



ORDINARY TIME I

(JANUARY 10TH – FEBRUARY 21ST)

LITURGICAL SUPPLEMENT

Diocese of Syracuse

2023

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

January 2023		
14	Mass, Holy Hour, and March for Life	9:30 AM The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
18- 25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
19	Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin	<i>Note: Bishop Lucia has granted permission for the Optional Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope to be celebrated as a votive Mass on this day since this memorial falls on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn this year (see Roman Missal, "Proper of Saints," no. 4).</i>
22	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday of the Word of God
23	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313) or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the <i>Lectionary for Mass Supplement</i> , the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life," nos. 947A-947E, or the <i>Lectionary for Mass</i> (vol. IV), the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
29	World Leprosy Day	

February 2023		
2	The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life	Feast
8	World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking	
11	World Day of Prayer for the Sick	
19	World Marriage Day Celebration	2:00 PM The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

ORDINARY TIME
“No particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays ” (<i>Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar</i> , 43).
Liturgy of the Hours: Volume III
Sunday Lectionary Cycle: A
Weekday Lectionary Cycle: I

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Biblical text for 2023: Isaiah 1:12-18
Theme: “Do good; seek justice (cf. Isaiah 1:17)
Suggested Masses: “For the Unity of Christians” (#17), “For the Evangelization of Peoples” (#18), “For Persecuted Christians” (#19)
Sample intercessions: (1) For all Christian Churches and Faith Communities, that they may continue to show one another extraordinary kindness in guiding them towards reconciliation and unity in Christ; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For all Christian Churches and Faith Communities, that they may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel call to reconciliation; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For church leaders everywhere during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that they may work together and promote unity among Christians; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For an end to the divisions among Christians: that they work together in bringing about healing and promote reconciliation as signs of God’s reign; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For the various ecumenical dialogues between our church and other denominations, that they bear witness to the quest for Christian unity; let us pray to the Lord.
Sample Ecumenical Worship Service as well as reflections and prayers for each day: http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-20230/fr.html Also, see the <i>Book of Blessings</i> “Order for the Blessing of Ecumenical Groups” and “Prayers for Interfaith Gatherings” (nos. 553-573).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN
The anniversary of the Supreme Court decision <i>Roe v. Wade</i> (1973)
“As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms . Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> ” (USCCB).
Suggested Masses: “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (#48/1A or B) celebrated with white vestments or “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (#30) celebrated with violet vestments

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

Suggested readings:

1. The readings of the day: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)
2. Readings from the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” nos. 947A-947E
3. Readings from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891

See: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>

Sample intercessions: (1) For the legal protection of unborn children and for loving support for their mothers before and after births; let us pray to the Lord. (2) May all who suffer from participating in abortion turn to God’s loving forgiveness; let us pray to the Lord. (3) May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For public servants: may God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For our nation: may God unite us in peace and respect for each other and reverence for all human life; let us pray to the Lord.

Liturgical resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>

Holy Hour for reparation and healing: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/holy-hour-for-reparation-and-healing-for-the-anniversary-of-roe-v-wade.cfm>

Other resources: <https://www.respectlife.org/january>

SAINT MARIANNE COPE

Biography: Marianne Cope was born on January 23, 1838, in Darmstadt, Germany. In 1862, she entered the Sisters of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York, after having postponed her entrance nine years in order to fulfill family obligations. She was instrumental in the founding of several schools and hospitals for immigrants. In 1883, she led a group of sisters to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the poor, especially those suffering from leprosy. In 1888 she went to Kalaupapa, Moloka‘i, where she set up a home for girls with leprosy. After the death of Saint Damien de Veuster, she also took over the home he built for boys. She died on August 9, 1918 (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-marianne-cope>).

Roman Missal: from the *Common of Virgins*: “For One Virgin,” or from the *Common of Holy Men and Women*: “For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy.” **See below for sample with proper collect.**

Lectionary: aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the *Common of Virgins* or the *Common of Holy Men and Women*: “For Those Who Worked for the Underprivileged” may be used for St. Marianne Cope (see *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, no. 517A).

Office of Readings: The second reading is taken from an address of Pope Benedict XVI (May 16, 2005: *Insegnamenti di Benedetto XVI*, I [2005], 111-112). Available at: (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-marianne-cope>).

