

LITURGYNOTES – FOR FEBRUARY 2011

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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WORKSHOP UPDATE

By the time you receive this, we will have held 3 of our 6 deanery workshops; hopefully the weather will continue to hold for the Keokuk, Clinton, and Ottumwa Deaneries!

Looking ahead, we have our musician workshops in May. Please note, however, that we've moved the May 7 session from Pella to Newton. The registration forms for the Music Workshops will be posted on the diocesan RM3 webpage:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm#register2>.

The purpose of these workshops is to introduce the music ministry leadership (choir/music directors, keyboardists, cantors) of our communities to Mass settings from each of the three major publishers. The morning will begin with a keynote address on "Introducing New Mass Settings in a Parish" from Alan Hommerding (May 7) or Jerry Galipeau (May 21) from WLP. They will then lead a choral reading of the Mass settings we have selected from their collection. The afternoon will be spent in three breakout sessions practicing with Mass settings from GIA, OCP, and the ICEL chants.

NEW WEBPAGE

At the recommendation of those attending the Davenport Deanery workshop, I have posted a new webpage dedicated to assisting parishes with the practicalities of implementing the new Missal:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissalQA.htm>.

The page features a Q&A section, strategies and ideas for implementing the Missal, and parish stories. Just send your questions, ideas, and stories to me (MS Word format) and I will post them.

Diocesan Roman Missal Website -
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm>.

Start date for new Roman Missal: November 27, 2011
None of the new texts may be used until then!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

“CONFIRMATION SEASON” STARTING UP...

In anticipation of upcoming celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation in parishes, please keep in mind that preparation sheets are due back to me at least 2 weeks before the scheduled liturgy. The preparation forms are on the diocesan website at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litlibrary.htm>.

Please note that the liturgy office will be closed from March 24 through April 1. Please plan accordingly in regards to getting your planning sheets to me in a timely manner.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The Rite will be celebrated at Saint Patrick Church, Iowa City, on Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. Please remember that the Rite of Election is not optional: one must be “elected” for the Easter Sacraments by the Bishop (or his delegate). I would hope that we would see this as not just a “legal hoop” to jump through, but as a living sign of our unity as a diocesan church. In case of inclement weather, our alternative date and time are: Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m.

Detailed information—and a registration form—has been sent by separate e-mail to parishes, clergy, Parish Life Administrators, and RCIA Coordinators. The documents are also posted on the diocesan website (look under Liturgy Events). **Please note that registration information was due back to us by January 31!**

Website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

The Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, on Monday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. I would ask that we all encourage the members of our parishes—especially those in the RCIA or preparing for Confirmation—to attend this beautiful and important liturgy. Information on “ordering” oils will be sent to priests/parishes this month.

The Care and Reception of the Sacred Oils

Only the Sacred Oils blessed at the Chrism Mass are to be used in the following year. The new oils are to be received by the parish on Holy Thursday (<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/holyoils.shtml>), and the old oils are to be disposed of properly. For details, please see our diocesan Liturgy Events webpage: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litCareandReceptionofSacredOils.pdf>.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Information regarding the annual Notre Dame Center for Liturgy conference and the annual meeting of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians is available on our diocesan website at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm#formation>.

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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA: MYSTAGOGY

In the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis (or Mystagogy), a number of rites can be celebrated—the most important of which are the “neophyte Masses” in which all those who have been baptized at the Vigil gather together again to celebrate the liturgy. Pentecost Sunday and the anniversary of their baptism would be other special days to keep in mind. Please see RCIA #244-251.

RCIA AND ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

There are times when a member of an Eastern Orthodox Church requests to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. It is important that those who work in RCIA and related ministries are aware of the important differences between an Orthodox and an Anglican or Protestant who wishes to come into full communion because there are important implications that affect other sacraments (such as marriage and orders) later. For details, please see the document, “RCIA and Orthodox Christians” found at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litRCIAOrthodox.pdf>.

