



Office for Liturgy & Spirituality

**To:** Pastors of the Diocese of San Diego  
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As you are aware, Independence Day falls on a Sunday in 2021. That being the case, in the Diocese of San Diego, Bishop McElroy is allowing the option for priests to celebrate either the Mass for Independence Day or the Mass of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prescribed readings of the Ordinary Time Sunday, however, are to be retained.

The Mass for Independence Day is found in the Proper of Saints of the Roman Missal. Two Prefaces to the Eucharistic Prayer are provided there as well as an (optional) Solemn Blessing.

The following Universal Prayer may be used:

- For our nation, that we may receive the grace to see the dignity of every human being as a child of God, from conception to natural death, in the hope that we will emerge from deep divisions stronger as one people united in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

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