Diocesan Choir for future liturgies, please email **David McIntyre**.

STEP ONLINE COURSES

The McGrath Institute for Church Life registration for the 2026-2027 STEP Online Courses will be available July 15th. Courses in Catholic doctrine, education, Christian life, church history, liturgy, and scripture will be available in August.

Online courses range between four and eight weeks long, with most being six weeks in length. Students read texts and watch video lessons before posting weekly assignments, sharing reflections in discussion forums, and participating in real-time online discussions with classmates. Space is limited. Register early to guarantee enrollment. **View the STEP Comprehensive Calendar of Courses.**

Happy Birthday

DEACON STANLEY GRENN	90
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DEACON JUAN VARGAS	87
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DEACON MIKE DORDAN	80
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IN REMEMBRANCE

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
THEM, O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON
THEM. MAY THEIR SOULS AND
THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED THROUGH THE
MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE.

AMEN.



Memorial Mass

SPANISH - FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST
ENGLISH - FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL
SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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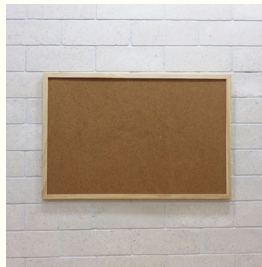
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