See below

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has designated the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** the *Sunday of the Word of God* to commemorate the “unbreakable bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist.” It is through the Word of God that we encounter its author and learn the “merciful love of the Father who calls his children to live in love” (*Motu Proprio Aperuit Illis* 8, 13). See http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html

Pastoral Suggestions: (1) The Book of Gospels could be displayed prominently in the sanctuary after the proclamation of the Gospel. Today, this display might include candles, flowers, or plants. (2) Lectionaries or Bibles might also be on display in the narthex or gathering space. (3) Preach the Sunday homily on the centrality of the Word of God in the life of the Church; refer to the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, particularly its Preamble (nos. 1-10). (4) Reinforce the homily by inserting an article in the bulletin or on the parish website. (5) If you don’t already, begin using the Book of Gospels on Sundays and on more solemn days. (6) Provide catechesis on the Book of Gospels (*Evangelium*) and the Church’s tradition of richly decorating this liturgical text which contains the words of Christ and the four evangelists. (7) This is a very appropriate day to bless the readers [lectors] of the parish; See *Book of Blessings*: Chapter 61: “Order of Blessing of Readers” (nos. 1827 – 1845), “Order of Blessing within Mass,” “Order of Blessings within a Celebration of the Word.” (8) Prior to this day, provide an evening/day of reflection for all those who proclaim the Word of God – including priests, deacons, catechists, psalmists, and cantors. (9) Recruit and train more of these liturgical ministers as needed. (10) Display icons of the four evangelists somewhere on the parish campus; perhaps display St. Matthew in the church on this day, since St. Matthew’s gospel is featured in the Year A cursus of readings. (11) Be sure that all lectionaries are dignified and in good repair. (FDLC)

Sample intercessions: (1) For the Church, that we may continue to respond to the word of God which is proclaimed in our midst; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For all who listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed, that God’s word may find in them a fruitful field; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For those who have not heard the message of Christ, that we may be willing to bring them the good news of salvation; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For our readers [Lectors], that with deep faith and confident voice they may announce God’s saving word; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For the Church, called to be united in Christ; let us pray to the Lord. (6) That legislators and judges may be guided by the Scriptures to promote just laws and compassionate policies; let us pray to the Lord. (7) For priests, deacons, lectors, cantors, and catechists and all who bring God’s Word to others; let us pray to the Lord. (8) For our Catholic schools, where children are formed and inspired by the Word of God; let us pray to the Lord. (9) For those who suffer from illness and for those who care for them; let us pray to the Lord. (10) For those who have died, now at peace in the radiance of God’s light’ let us pray to the Lord. (FDLC)

Notes from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments that can be used to create bulletin announcements, social media posts, and website catechesis: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/12/19/201219a.html>

Other resources: <https://fdlc.org/2022/12/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-2023-resources/> and <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/liturgy/newsletter/>

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Candles (of the faithful and those used at the parish) are blessed and there is a procession of the faithful

Option I: gathering of the faithful in a suitable place other than inside the church, lighting of candles while antiphon “Behold, our Lord...” is sung, Sign of the Cross and Greeting, introductory address, blessing and sprinkling of candles, procession of the faithful while antiphons or other appropriate chants are sung, Gloria, Collect, Mass continues in the usual manner

Option II: gathering of the faithful in the church, lighting of the candles while antiphon “Behold, our Lord...” is sung, Sign of the Cross and Greeting, introductory address, blessing and sprinkling of candles, procession of the priest and ministers to the altar while antiphon or other appropriate chants are sung, Gloria, Collect, Mass continues in the usual manner

Antiphons for the lighting of the candles and the procession are **attached**

World Day for Consecrated Life: “Its purpose is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” (poverty, chastity, and obedience) as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” (Saint John Paul II, 1997). **For more information and resources, see:** <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/world-day-for-consecrated-life.cfm>

Sample intercessions: (1) For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness; let us pray to the Lord.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

“A special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to **see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ** who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind” (Saint John Paul II, May 13, 1992).

Message from Pope Francis:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20211210_30-giornata-malato.html

Sample intercessions: (1) For those struggling with terrible diseases: that each day might be a new revelation of God's love for them; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For those tempted to despair by constant pain: that they might join their suffering to the Cross of Christ; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For every little child who is ill or in pain: that the beauty of their lives might bring patience and hope; let us pray to the Lord.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

The sick may be anointed in a **communal celebration** (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 108-110). They must be suitably prepared and properly disposed. The practice of indiscriminately anointing a large number of persons whose health has not been seriously impaired by illness or old age is not permitted.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

“An opportunity to focus on **building a culture of life and love** that begins with **supporting and promoting marriage and the family**” (USCCB).

