

LITURGYNOTES – FOR APRIL 2014

FROM THE USCCB: NEWS ON SPANISH-LANGUAGE LITURGICAL BOOKS FOR THE U.S.

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THE LECTIONARY (*El Leccionario de la Misa*)

The U.S. edition of the *Leccionario de la Misa* was confirmed by the Holy See on June 12, 2013. Since that time, arrangements have been made to set an implementation date and prepare the text for publication. The *Leccionario de la Misa* may enter into use as of Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 (the “first use” date). A three-month *vacatio legis* period will follow, after which the use of the U.S. *Leccionario* will be mandatory as of Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 (the “must use” date). After that time, no other Spanish versions of the *Leccionario* will be permitted for liturgical use in the United States, including the Mexican edition currently in widespread use.

USCCB Communications will be the sole publisher of the *Leccionario* for use in the United States, with an expected delivery date of February 1, 2015. A date for pre-orders will be announced in the near future.

Like its English counterpart, the new *Leccionario* will be published in four volumes. All readings will be printed in sense lines, facilitating easier proclamation of the Word of God; most Spanish-language *Leccionarios* currently in use do not include this feature. The U.S. *Leccionario* will also be up-to-date in the Proper of Saints section, featuring suggested readings for saints and blessed added to the General Roman Calendar and U.S. proper calendar through 2013, which would not be included in the English-language *Lectionary for Mass* (for example, St. Rita of Cascia, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Marianne Cope, and Blessed John Paul II).

As the *Leccionario* is published, USCCB Communications and the Secretariat of Divine Worship are working diligently on offering the daily Mass readings in Spanish on the USCCB website (both text and audio). There has been great demand and an urgent pastoral need for this service, and the USCCB will endeavor to complete the task before the end of this year.

Finally, a Spanish-language Book of the Gospels, the *Evangelario*, will follow shortly after the publication of the four-volume *Leccionario*. There are few editions currently available for the *Evangelario*, and those that are for sale are usually very expensive. The U.S. edition will be of high quality and reasonable in pricing.

THE MISSAL (*Misal Romano, Tercera Edición*)

The base text of the *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición*, together with additional U.S. propers and adaptations, was approved by the body of Bishops at the November 2013 plenary meeting (another set of U.S. propers and adaptations was approved in June 2011). The U.S. *Misal Romano* has been sent to the Holy See for the *recognitio*. Because the base text was previously approved in 2012 for the dioceses of Mexico, the USCCB expects a speedy confirmation from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

When published, the U.S. *Misal Romano* will mirror the layout and content of the English-language *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. Unlike other Spanish-language editions, the U.S. *Misal Romano* will include the music for all the dialogues and each Preface alongside the text, plus additional music in an appendix. The chant settings being composed at this time are designed to mirror the intonations of the *Roman Missal*. While possessing all the requisite texts, the U.S. *Misal Romano* will also include several additional Mass formularies and Prefaces in the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in order to encourage Marian devotion. Finally, an appendix will include Mass formularies of the patron saints from 21 Latin American countries, a recognition of the presence of many immigrant populations among the Spanish-speaking faithful in the United States.

It is important to realize that once the *Misal Romano* has been confirmed and its text fully implemented, no other editions of the *Misal Romano* will be permitted for liturgical use in the United States. In addition, U.S.-based liturgical publishers will only be permitted to sell the U.S. edition of the *Misal Romano*, to the exclusion of other countries' editions. This is necessary to ensure that liturgical books are uniform in churches throughout the United States. As the process of approving and implementing the *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición* continues, further updates will be given as necessary.

Speaking of the Missal...

Just a reminder regarding the Prayers over the People.... As you have probably noticed, the Mass formularies for the Lenten Season include a Prayer over the People for use in the concluding rites at Mass. Please remember that their use is *required* on Sundays (and optional, though certainly encouraged, on weekdays).

EVANGELII GAUDIUM – POPE FRANCIS ON THE HOMILY

In the next section of EG, Pope Francis offers his own method for preparing to preach. First, he makes the case that preachers must devote a suitable amount of time to this ministry: it requires prayer, study, and undivided attention (#145-46). The first step is to turn to the Holy Spirit in a spirit of humility: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (#46).

Next, we need to study the text, to understand the meaning of the words. This is the hard work of exegesis and literary analysis, of bridging the gap between our day and the original context that gave rise to the scriptures. The task here is to discover what the original author intended to say, what the Church calls the *literal* (not "literal") meaning. It is this original intention—whether consolation, exhortation, praise, lament, encouragement, teaching, or whatever—that ought to guide our preaching (#147).

The readings given to us in the lectionary must not be read in isolation; they are to be interpreted in light of the whole Bible and the whole of Tradition. This wider view helps to keep us from preaching “our” message instead of the text’s (#148). Likewise, the biblical texts must not be approached simply as ancient texts to be studied, but in deep prayer (the Holy Father specifically mentions the method of *lectio divina* in #152-53). The preacher must have an abiding and “personal familiarity with the word of God;” he ought to be steeped in the scriptures (#149) and be transformed by them (#150-51). Of course, this is a life-long journey.

Just as the text itself and the person of the preacher are part of the homiletic mix, so, too, is the community. The preacher must “must keep his ear to the people and... discover what it is that the faithful need to hear” (#154). He adds: “A preacher has to contemplate the word, but he also has to contemplate his people.” The preacher ought not waste time responding “to questions that nobody asks” but instead needs to make connections between the scriptural text and the concrete situation of the community, the real lives of people (#154-55).

The Holy Father closes this section of EG with a mention of various “resources” for preaching: the use of vivid imagery, simple language, and a positive message (#157-59).

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>.

Interested in other thoughts on Pope Francis’ insights into preaching? See Deacon Bill Ditewig’s blog: <http://billditewig.wordpress.com/2014/02/25/preaching-like-the-pope-in-nine-easy-lessons/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Chrism Mass

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

Upcoming Ordinations

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

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preaching, liturgy and justice, and parish music ministry. Please see the liturgy events webpage for details: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

Registration information will be posted as soon as possible.

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).

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/>

National Association of Pastoral Musicians: July 14-18

NPM will be holding their annual meeting in Saint Louis this year, with the theme: Proclaim the Good News! More information is available on their website: <http://www.npm.org/>.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: October 1-3

Save the date... the FDLC will also be holding their annual meeting close to us: just outside of Chicago! The focus for this gathering is the RCIA. More information to follow soon.

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) 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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