

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JANUARY 2013

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[http://www.davenportdiocese.org/
lit/litromanmissal.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm)

[http://www.davenportdiocese.org/
lit/litromanmissalQA.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissalQA.htm)

The Year of Faith:

[http://www.davenportdiocese.org/
yearoffaith.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/yearoffaith.htm)

USCCB ROMAN MISSAL WEBPAGE

The USCCB's Roman Missal webpage has now been replaced by a new page on the Mass; please check out all the new resources there:

English: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/>

Spanish: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/la-santa-misa/>

HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM IN RM3

As preparations for the Holy Week and the Triduum get under way, please keep in mind that the new Missal calls for a number of changes. These were covered in some detail in last year's January *LiturgyNotes* – which may be accessed at:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/LiturgyNotes/litJanuary2012LN.pdf>.

Please also see the information on our website:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissalQA.htm#LentEaster>

Among one of the changes that came with RM3 is the use of the [Oil of Catechumens](#) at the Vigil....

At the Easter Vigil, paragraph 48 states: "If the anointing of the adults with the Oil of Catechumens (OC) has not taken place beforehand, as part of the immediately preparatory rites, it occurs at this moment" [after the blessing of the water].

This is a confusing rubric. To begin with, note that the actual Rite of Baptism is not present in the Missal; as part of the *Rituale Romanum* it is published as a separate book (for us, the RCIA). However, that book

does not contain the rite for anointing with OC as part of the Vigil! So what are we to do?

1. Anoint catechumens with OC during the catechumenate as called for in the RCIA. Such anointing can be repeated.
2. The anointing at the Vigil would then be the last of these anointings. This final anointing can be done as part of the rites at the start of the Baptismal Liturgy or, preferably, between the renunciations and the profession of faith.

THE YEAR OF FAITH: VATICAN II AND THE LITURGY

SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM – CHAPTER V

Chapter V is about the Liturgical Year. Prior to the Council, in some ways, the feasts of Mary and the Saints had come to overwhelm the calendar. Now, the Bishops of Vatican II called for a return to the primacy of Sunday as *the* Christian feast day—“the foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year” (#106).

The Council Fathers called for the temporal cycle (feasts of the Lord and the liturgical seasons) to “be given the preference which it is due over the feasts of the saints, so that the entire cycle of the mysteries of salvation may be suitably recalled” (#109). But the Liturgical Year is not just about recalling events from the past, but about a living encounter with Christ; in other words, time itself becomes sacramental.

Finally, the Constitution calls for the proper veneration of Mary and the Saints as images of the work of Christ and as exemplars for the faithful. However, the number of universal feasts was to be reduced, while still allowing the observance of certain feasts by particular nations or religious orders. In other words, the calendar itself was to proclaim the centrality of Christ and his Paschal Mystery.

VERBUM DOMINI – THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Part I: *Verbum Dei* (continued)

Pope Benedict maintains that “[a] significant contribution to the recovery of an adequate scriptural hermeneutic... can also come from renewed attention to the Fathers of the Church and their exegetical approach” (#37). The US Bishops in *Preaching the Mystery of Faith* make the same point. While their approaches and insights cannot be simply and uncritically transposed into the 21st century, there are lessons to be learned from them and their work.

Prior to the advent of modern exegesis, it was common to speak of four “senses” of the Scriptures: the literal, the allegorical, the moral, and the anagogical. The latter three make up the “spiritual sense” of the text—and must be grounded in the literal.

“Literal” is not “literalist” – but refers to “the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation” (#37). In other words: what is it that the author was trying to say?

Patristic and medieval preachers and exegetes would then ask: how does this text illuminate the content of the faith (the allegorical sense)? What implications does it have for how we live (the moral sense)? What does it tell us about our ultimate end, about eschatology (the anagogical sense)?

Is this just making something up, or seeing in the Bible what we want to see? No. The Pontifical Biblical Commission reminds us that—from the perspective of faith—this deeper or fuller sense of the Scriptures is available to us because we read the Scriptures “under the influence of the Holy Spirit” (#37). In addition, any interpretation put forth must be seen as something in isolation; it must be consistent with the Scriptures as an integral whole (#38). More on that next month....

PREACHING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: THE SUNDAY HOMILY

Here is an outline of the new Bishops' document on preaching:

