

Memo

Date: 6 July, 2011
To: All Priests
From: Fr. Theodore Book
Re: Liturgical Celebration of Blessed John Paul II

In conjunction with the beatification of Blessed John Paul II on May 1st, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree permitting diocesan bishops to authorize a special mass in honor of the new Blessed. In response to the devotion to Blessed John Paul II in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Archbishop Gregory has designated Friday, October 21st, 2011, as a day in honor of Blessed John Paul II.

As October 21st is the vigil of the liturgical memorial of Blessed John Paul II, parishes may wish to celebrate an evening mass of thanksgiving on that day. The memorial of Blessed John Paul II is not, however, observed in the dioceses of the United States of America.

The following liturgical texts may be used in the celebration of the mass:

Collect:

**O God, who are rich in mercy
and who willed that the Blessed John Paul the Second
should preside as Pope over your universal Church,
grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,
we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ,
the sole Redeemer of mankind.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Readings: *(From the Common of Pastors)*

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 (no. 719.5)
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 (no. 721.5)
Alleluia Verse: John 10:14 (no. 723.5)
Gospel: John 21:15-17 (no. 724.12)

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