



## Office of Liturgy + Liturgical Advisory

Thursday, August 6, 2020 + Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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### CLARIFICATION REGARDING OUTDOOR MASSES

After the OOL sent out the pastoral instructions on how to celebrate Funerals and Weddings in the context of all the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines and protocols, we clarified that all are to be followed whether or not these are celebrated indoors or outdoors. However, further questions arose asking about the number of attendees for outdoor Masses. After consultation with the appropriate authorities, no more than 100 persons may attend.

### CHRISM MASS

As previously announced, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Saginaw. Due to the necessity of following all the present COVID-19 pandemic guidelines and protocols, modifications are being made to accommodate this significant liturgy. At this time, seating capacity is limited to 235. This results in the fact that each parish will be reduced to only two (2) representatives. Priests, deacons and directors of parish life will be counted separately from the parish representatives. There will be no bringing of parish oil stocks; nor will there be a distribution of the Holy Oils during the Mass as in years past. Further instructions and information will be forthcoming.

### LABOR DAY

In the USA, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is observed as the national holiday of Labor Day. On the Liturgical Calendar it is Monday of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. However, the ORDO suggests that the following maybe used: [From the **Roman Missal III**: "For the Sanctification of Human Labor" (#26A or B) – with Preface V (of Sunday in Ordinary Time); From the **Lectionary IV: Commons, Ritual Masses & Various Needs and Occasions**: #907-911 [#18: "For the Blessing of Human Labor"].