0. Introduction
 - a. The Intended Audience and Purpose of This Statement
 - b. Preaching the Sunday Homily and the Current Pastoral Context of the Church in the US
 - c. The Approach of this Statement
1. Part I: The Biblical Foundations for the Church's Preaching Ministry
 - a. Jesus the Word of God Incarnate, and the Preaching Mission of the Apostles
 - b. The Mission of Jesus as Preacher of the Word
 - c. The Kingdom of God as the Keynote of Jesus' Preaching Mission
 - d. Jesus as Prophet and Teacher in the Gospel of Luke
 - i. The Paschal Mystery Informs Human Experience
 - ii. The Mutual Illumination of the Old and New Testaments
 - iii. The Sunday Homily as Integral to the Eucharist
 - iv. The Connection Between Eucharist and Mission
2. Part II: The Ministry of Liturgical Preaching
 - a. The Christological Foundation of the Homily
 - b. The Essential Connection Between Scripture, the Homily, and the Eucharist
 - c. The Sunday Homily, Doctrine, and the Church's Catechesis
 - d. The Role of Scripture in the Homily
 - e. The Homily as an Ecclesial Act
3. Part III: The One Ordained to Preach
 - a. The Preacher as a Man of Holiness
 - b. The Preacher as a Man of Scripture
 - c. The Preacher as a Man of Tradition
 - d. The Preacher as a Man of Communion
 - e. Speaking with Respect and Reverence for Others
4. Part IV: Interpreting the Scriptures and Preparing the Homily
 - a. Interpreting the Scriptures in the Community of Faith
 - b. Preparation for Preaching the Homily
 - c. Assisting Those Who Hear the Scriptures and the Homily
 - d. Life-Long Growth in Preaching
5. Conclusion: Mary as Hearer and Bearer of the Word

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

RESOURCES FOR CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation plays a key part in the New Evangelization, and the US Bishops have issued a letter encouraging the faithful to celebrate the sacrament this Lent. Therefore, I thought I would save you some time, do a search, and make a list of possible resources available to you. These are not recommendations or endorsements, but hopefully a way to save you the time of doing a search yourself.

Inviting to the Sacrament

Pamphlet: “Why Go Back to Confession” (OSV; English and Spanish)
<https://catalog.osv.com/catalog.aspx?search=Reconciliation>

Booklets from Liguori (English and Spanish)

“Why Confess Your Sins to a Priest”

<http://www.liguori.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=4832>

“Why Go to Reconciliation?”

<http://www.liguori.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=4608>

Preparing for the Sacrament

Pamphlet: “A Primer for Confession” (New Hope)
<http://newhope-ky.org/catecheticalpamphlets.html>

Pamphlet Series from Liturgical Press:

“Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confession”

<http://www.litpress.org/Detail.aspx?ISBN=0814621155>

“Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Forgiveness”

<http://www.litpress.org/Detail.aspx?ISBN=0814621163>

“Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sin”

<http://www.litpress.org/Detail.aspx?ISBN=0814621147>

Booklet: “Preparing for Confession: Receiving God’s Mercy” (LTP)

<http://www.ltp.org/p-1234-preparing-for-confession-receiving-gods-mercy.aspx>

Spanish:

<http://www.ltp.org/p-1233-preparndose-para-la-confesin-recibiendo-la-misericordia-de-dios.aspx>

Books from Franciscan Media:

“Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: A Catholic Guide”

<http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=I84476>

“How to Go to Confession When You Don’t Know How”

<http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=B16521>

“Catholic Update Guide to Confession”

<http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=B36003>

Resources from Liguori Publications:

“How to Forgive Yourself and Others Newly Revised and Expanded: Steps to Reconciliation” (also in Spanish)

<http://www.liguori.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=10246>

“How to Make an Examination of Conscience” (also in Spanish)

<http://www.liguori.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=11087>

“Making a Better Confession: A Deeper Examination of Conscience” (also in Spanish)

<http://www.liguori.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=4908>

“Penance and Reconciliation”

<http://www.liguori.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=4887>

Celebrating the Sacrament

Pamphlet: “How to Make a Good Confession” (OSV; English and Spanish)

<https://catalog.osv.com/catalog.aspx?search=Reconciliation>

Card: “Manual for the Penitent” (Liturgical Press)

<http://www.litpress.org/Detail.aspx?ISBN=0814660142>

Card: “Service for Reconciliation” (especially for children; Liguori)

<http://www.liguori.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=4962>

Catholic Updates (Franciscan Media):

“Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrating the Mercy of God”

<http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=C0609>

“How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation Today”

<http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=C0800>

“The Gift of Reconciliation: Ten Tips for Better Confessions”

English: <http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=C0890>

Spanish: <http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=SPC0890>

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrating God’s Forgiveness”

<http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=C0386>

Other Resources

The John Paul II Center (Milwaukee):

<http://www.johnpaul2center.org/LayFormation/SeasonofMercy/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes.htm>

The USCCB

Q&A: <http://nccbuscc.org/liturgy/penance.shtml>

Resources: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/index.cfm>

Video:

http://www.usccb.org/media/video/?bcpid=911432717001&bckey=AQ~~,AAAAdgye3dk~,p0Zv3iru3vKn tdSZldOI6lpJ_Ro3rVN6&bclid=987951262001&bctid=1041603627001

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Vespers Marking the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Bishop Amos will preside and preach at Evening Prayer at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at St. Mary Parish, 228 E. Jefferson St., Iowa City. Following Vespers, five pro-life leaders from the Diocese will witness to their efforts. The evening will conclude with coffee and networking in the parish hall. For more information, please contact the Social Action Office at 563-888-4210 or ferris@davenportdiocese.org.

