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NAVIGATING THE *ROMAN MISSAL*: CHRISTMAS TIME

GLOSSARY

What was:	Is now:
Proper of Seasons	Proper of Time
Christmas Season	Christmas Time <i>also</i> Days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] <i>and</i> Weekdays of Christmas Time (that follow the Epiphany of the Lord)
Christmas (i.e., the day)	The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas], Solemnity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vigil Mass • Mass at Midnight • Mass at Dawn • Mass during the Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Vigil Mass • At the Mass during the Night • At the Mass at Dawn • At the Mass during the Day
Holy Family	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast
Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God <i>long form</i> : The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas]: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Epiphany	The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

WHAT IS NEW

The Epiphany of the Lord, At the Vigil Mass is included in the *Roman Missal*.

Items formerly included in the *Sacramentary Supplement* (2004) and now included in the *Roman Missal*:

- **January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus**, Optional Memorial, now in the Proper of Saints

- **The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ** from the *Roman Martyrology* (formerly listed as *The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ* in the *Sacramentary Supplement*) is included at the end of **Appendix I** of the *Roman Missal*. “This text ... may be chanted or recited, most appropriately on December 24, during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. It may also be chanted or recited before the beginning of Christmas Mass during the Night. It may not replace any part of the Mass.” A recording of the chant is available at <http://www.npm.org/Chants/others.html>.
- **The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts** (formerly listed as *The Proclamation of the Date of Easter* in the *Sacramentary Supplement*) is included in **Appendix I** of the *Roman Missal*. It may be proclaimed on the Epiphany of the Lord after the Gospel at the Mass during the Day by a Deacon or cantor. A recording of the chant is available at <http://www.npm.org/Chants/others.html>.

WHERE TO FIND

Title or Item:	Place in <i>Roman Missal</i> :
The three Feasts within the Octave: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 26, Saint Stephen, the First Martyr • December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist • December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 	All three days (December 26, 27, and 28) are located solely in the Proper of Saints (they were also repeated among the Christmas texts in the <i>Sacramentary</i>)
Weekdays of Christmas Time	They remain in the Proper of Time but are no longer divided into two groupings: before and after Epiphany. Instead, one weekday set of Christmas Time texts follow the Epiphany of the Lord. Note: there are two Collects – one for use before and the other for use after the Solemnity.
Preface for the Baptism of the Lord	With proper prayers for the Feast.
Solemn Blessings , optional texts for Sundays and Solemnities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Nativity of the Lord: 2. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: 3. For the Epiphany of the Lord: 	Blessings at the End of Mass and Prayers over the People ” is the section immediately following the Concluding Rites of the Order of Mass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no. 2, The Nativity of the Lord; • no. 2, The Nativity of the Lord OR no. 3, The Beginning of the Year; • no. 4, The Epiphany of the Lord

DUBIA AND OTHER ISSUES

1. See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* [UNLYC] (formerly *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*):
 - no. 32 on the ancient custom – to celebrate the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and his early manifestations,
 - no. 33 on Christmas Time beginning with Evening Prayer I of the Nativity of the Lord and ending with the Baptism of the Lord,
 - no. 34 on the Masses and times of the Nativity of the Lord,
 - no. 35 on the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.
 - no. 36 on the Second Sunday after the Nativity – NOTE, it is not used in the Dioceses of the United States of America,
 - no. 37 on the Epiphany of the Lord assigned to the Sunday following January 1, and
 - no. 38 on the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday falling after January 6, but when the Epiphany of the Lord occurs on January 7 or 8, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday (as is the case in 2012).
2. See *Lectionary for Mass*, the Introduction, Chapter V for a brief description of the Order of Readings for this liturgical time:
 - no. 95 on the Solemnities, Feast, and Sundays and
 - no. 96 on the Weekdays.
3. Order for the Blessing of a Christmas Tree; *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 49, nos. 1570 ff. – may be used on or before Christmas.
4. Order for the Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene; *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 48, nos. 1541 ff. – may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another more suitable time.
5. Although the *Roman Missal* includes this rubric at the Baptism of the Lord, “the Creed is said” , it is not used when the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to Monday (as is the case in 2012) since the Creed is not proscribed for a Feast.
6. Genuflection during the Creed on the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas]: The rubric calls for all to kneel when recalling the Incarnation (“and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man”) at all four Masses.
7. The *Gloria* (Glory to God) is sung each day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.
8. Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, no. 25 – At the Beginning of the Civil Year and no. 30 – Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice may not be used on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.