February 12, 2023

Sample intercessions: (1) For the church, that we will become more aware of the beauty of God’s plan for marriage, and its vital role in today’s society; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage, that the Lord may guide their hearts and make His will clear for their lives; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For all those preparing for marriage, that God’s love will be the foundation of their union; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For all husbands and wives, that they may love and respect each other as they grow in holiness; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For all married couples, that they may serve as an example of God’s faithful, fruitful and lasting love to their children and to the world; let us pray to the Lord. (6) For all those suffering from troubled or broken marriages, especially children, that they will be assured of God the Father’s unfailing love and care for them; let us pray to the Lord. (7) For those who are mourning the loss of a spouse, that they may experience consolation in the midst of grief and remain confident of the Lord’s abundant mercy; let us pray to the Lord. (*Worldwide Marriage Encounter*)

The “**Order of Blessing a Married Couple Within Mass on the Anniversary of Marriage**” may be used as appropriate. See Appendix III of *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. Note: marriage vows are never “renewed” since they are part of the matter/form of the sacrament; rather, the consent the couple exchanged on their wedding day – which “makes the marriage” – is blessed.

Prayer for Married Couples: Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen (foryourmarriage.org).

SAINT MARIANNE COPE, *VIRGIN*

Entrance Antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me. Cf. Mt 24:34, 36, 40

COLLECT

**O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of our brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession
of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope,
we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people,
and grant that we, who celebrate
your Son's work of boundless charity,
may, by the example of blessed Marianne Cope,
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Preface of Holy Virgins and Religious

Communion Antiphon

This is how all will know that you are my disciples:
if you have love for one another, says the Lord. Cf. Jn 13:35

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we, who are renewed by these sacred mysteries,
may follow the example of blessed Marianne Cope
who honored you with tireless devotion
and, by surpassing charity, was of service to your people.
Through Christ our Lord.**

SAINT MARIANNE COPE

Liturgy of the Hours: from the Common of Virgins

Second Reading

From an address of Pope Benedict XVI

(May 16, 2005: Insegnamenti di Benedetto XVI, I [2005], 111-112)

Witness to sacrificial love

It is with great joy that I welcome you to Rome, dear brothers and sisters, for the Beatification of Mother Marianne Cope. I know that your participation in Saturday's solemn liturgy, so significant for the universal Church, will have been a source of renewed grace and commitment to the exercise of charity which marks the life of every Christian.

Marianne Cope's life was one of profound faith and love which bore fruit in a missionary spirit of immense hope and trust. In 1862 she entered the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse where she imbibed the particular spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi, dedicating herself wholeheartedly to spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Her own experience of consecrated life saw an extraordinary apostolate unfold, adorned with heroic virtue.

As is well known, while Mother Marianne was Superior General of her Congregation, the then-Bishop of Honolulu invited the Order to come to Hawaii and work among the lepers. Leprosy was spreading rapidly and causing unspeakable suffering and misery among the afflicted. Fifty other Congregations received the same plea for assistance, but only Mother Marianne, in the name of her Sisters, responded positively.

True to the charism of the Order and in imitation of St. Francis, who had embraced lepers, Mother Marianne volunteered herself for the mission with a trusting, "Yes!" And for 35 years, until her death in 1918, our new Blessed dedicated her life to the love and service of lepers on the islands of Maui and Molokai.

Undoubtedly the generosity of Mother Marianne was, humanly speaking, exemplary. Good intentions and selflessness alone, however, do not adequately explain her vocation. It is only the perspective of faith which enables us to understand her witness—as a Christian and as a Religious—to that sacrificial love which reaches its fullness in Jesus Christ. All that she achieved was inspired by her personal love of the Lord, which she in turn expressed through her love of those abandoned and rejected by society in a most wretched way.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us today be inspired by Bl. Marianne Cope to renew our commitment to walk the path of holiness.

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the gift of continual fidelity to the Gospel. May she help us to follow the example of the new Blesseds and to strive tirelessly towards holiness.

Responsory

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me.

—Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.

—Amen, I say to you...

Prayer

O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of our brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession
of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope,
we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.