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NAVIGATING THE *ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION*:

HOLY SATURDAY

See the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* [RCIA], nos. 185-205 for the Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday which are unchanged.

Order for the Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter; *Book of Blessing*, Chapter 54, nos. 1701 ff. – before or after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday or on Easter morning

AND THE EASTER VIGIL

GLOSSARY

What was:	Is now:
Easter Season	Easter Time
Easter Sunday During the Night – The Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
PART ONE: SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL: THE SERVICE OF LIGHT	FIRST PART: THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCENARIUM
Rubric no. 7, A large fire is prepared...	Rubric no. 8, A blazing fire is prepared...
Easter candle	paschal candle
no. 14, Christ our light.	no. 15, The Light of Christ.
no. 23, lectern	no. 23, ambo
PART THREE: LITURGY OF BAPTISM	THIRD PART: BAPTISMAL LITURGY
no.41, the Litany: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lord, save your people• Lord, hear our prayer• Lord Jesus, hear our prayer	no. 43, The Litany <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lord, deliver us, we pray.• Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.• Christ, graciously hear us.

WHAT IS NEW

Preparation notes:

- no. 3, more forcefully proscribes the time: “that it begins after nightfall”
- no. 5, The Easter Vigil takes the place of the Office of Readings

FIRST PART: THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCENARIUM

- no. 8, the cross and candles are not carried in procession with the paschal candle
- no. 9, clarifies the *Sacramentary's* "greet the congregation in the usual manner" by specifying this to include the Sign of the Cross and the Greeting
- no. 10, the prayer blessing the fire is done with hands extended
- no. 11, preparing the candle prior to lighting it is no longer optional

Procession:

- no. 15, the order of the procession is now given
- nos. 15-17, singing "The Light of Christ" occur in new order: at the door of the church – priest lights his candle, in the middle of the church – all light their candles, and before the altar; all lights are lit...except for the altar candles

The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet):

- no. 19, book and candle are incensed
- adapting the text with acclamations by the Conference of Bishops is omitted
- in addition to the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the text is also available
 1. International Committee on English in the Liturgy [ICEL] at <http://www.icelweb.org/musicfolder/openpdf.php?file=ExsultetLong.pdf>
 2. National Pastoral Musicians [NPM] website posts both the text and an MP3 recording at <http://www.npm.org/Chants/proper.html>
 3. Liturgy Training Publications [LTP] at <http://www.ltp.org/p-2388-proclamations-for-christmas-epiphany-and-easter.aspx>
 4. Liturgical Press [LitPress] at <http://www.litpress.org/Detail.aspx?ISBN=9780814633649>

SECOND PART: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- no. 20, all nine readings "should be read whenever this can be done, so that the character of the Vigil, which demands an extended period of time, may be preserved"
- no. 21, at least three readings from the Old Testament, with the respective psalm, are read, no longer permitting only two for serious reasons
- no. 36, the homily, even if brief, is not to be omitted

THIRD PART: BAPTISMAL LITURGY

- the Missal retains after the Litany, as the *Sacramentary* did, a prayer if there are candidates to be baptized that is omitted in RCIA, no. 221
- no. 44, the Priest blesses the baptismal water with hands extended; the new English translation of the Blessing of Baptismal Water varies from the one in RCIA, no. 222A (which is the same as the text in the *Sacramentary*, no. 42)
 1. HOWEVER, the letter from the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship of 30 November 2011 by Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, chairman, at no. 2 "suggest that the following adaptations can be made to other liturgical rites in light of the *Roman Missal* (but these do not constitute obligations):"
 - the Blessing of Water at Baptism and
 - the renewal of Baptismal Promises at Baptism

- concerning no. 48 and anointing with the Oil of Catechumens is amended by RCIA, no. 33.7 (USA); this oil is used only in the Period of the Catechumenate and the Period of Purification and Enlightenment and neither in the Rites for Holy Saturday nor during the Sacraments of Initiation at the Vigil or other times
- no. 55, the Missal retains after the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, as the *Sacramentary* did, a prayer to conclude the renewal, omitted at RCIA, no. 239

