

LITURGYNOTES – FOR NOVEMBER 2012

THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL – NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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[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)

NEW OPTIONAL MEMORIAL: BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II

In the United States, October 22 is now designated as the Optional Memorial for Blessed Pope John Paul II. The proper liturgical texts are available on the Liturgy Events webpage, or by clicking on this direct link: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Resources/litJPIItext.pdf>.

IS THE GLORIA OMITTED IF NOT SUNG?

If the *Gloria* is called for in the rubrics, it is not to be omitted. If not sung, it is recited.

THE YEAR OF FAITH: VATICAN II AND THE LITURGY

SACROSANCTUM CONCILIIUM – CHAPTER III

Chapter III of the Constitution covers the Sacraments other than Eucharist as well as the sacramentals of the Church. The chapter begins with the observation that sacraments not only presuppose faith, but “nourish, strengthen, and express it” (#59). Sacraments (and sacramentals) engage us through the senses: “There is hardly any proper use of material things which cannot thus be directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God” (#61).

This is not an insignificant statement; it is a reminder that for us as Catholics the world is not an evil place to be escaped – but space and time are where we encounter God.

This chapter calls for the revision of all the rites, but does not give detailed specifics; that work would be left to special commissions.

Of particular note in this section is the call to renew the ancient catechumenate (#64-66) – what we now call the RCIA, one of the greatest accomplishments of the Council and, unfortunately, one aspect of the Church’s vision for the renewed liturgy that has yet to be fully implemented in every parish.

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

Part I: Verbum Dei (continued)

One of the key points in *Verbum Domini* is that God wants a dialogical relationship with us. Of course, this is not a dialogue of equals – primacy belongs to the word spoken by God to us. It is that word (revelation) that calls forth a response from us. What is that proper response? Faith (#23). Faith is much more than giving our assent to theological propositions. Faith begins with an encounter, a meeting made possible through the Holy Spirit. This encounter is transformative; we are different because of it. We are created anew. But such a relationship is not automatic; there remains “the tragic possibility that human freedom can withdraw from this covenant dialogue with God for which we were created” (#26). Such a stance of refusal to listen, refusal to obey (the word “obedience” at its root means to listen intently) is what we call sin. The exemplar of faithfully hearing the word of God and acting upon it in freedom is Mary, whom the document calls the “Mother of God’s Word” as well as “Mother of Faith” (#27).

Next time: Interpretation of Sacred Scripture in the Church

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

REVISED POLICIES AND LITURGY PREPARATION FORMS

The preparation forms for liturgies with the Bishop (Solemn Liturgies, Funerals with the Bishop, Confirmations) have been revised, as have been the related policies (The Bishop in the Liturgy, the Confirmation Compendium).

Other revised/updated policies include: Building and Renovation Projects, Eucharist for those with Gluten or Alcohol Intolerance, Funeral Policies & Guidelines, Implementation of *Summorum pontificum*, and Music Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage.

The revised policies will be distributed to the clergy for their handbooks at the Fall Clergy Overnighter, and will be included in the new parish manual. Or you may visit the liturgy library page to download the policies and preparation forms (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litlibrary.htm>).

RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

NOTE: Deaneries planning their Year of Faith liturgies with the Bishop may find these texts helpful.

Mass for the New Evangelization

Mass texts for the Mass for the New Evangelization have been approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome. This Mass is intended to be used during the Year of Faith; the norms for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions apply.

The texts are available on our Year of Faith liturgy page: (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/yearoffaithlit.htm>) or directly at these two links:

English:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Temporary/litMassForTheNewEvangelization-English.pdf>

Spanish:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Temporary/litMisaPorLaNuevaEvangelizacion-Espanol.pdf>

Official Hymn

The Vatican has also published an official hymn for the Year of Faith – *Credo, Domine*. It is available on the website above and through this direct link:

http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Temporary/litCREDO_DOMINE_EN.pdf



*Don't forget...
Set your clocks back an hour
this weekend!*

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 4...

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Ordination: December 15

The ordination of Deacon Steve Witt to the presbyterate will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m. Please keep Deacon Witt, and all our seminarians in your prayers. In particular, leading up to his ordination, it would be proper to mention Deacon Witt in the Prayer of the Faithful; for example:

For Steve Witt; that his priestly ministry in the Diocese of Davenport would be blessed with good fruit. We pray to the Lord.

That Steve Witt, and all those preparing for priestly service, would follow the example of the Good Shepherd. We pray to the Lord.

Looking Ahead to More Ordinations

Presbyteral Ordinations: May 25, 2013 (tentative)

Diaconal Ordinations: July 13, 2013

Looking Ahead to Lent

Rite of Election: February 17 at 3pm, at St. Patrick in Iowa City.

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>.

CONTINUING FORMATION

Don't Forget - Music Workshop this Saturday (November 3)

Choir directors and members, accompanists, cantors, and anyone involved in music ministry are invited to a workshop on Saturday, November 3, from 9am to 12 noon at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. For the first hour, the workshop will focus on selecting music for the liturgy in a hands-on format. For the final two hours, accompanists will meet in one group and cantors/singers in another to review and work on their particular ministries. Cost is \$10 at the door. If you are planning on attending, please notify Patti McTaggart by phone (319-337-4314) or e-mail (pmctaggart@icstmary.org) so we can plan for the proper number of participants. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing (and hearing) you there!

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Precatechumenate and Catechumenate

As the name implies, the *Rite* of Christian Initiation of Adults is marked by the liturgical celebration of the journey towards full initiation through the Easter Sacraments. Most RCIA teams are well aware that the transition from the Precatechumenate to the Catechumenate is celebrated through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (RCIA §§ 41-74), and that the transition from Catechumen to one of the Elect is celebrated in the Rite of Election, preceded by the Rite of Sending (§§ 106-117). There are analogous celebrations for those baptized in other Christian communities who are journeying to full communion (§§ 411-458).

During the Catechumenate (see §§ 75-80 for introduction), a number of other rites are available for those not baptized that you may want to use. A number of these may be celebrated by the catechist rather than requiring an ordained minister; please see the texts in question for details.

- Celebrations of the Word of God (§§81-89)
- Minor Exorcisms (§§ 90-94)
- Blessing of Catechumens (§§ 95-97)
- Anointing of Catechumens (§§ 98-103).

In addition, the Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer may be celebrated during this time if necessary (§§ 104-5).

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18-25

During this week, the whole Christian community throughout the world is invited to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). The theme for this year’s Week of Prayer is “What does God require of us?” (cf. Micah 6:6-8). For more information and for resources, please go to <http://www.geii.org/>.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Tuesday, January 22

January 22 has been designated by the U.S. Bishops as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

In the third edition of the Roman Missal, two options are given from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: (1) For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (#48/1; white vestments) or (2) For the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30; with violet vestments).

Resources for observing this day can be found on the USCCB website:
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/>.

Please consider using the following (from Archbishop Thomas Collins of Toronto) as part of your Prayer of the Faithful, as appropriate:

“That the scourge of abortion be lifted from our land, that those who promote it may be brought to a change of heart, that all who are tempted to abortion may be lovingly helped to protect the precious gift of life, and that all who have experienced an abortion may be comforted with the healing gift of love.”

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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