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SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter Greetings,

On Wednesday, May 7, 2025, Archbishop José H. Gomez will celebrate a Mass for the Election of a new Pope at 12:10 PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

This Mass concurs with the beginning of the conclave in Rome and it is an opportunity for the faithful to pray together for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of the next Holy Father. All faithful are invited to attend this Mass and to pray for the Church during this historic moment.

At the same time, all priests are highly encouraged to celebrate the weekday Masses, (May 7th) at their perspective parishes, for the election of a new Pope.

The **Mass formulary** “For the Election of a Pope or Bishop” may be celebrated (see *Roman Missal, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions*, no. 4).

The Mass **readings** of the day could be used, though it may be more fitting to use the proper readings, found in Volume IV of the *Lectionary for Mass*, nos. 833-837.

The **homily** presents an opportunity to reflect on the Petrine ministry, its role within the Church, and to instruct the faithful in the relationship between the local and the universal Church.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

The following are suggested petitions that may be offered in the Universal Prayer:

- That the Holy Spirit will inspire and strengthen the Cardinal-electors as they choose a new Holy Father to lead us. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That the College of Cardinals in its electoral process may be a worthy vehicle of God’s grace guiding the Church. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That the Holy Spirit will work strongly in the next Pope who will be elected by the College of Cardinals. Let us pray to the Lord.

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer

The “*Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs I - The Church on the Path of Unity*” specifically mentions “For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop” as an occasion for its use. This Eucharistic Prayer can be prayed with its own Preface or with one of the Prefaces of Easter.



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Other Suggestions

The faithful should be exhorted to offer their private prayers, works and almsgiving for the election of a new Supreme Pontiff. The simple custom of frequently praying the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for this intention is encouraged. The election of the new Pope should be prayed for in the recitation of the Rosary.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

The faithful are encouraged to recite the following prayer while the conclave is in session, especially during parish and school activities:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

With hope in the risen Jesus,

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