LiturgyNotes – January 2012

Upcoming Ordinations

Presbyteral Ordinations: May 25, 2013

Diaconal Ordinations: July 13, 2013

Diocesan Liturgies during Lent

Rite of Election: February 17 at 3pm, at St. Patrick in Iowa City. See below for more information.

Chrism Mass: March 18 at 5pm, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport.

Year of Faith Happenings

Please see the Year of Faith calendar for special commemorations around the diocese:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/comm/commlib/DODYearofFaithschedule.pdf>

or

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/yearoffaith.htm>.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

THE RITE OF ELECTION

It's that time again! Lent will be upon us soon... and with it the liturgies of the RCIA. The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent (2/17) at St. Patrick in Iowa City.

We are sending registration information to the parish RCIA contacts this week. For those who direct RCIA programs, please make sure to get your registration form back to us by the end of the month!

RCIA: THE TRIDUUM

Rites for Holy Saturday

The RCIA does contain specific Rites to be celebrated on Holy Saturday. A number of options are possible for the Elect, including the Recitation of the Creed, the Ephphetha Rite, and the Choosing of a Baptismal Name (RCIA #185-205). Candidates for Full Communion and Confirmation should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (if not celebrated at some other point during Lent; see RCIA #408 and 482; *National Statutes* #27).

The Easter Vigil

The order of service varies slightly if the Vigil is celebrated with candidates, catechumens (elect), or both. It is preferable, however, that the reception and confirmation of candidates take place at a Mass different from the Vigil (see *National Statutes* #26). After the homily:

Elect only (RCIA #206-243)	Candidates only (RCIA #473-498)	Elect and Candidates (RCIA #566-594)
1. Baptism 2. Confirmation 3. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water 4. Prayer of the Faithful	1. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water (at the Vigil this replaces the Creed) 2. Celebration of Reception 3. Celebration of Confirmation 4. Prayer of the Faithful	1. Baptism of the Elect 2. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water 3. Celebration of Reception 4. Confirmation of Elect and Candidates 5. Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Weekend of Prayer to End Slavery and Trafficking: January 11-13, 2013

Human trafficking, both for labor and sex, is among the largest and fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world. Labor trafficking dominates much of the world economy, and accounts for upwards of two-thirds of the estimated 27 million people enslaved today. Sex trafficking, the more common form in the United States, depends on the willingness of men to pay for sex, and all too often from minors. The average age at which a girl is forced into prostitution in America is 11-13, and it is the most vulnerable among us who are being abused.

Trafficking exists in every state in our nation, in every major city and, in many cases, even in smaller communities. In the last ten years, efforts to eliminate or reduce trafficking have intensified on both a federal and state level yet trafficking continues to increase. It is morally intolerable that slavery still exists in America in the twenty-first century.

Therefore, we are encouraging parishes to commit to join with clergy and congregations around the country in praying for an end to these atrocities. For more information, or to register your participation, visit: www.weekendofprayer.net.

Here are some possible intercessions for your use on Sunday, January 13 (Baptism of the Lord):

That the baptized would rise up to protect the rights and dignity of those enslaved in labor and sex trafficking. We pray to the Lord...

That those who are enslaved would be freed from their dungeons; that those who enslaved and used them would be brought to justice. We pray to the Lord...

That the human dignity of all, especially the exploited and enslaved, would be protected; and that victims of such abuse would know God’s comfort and healing. We pray to the Lord...

For the protection of human dignity and the rights of workers; for just and safe working conditions; for an end to human trafficking. We pray to the Lord.

Time for the Start of the Easter Vigil

The *Missale Romanum* states that the Easter Vigil is to take place in darkness, after nightfall. Traditionally in this diocese, and according to the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, that has been calculated as 45 minutes to an hour after sunset. Therefore, for the Diocese of Davenport, the Vigil on March 30, 2013, may not begin before 8:15 PM.

World Day for Consecrated Life: February 3

In 1997, Pope John Paul instituted World Day for Consecrated Life. A complete resource kit (PDF download) for this annual event—including liturgy planning guide, music suggestions, homily guide, general intercessions, prayer service, prayer card master, bulletin announcements, clip art, poster, suggested activities and resources—is available from the Serra International at http://www.serraus.org/serrausa/serra_nccv.htm.

The direct link to the PDFs in English and Spanish are:

[http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation_events/wdcl_english\(2013c\).pdf](http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation_events/wdcl_english(2013c).pdf)

[http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation_events/wdcl_spanish\(2013c\).pdf](http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation_events/wdcl_spanish(2013c).pdf)

INTERCESSIONS

(1) "Intercessions for Life" (in English and Spanish) may be found on the USCCB website at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wolarchive.shtml>

(2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) linked to the Lectionary cycle may be found at the For Your Vocation website:

<http://www.foryourvocation.org/vocation-directors/liturgical-resources.cfm>

(3) Lectionary-based intercessions focused on social justice can be found at the Center of Concern website:

<http://www.coc.org/ef>

(4) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

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