



OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

JULY 24, 2018

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY FEASTDAY (JULY 30) ADDED TO THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Bishop Ricken has announced that the **July 30 feastday of Blessed Solanus Casey**, beatified in November 2017, has been added to the Diocese of Green Bay's liturgical calendar. Please see the attached announcement letter from Bishop Ricken and Mass propers.

Priests may choose to celebrate this optional memorial on July 30 by using either:

- a) the propers from Commons section of the Roman Missal: *Of Holy Men and Women*, *For Religious*; or
- b) the propers from provided from the Capuchin Missal (attached).

There are currently no prescribed readings other than the readings of the day.

The Church's *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* express that the Diocesan Bishop may choose to add to their diocese's calendar those Saints and Blessed who have special connections with the diocese, e.g., by their birth, residence over a long period, or their death (no. 52). As Bishop Ricken states in his announcement, we are privileged to have a special connection to Blessed Solanus Casey, especially from his time in Appleton, and can now look forward to celebrating this feastday annually in our area.

For this first year of the feastday, Bishop Ricken will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph Church in Appleton, Wisconsin, on July 30, 2018, at 12:05pm. All are welcome to this special celebration.

Please contact Michael Poradek, Director of the Office of Divine Worship, with any questions at 920-272-8341 or worship@gbdioc.org.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last fall, the Church celebrated the beatification of Blessed Solanus Casey (1870-1957), Capuchin priest, who serves as a tremendous example of modern-day missionary disciple. A man of great faith and service to Jesus, Blessed Solanus is known for his many works of charity and in his proclamation of the Gospel. As a Wisconsin native, Solanus has many ties to our Diocese having lived in Appleton prior to his entrance into seminary formation, supporting his family as a street car operator. The then newly ordained Fr. Solanus returned to celebrate his first Mass at St. Joseph Church in Appleton.

It is therefore with great joy that I announce the addition of the feastday of Blessed Solanus Casey (July 30) to our diocesan liturgical calendar as an optional memorial.

Proprs and instructions for the celebration of this feast will be distributed by the Office of Divine Worship. Please contact Michael Poradek, Divine Worship Director, with any questions. As we continue our journey of discipleship formation, let us offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the great example of Blessed Solanus to our Church as I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

Enclosure

July 30

Blessed Solanus Casey, Priest

[Capuchin, Simplex priest, Porter 1870-1957; Beatified on November 18, 2017]

The memorial is celebrated using the readings from that day along with prayers from the Commons section of the Roman Missal: *Of Holy Men and Women, "D," For Religious*

The following propers provided from the Capuchin Missal may also be used:

Entrance Antiphon

**May all your works thank you, O Lord,
and all your Holy ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.**

see Psalm 144:10-11

Collect

**O God, who in your providence
conformed Blessed Solanus Casey to the image of your Son
making him tireless in service to the poor,
by his intercession and example, grant also to us
the same generosity and joy in giving of ourselves
in service to our neighbor.
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 example of Blessed Solanus,
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Communion
Antiphon**

**The greatest among you must be your servant,
says the Lord.**

Matthew 23:11

**Prayer after
Communion**

**Make us, who have been nourished
by this sacred meal, almighty God,
always follow the example of Blessed Solanus
in serving you with constant devotion
and assisting all with untiring charity.
Through Christ our Lord.**