

LITURGYNOTES – FOR APRIL 2012

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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CONFIRMATION AND THE GLORIA

In the Roman Missal, Third Edition, the rubrics call for the *Gloria* more frequently than before. Nine out of the ten Ritual Masses prescribe the *Gloria*, the only exception being the Mass for the Institution of Lectors and Acolytes. These Masses are all treated as if they were Feasts, and the *Gloria* is used for them even when celebrated during Advent or Lent.

Thus, Masses for Confirmation, Holy Orders, or Marriage would include the *Gloria*, even when they occur during Advent or Lent. (It should be noted, though, that Ritual Masses are prohibited on Sundays of Advent and Lent; so if a Mass of the season is being celebrated then the *Gloria* is not used.)

It also therefore follows that for these Ritual Masses during Lent there is no restriction on flowers (GIRM #305) or instrumental music (GIRM #313).

THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL – IN SPANISH

The USCCB continues to work on third edition of the *Misal Romano* for the United States. The USCCB is also working on catechetical materials and updating the Roman Missal website – and developing a timeline for the publication of the *Misal Romano*.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

The Rite(s) of Election... the dedication of a gorgeous, renovated church in Centerville... the Chrism Mass.... A tremendous amount of work goes into preparing these liturgies and celebrating them well. So my thanks to the many individuals who took such an active part in these celebrations: those behind the scenes, the liturgical musicians and ministers, the clergy of the diocese, and especially those who gathered to worship. Please know of my gratitude, and of my hopes for a joyous Triduum!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FUNERALS IN LENT

The article in last month's issue of the *LiturgyNotes* on weddings in Lent prompted a pastor to inquire about flowers at funerals in Lent. According to the USCCB's Office of Divine Worship, the pastoral care and consolation of the bereaved that is signified by flowers at funerals outweighs the restriction placed by the liturgical season. Therefore, we will amend our diocesan funeral policy to reflect that flowers may be used for funeral liturgies during Lent. The new paragraph in the policy will read:

The liturgical norms governing liturgy in the various seasons are to be respected. For example, during Lent: the *Gloria* and *Alleluia* are not used (GIRM #53, 62), and the use of musical instruments is only allowed in order to support singing (that is, no instrumental music is allowed; GIRM #313). While flowers are not usually used during Lent (GIRM #305), if the family requests that they be allowed as a reminder of others' condolences and a source of consolation, the pastor may allow their use during the funeral rites.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Jacob Greiner will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please include Jacob in your intercessions as the date approaches. For example:

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

That Jacob Greiner, 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.

North American Forum on the Catechumenate

The Forum will be returning to the Diocese of Davenport on July 6-7 to present a workshop on Evangelization. For more than the immediate RCIA Team, this event will deepen participants' passion for evangelization and present practical approaches to this essential ministry.

The Forum will also be in the Archdiocese of Dubuque on July 27-28, at St. Stephen the Witness, Cedar Falls. The focus will be the content of the weekly session with catechumens and candidates. Msgr. Michael Clay and Sr. Donna Stephen will be the speakers for the two-day institute called, "Echoing God's Word." Register as soon as possible because this will be announced nationally and draw in people from the Midwest. Go now to www.naforum.org to register and click on "register for an institute".

We Preach Christ Crucified: A Conference on Catholic Preaching: Notre Dame (June 25-27, 2012)

The details of the conference program may be found on their website: <http://martenprogram.nd.edu/>.

To register for the conference, please use this link:

<http://conferences.nd.edu/events/we-preach-christ-crucified-a-conference-on-catholic-preaching>

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Ordinary Time

As you begin looking ahead to ordinary time—and especially weekday celebrations—please remember that a wealth of Votive Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are available. You may also want to consider a number of rites from the Book of Blessings as the summer approaches, for example:

- *For new drivers, especially as school lets out:* Order for the Blessing of the Various Means of Transportation.
- *Especially for rural parishes:* Order for the Blessing of Boats and Fishing Gear; Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks; and Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time.
- *Since this is a common time for moves to take place:* Order for Welcoming of New Parishioners; and Order for the Blessing of a Departing Parishioner.

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/index_sunday.html

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