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Date: February 4, 2019
To: Priests and Deacons
From: Patricia DeJarnett, Ph.D., Associate Director, Office for Divine Worship
Re: 2019 Liturgical Year Reminders

Please note the following information regarding the liturgical dates for 2019:

June 10: As a reminder, the newly instituted memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church is celebrated on the day after Pentecost Sunday. In the Roman Missal and Misal Romano, the Mass formulary is found in no. 10B of the Votive Masses, and proper Lectionary readings in English and Spanish are available at USCCB.org/motherofthechurch.

June 23-24: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, June 23 is followed the next day by the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Sunday evening Masses and Evening Prayer are that of Corpus Christi, and the Vigil Mass and readings of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist are not used in 2019.

July 22: As a reminder, Saint Mary Magdalene has been celebrated as a feast since 2016. The Mass is in the Proper of Saints of the Roman Missal and Misal Romano, except that the Gloria is now added. Readings are proper and are found at no. 603 of the Lectionary for Mass. (The new Preface for the feast was approved by the USCCB in June 2018 and is awaiting confirmation by the Holy See before it can be implemented.)

December 8-9: Eight days into the 2019-2020 liturgical year, Sunday, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patronal feast of the United States, is transferred to the following day. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. Because of the transfer, the optional memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin on December 9 is omitted in 2019. However,

It would not be difficult to mention him in the homily or the petitions for the Immaculate Conception, as he was a faithful servant of Mary in spreading her message from Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City.

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