

LITURGYNOTES – FOR MARCH 2014

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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New Webpage: Liturgical Formation

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litformation.htm>

FAST—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ABSTINENCE—Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older. If members of the Faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM – POPE FRANCIS ON THE HOMILY

Pope Francis likens preaching to a conversation that a mother has with her child (#139). The preacher must love the ones to whom he preaches—which means listening to their concerns, learning from them, and always have their good at heart. Those of us who listen to preaching are asked to listen with the trusting heart of a child in return. In other words, the homily is, at its heart, a dialogue—and one that echoes the dialogue that God wishes to have with us. As the Holy Father wrote: “The Lord truly enjoys talking with his people; the preacher should strive to communicate that same enjoyment to his listeners” (#141).

A true dialogue is *mutually* enriching, it moves from heart-to-heart. Therefore, preaching can never be “purely moralistic or doctrinaire, or one which turns into a lecture on biblical exegesis” (#142). No, preaching is quasi-sacramental... *truth* is not communicated abstractly but through “the *beauty* of the images used by the Lord to encourage the practice of the *good*” (#142). The language of preaching is particular, incarnate; God speaking to us here and now (#143). For the preacher to speak from the heart must mean not only that his heart is on fire for the love of Christ, but that his heart is also “enlightened by the fullness of revelation” known through the Church and her history (#144).

The excerpts (paragraphs 135-159) are available on our Preaching Links webpage or directly from:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Resources/litTheHomily-fromEvangeliiGaudi.pdf>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent (3/9) at Sacred Heart Cathedral (Davenport) and again on the Second Sunday of Lent (3/16) at St. Mary of the Visitation in Ottumwa. Both liturgies begin at 3pm.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on April 7, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Ordinations

Ordination to the Diaconate

Mr. Chris Young, a former Episcopalian priest, will be ordained to the Diaconate on Tuesday, March 25, at 9:15 a.m. at Assumption High School. Please include Chris in your intercessions as the date approaches. For example:

For Chris Young, and for all preparing for ordained ministry in the Church.
We pray to the Lord.

That Chris Young, and all those called to ordained ministry for the Diocese of Davenport, would faithfully heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Let us pray to the Lord.

Combined Ordination this June

In a combined rite on June 7, Bishop Amos will celebrate ordinations to the Diaconate and Presbyterate for our diocese. Deacons Kevin Anstey, Bob Cloos, and Chris Young will be ordained to the priesthood while seminarians Bill Roush and Guillermo Treviño will be ordained as deacons. The liturgy will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:00 a.m.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Liturgy Day: September 27, 2014

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Tim O'Malley of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. He will also lead a breakout session for youth and youth ministers. Other breakout topics include multigenerational preaching, liturgy and justice, and parish music ministry. We will continue to update you on the day here and on the liturgy events webpage: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, DMin, is a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana, where he serves (among other things) as an Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Religious Education at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Father Brendan enjoys making the Gospel message

accessible to all but particularly to youth and young adults. His doctoral project was directed at bridging the gap between preachers and youth.

He will be presenting a breakout session on *Preaching for Youth that All with Ears Might Hear!*

Preachers are faced with the daunting task of preaching for members of multiple generations at almost every Sunday Eucharist. How does one preach that all with ears might hear? By preaching with youth especially in mind, we open the Word for the young, the old and everyone in-between. This breakout session will explore how preaching for youth can help us make the Word of God more accessible for all. This session is especially helpful for priests and deacons, though catechists, youth, and parents may also find it helpful.

Diocesan Choral Festival: November 16, 2014

In observance of the Memorial of St. Cecilia (actually observed on Nov. 22), we are planning on inviting parishes and schools to send their choirs to a choral festival. Details are still being worked out, but if you are at all interested in participating, please let me know by e-mail (agnoli@davenportdiocese.org) or phone (563-888-4257). *Please note that the date has been changed from November 23 due to a scheduling conflict.*

Virtual Workshops from LTP

LTP is offering a number of “virtual” workshops. Upcoming sessions include:

- Imbued with the Spirit of the Liturgy: Exploring Ten Insights from the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*
- Passing the Ministerial Baton: Techniques for Finding the Next Generation of Liturgical Leaders
- An Introduction to the RCIA: Exploring the Process and the Vision
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word in your Parish: Training Leaders in Theory and Practice
- I Will Proclaim Your Name: Tips for Those Who Proclaim God’s Word

For more information, please see their website: www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.

To All the World: Preaching and the New Evangelization (Notre Dame; June 25-27, 2014)

The details of the conference program may be found on their website:

<http://theology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/the-marten-program/conferences-and-events/to-all-the-world-preaching-and-the-new-evangelization/>

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LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Return to Daylight Savings Time

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 9!

Canonizations of Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II

Blessed Popes John XXIII and John Paul II are set to be canonized on April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). Parishes may want to use the following prayer (or something similar) to close the intercessions that day:

Merciful God,
who in the Popes, Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II
gave to the whole world
shining examples of good shepherds,
grant that, through their intercession,
we may joyfully share the fullness of Christian charity
and proclaim the saving grace of Christ, our Redeemer.
In whose name we pray.
Amen.

The Month of May

May is traditionally regarded as a Marian month. Please recall, however, that the Easter Season (including Pentecost) should remain the primary focus in both prayer and in the liturgical environment. Popular devotions are to take their life from the liturgy, not overshadow it.

Sunday, May 11, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also Mother's Day this year. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery and the Easter Season. The Book of Blessings (#1724ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use. The same applies to Father's Day, June 15 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Amos

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Amos, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on June 7 this year. The Mass "For the Bishop" (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I. For the Church 3. For the Bishop) with its appropriate readings should be celebrated. It would also be appropriate to include a particular petition for the Bishop as part of the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of June 7-8 (Pentecost).

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) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:

http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx

(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/>

(5) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:
<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>

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