LITURGY RESOURCE

DIVINE WORSHIP AND HUMAN HEALING: LITURGICAL THEOLOGY AT THE MARGINS OF LIFE AND DEATH BY BRUCE MORRILL, SJ

Available from the Liturgical Press (Collegeville, MN), this book is an essential read for those who minister sacramentally and otherwise to the sick and dying and their families. Fr. Morrill, whose theological writings are informed by years of pastoral experience, begins by reflecting on the distinctions between illness and sickness, curing and healing. Exploring the notions of Christ the Healer and the paschal mystery make up the second part of the book. The final chapters deal with the rites used to minister to the sick and dying, as well as the Church’s funeral rites. As Joyce Ann Zimmerman mentions in her own review (*Liturgical Ministry* 19, Fall 2010): “Read it; you’ll never minister the same again.”

LITURGY PREPARATION

THE FOOTWASHING

We are often asked whether or not it is permissible for women to have their feet washed. The answer is yes. Another question that is asked is whether or not we may substitute the washing of feet with the washing of hands. The answer is no. For details, see <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litTheFootwashingQA.pdf>.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Time for the Start of the Easter Vigil

The *Missale Romanum* states that the Easter Vigil is to take place in darkness, after nightfall. Traditionally in this diocese, and according to the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, that has been calculated as 45 minutes to an hour after sunset. Therefore, for the Diocese of Davenport, the Vigil on April 23, 2011, may not begin before 8:45 PM.

Easter Season and Pentecost

- The days of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response (just for the octave; not for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.
- The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Information for celebrating the day may be found on the USCCB website at: <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/innews/022003.shtml>.
- Have the neophytes (the newly baptized) sit in a special place during the Easter Season. Remember them in the intercessions. Please see RCIA #244-251.
- The paschal candle should be kept by the altar or ambo, and lit during liturgies until Evening Prayer II on Pentecost.
- The Easter Season is a great time to celebrate infant baptisms at the Sunday liturgy, and to use the Sprinkling Rite (see below) instead of the Penitential Rite.
- This is also a traditional time for home blessings (see Book of Blessings #1597-1621).
- Remember: we “fast for 40” but we “feast for 50!!”

Easter Sprinkling Rite

It is common to celebrate the Sprinkling Rite instead of the Act of Penitence on the Sundays of the Easter Season. However, sometimes a concern is raised that the Introductory Rites become too “prominent” – with entrance hymn, a hymn during the sprinkling, and then the *Gloria*. Some have attempted to solve this dilemma by doing the sprinkling during the *Gloria*, but such an approach distorts the structure of the Sprinkling Rite (the closing prayer often gets abandoned) and misunderstands the purpose of the *Gloria*—which is to give praise to God in *response* to the Act of Penitence (or Sprinkling Rite). Such a practice should be discontinued.

While using the rite as found in the Missal is certainly fine, for those who find that three musical pieces so close together makes for Introductory Rites that are too busy, please allow me to recommend the solution offered in the US Bishops' *Introduction to the Order of Mass* (#74). An outline of the rite as described there is found on our website on the Liturgy Events page. The direct URL is: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litEasterSprinklingRite.pdf>.

INTERCESSIONS

(1) “Intercessions for Life” may be found on the USCCB website at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wolarchive.shtml>

(2) Monthly intercession for vocations (courtesy of Fr. Marty Goetz, Director of Vocations):

That those now discerning their vocations will be released from the chains of fear and disbelief and follow the Lord generously as priests, deacons and in the religious life, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....

(3) Weekly intercessions:

- March 6 9th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That the nations of the world may build lasting peace on the bedrock of the Gospels; we pray...
- March 13 1st SUNDAY OF LENT
That, led by the Spirit to embrace prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the church may learn anew that we do not live by bread alone; we pray...
- March 20 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
That the despair of those in need may be transfigured into hope by the charity of Christians who have embraced the discipline of Lent; we pray...
- March 27 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
That Christians might put a high priority on seeking the gift of compassion so that they can bring life giving water to those in need; we pray...

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