

“NEW” MEMORIAL ADDED TO THE GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR

On March 3, Cardinal Sarah of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments announced that Pope Francis has added the memorial of **“Mary, Mother of the Church”** to the General Roman Calendar. It will be celebrated annually on the Monday after Pentecost. This year, that falls on May 21, 2018. The title was first used by Blessed Pope Paul VI soon after the Second Vatican Council. Mass texts were added to the second edition of the Roman Missal in 1975. Several conferences worldwide have already had the day on their particular calendars. The Pope’s decree now makes it a universal celebration. The newly-assigned orations and readings vary slightly from the Mass texts as found in the *Roman Missal* (Votive Masses #10) and the *Lectionary for Mass* (Volume IV, #1002). The texts have been released in Latin and each conference may provide translations for their territory.

The USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship has now posted information about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm>

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, **not optional**. They are slightly different than what is in the *Lectionary for Mass* (Lectionary Number 1002- I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

Have a blessed Holy Week and Triduum,

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