FOURTH PART: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- no. 64 adds what is in RCIA, no. 243 that the Priest may briefly address the newly baptized about first Communion
- no. 65, on Holy Communion under both kinds for everyone
- no. 68, permits the final blessing formula from RCIA (there are currently none) and from the *Rite of Baptism for Children*, no. 70, according to the circumstances
- no. 70 adds known norm: the paschal candle is lit...in celebrations of this period

WHERE TO FIND

Title or Item:	Place in <i>Roman Missal</i> :
Place for Baptism:	RCIA, no. 218 equal to RM3, no. 37
Specific notes on the Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism	RCIA, no. 219 provides expanded notes at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A, When Baptism Is Celebrated Immediately at the Baptismal Font</i> for RM3, no. 38 • <i>B, When Baptism Is Celebrated after a Procession to the Font</i> for RM3, no. 39 • <i>C, When Baptism Is Celebrated in the Sanctuary</i> for RM3, no. 40
The Blessing of Baptismal Water	Use <u>either</u> RCIA, no. 222A <u>or</u> RM3, no. 44
From the Profession of Faith – with Baptism, Confirmation, and Renewal of Baptismal Promises – to the conclusion of the Third Part	RCIA, no. 223 ff – but see above regarding the Blessing of Water and renewal of Baptismal Promises
When the Sacraments of Initiation are combined with Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church	Use RCIA, no. 562 ff. with appropriate changes as noted above
Insertion of the commemoration of the godparents into Eucharistic Prayer I	no. 63: in Eucharistic Prayer I, “Remember, Lord, your servants” – found in Ritual Masses, 3. For the Conferral of Baptism – insert at no. 85
Insertions of the commemoration of newly baptized into the Eucharistic Prayers	no. 63: in Eucharistic Prayer I, “Therefore, Lord, we pray” – found in Ritual Masses, 3. For the Conferral of Baptism – (a) insert at no.

	<p>87; also found in place within the prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, “Remember also, Lord, the newly baptized” – found in Ritual Masses, 3. For the Conferral of Baptism – (b) insert at the end of no. 105; not found in place there</p> <p>in Eucharistic Prayer III, “Strengthen, we pray, in their holy purpose” – found in Ritual Masses, 3. For the Conferral of Baptism – (c) insert within the fifth paragraph of no. 113; not found in place there</p> <p>in Eucharistic Prayer IV, “Therefore, Lord, remember now” – found in Ritual Masses, 3. For the Conferral of Baptism – (d) insert by replacing the third paragraph of no. 122; not found in place there; NOTE: RCIA, no. 242, the insertion and the prayer itself is only used outside the Easter Vigil</p>
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OTHER CONCERNS

1. See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* [UNLYC]:
 - no. 4 on Sunday as the very day of the Resurrection of Christ; celebrates the Paschal Mystery; must be considered the primordial feast day
 - no. 17 on celebrating the whole mystery of Christ over the course of the year
 - no. 18 on the Paschal Mystery; on the Paschal Triduum shining forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year; and therefore the preeminence that Sunday has to the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the liturgical year
 - no. 21 on the Easter Vigil, in the holy night, is considered the “mother of all holy Vigils”; therefore the entire celebration must take place at night
2. See *Lectionary for Mass*, the Introduction, Chapter V for a brief description of the Order of Readings for this liturgical time:
 - no. 99 on the Easter Vigil – seven Old Testament readings from the law and the prophets recalling the wonderful works of God in the history of salvation; two New Testament readings on Christian Baptism and Christ’s Resurrection
3. The Secretariat for the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship published questions on the Sacred Paschal Triduum after the publication of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* in 2002. The information was updated as new and revised information became available. Many were resolved with the publication of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. The most recent posting is “**Eighteen Questions on the Paschal Triduum**” at <http://old.usccb.org/liturgy/triduumquestions.shtml>. Note **Q 13** on the paschal candle itself and **Q 14** on multiple paschal candles for cluster parishes.