

Dear companions at the Table,

I am hoping that you are all well in spite of the flooding that has affected our diocese and our state. Please know that our prayers are with all of you who have been affected. To that end, I am attaching a prayer service that was written for the Archdiocese of Dubuque and which you are free to use or modify for your own needs.

With this month's edition, we are continuing our multi-part series on the new Roman Missal, *Sing to the Lord*, and Popular Devotions. In regards to the latter, if any parishes have a devotional practice that they would like to share, please e-mail me and we'll try to include it.

Please note the information regarding Labor Day and September 11; while civil observances, there are ways to appropriately include them in our liturgical life.

Finally, please recall that we are doing SCAP training this month; see the article below for details and give me a call if you have any questions.

Please let me know if there is any way that I can be of better service to you,

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

LOOKING AHEAD: RITE OF ELECTION, CHRISM MASS, EASTER VIGIL

The Rite of Election will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Davenport on the First Sunday of Lent—March 1, 2009—at 3pm and 6pm. The Rite will be celebrated again at St. Mary of the Visitation in Ottumwa on the following Sunday, March 8, at 3pm.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 30. The time and place are still to be determined.

Since it is the clear intention of the Church that the Easter Vigil not begin until after dark, this coming year the Vigil may not begin until 8:30pm Daylight Savings Time on April 11, 2009.

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL (PART 3)

As we've mentioned, in 2000 we were given new principles for the translation of liturgical texts. The Instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, laid out a number of important principles for translators to follow. Our series on the reasons behind the call for a more literal rendering of the original Latin texts into English continues...

Second, the use of dynamic equivalence sometimes led to the loss of time-honored, traditional phrasing—phrasing that has been maintained in other translations. There are a number of expressions and responses in the liturgy that have a rich heritage, and there is a perceived need to recover those connections. A good example of this is the response to, “The Lord be with you.” The Latin text, and the translations in other languages, give the response as: “And with your spirit.”

Regained is not only our unity with the Universal Church, but also the richness that comes from various scriptural allusions (Gal 6:18, 2 Tim 4:22, Philemon 25) and even the theme of “spirit” itself. Relying on Paul, the sense here is that “spirit” is more than just our isolated selves (“you”), but the spirit of God for and within us. You may want to see Peter Jeffery’s article, “A Chant Historian Reads *Liturgiam Authenticam* 4: Human and Angelic Tongues” in the July 2004 issue of *Worship* for details.

To be continued...

“SING TO THE LORD” (PART 2)

This year, the US Bishops revised their document on liturgical music, *Music in Catholic Worship* under the new title *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*. In giving us this document, the US Bishops hope to “provide direction to those preparing for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy” and “draw all who worship the Lord into the fullness of liturgical, musical prayer” (introduction and foreword). We continue our musical “examination of conscience” in this issue of *LiturgyNotes*; these questions are more particular to our priests and deacons:

- Do I sing the presidential prayers and dialogues of the liturgy according to my capabilities (§19)?
- In so doing, am I sensitive to their dialogic nature so that I don’t sing the people’s response with them (§21)?
- Do I sing the parts of the Eucharistic Prayer and other chants like the *Exsultet*, for which musical notation is provided in the missal, when appropriate (§§20, 23)?
- Do I chant the Gospel on more solemn occasions (§§20, 23)?

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Sing to the Lord is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/SingToTheLord.pdf>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP)

This summer, the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be offering certification workshops for leaders of Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest. The meeting dates are as follows:

Group	Day	Time	Place
Davenport Deanery	Sat, July 12	9am-noon	CTK Chapel, St. Ambrose
Keokuk Deanery	Sat, July 19	9am-noon	Sacred Heart, Ft. Madison
Clinton Deanery	Sun, July 20	1pm-4pm	St. Joseph, DeWitt
Grinnell/Ottumwa Deaneries	Sat, July 26	9am-noon	St. Mary, Oskaloosa
Iowa City Deanery	Sat, July 26	12noon-3pm	St. Mary, Iowa City

Parishes have been sent a detailed instruction packet, including two DVDs of a presentation on the new SCAP ritual. Briefly, Pastors are asked to nominate two individuals for certification. These two will watch the DVD and then attend one of the workshops listed above. After successful completion, they will be appointed by Bishop Amos for this ministry. Those who completed the course work in the current MFP Liturgy Year do not have to attend the workshop or watch the DVD; they may be nominated directly by their pastor.

David Haas Coming to OLV!

David Haas is coming to Our Lady of Victory Parish in Davenport! An accomplished composer and educator, David will offer both a performance/mission-style talk for all ages on Friday, September 12, at 7:30 PM (free will donation) and an all-day workshop for musicians and/or all those interested in good liturgy on Saturday, September 13 (\$10 fee). Both events are being held in the church. Plan to come for one or both opportunities. For more information, please contact Trish Gallagher, 391-8384.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Observing Labor Day: September 1

Parishes may want to take the opportunity to celebrate the Mass for the Blessing of Human Labor (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions #25). The Preface would be for Independence Day and Other Civic Holidays I-II, the readings taken from 907-911, and the vestments white.

The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Pastoral visits could be made to places of work, and the following rites be used:

- 18. Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory
- 23. Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment
- 26. Blessing of Fields and Flocks

Or, at Sunday Masses or at Mass on Labor Day itself, workers could bring the tools of their trades to be blessed:

- 24. Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work

Special attention should be paid to laborers and those seeking work during the Prayer of the Faithful, as should those who are treated unjustly in the workplace. For example, the following

intercessions / litany may be used or adapted (modified from those written by Patrick Gorman, Director of Worship for the Diocese of Madison, and printed in “Putting Labor into Labor Day Services” [National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice], reproduced with permission):

Priest Celebrant: Friends, let us offer our prayer to God, who pronounced all creation good, who sent the Son to live and work as one like us, and who calls us to serve the poor and those oppressed.

Deacon/Reader: For all those who work; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who are unemployed or underemployed, or have lost their jobs because of changing economic conditions; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For migrant workers and all who work the land; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For all employers, that they may seek to provide a just work environment; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

Priest Celebrant: Loving God, through your Son you gave us an example to love one another as he loved us. Give us the strength to continue working to reveal your reign here on earth – a reign of justice and peace, kindness and compassion, grace and mercy. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. (Amen)

September 11

A special “Blue Mass” for police officers and firefighters, remembering those who have given their lives for others, may be celebrated today. The Mass *For Those Who Serve in Public Office* (#18) may be used.

Other Masses for Various Needs and Occasions that may be considered for use this day include:

22. For Peace and Justice

42. For Promoting Harmony

In addition, the Mass for the Dead may be celebrated, recalling all who lost their lives on September 11, and since, due to terrorism and war.

Finally, it would be good to remember the dead and those who continue to suffer the after-effects of 9-11 as part of the Prayer of the Faithful on Sunday the 7th as well. For example:

For those who died on September 11, 2001; for their families and friends who mourn them; we pray to the Lord:

For those who serve others at the risk of their own lives; we pray to the Lord:

For an end to terrorism and violence; for peace among nations; we pray to the Lord:

For the grace of forgiveness; for the healing of broken spirits and wounded souls; we pray to the Lord:

For those overwhelmed by sorrow or fear; for those who work for reconciliation; we pray to the Lord:

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:

Please use in the weekend of August 23: For the men beginning formation in our diocesan deacon formation program this weekend, and for their families; that they be strengthened for and supported in the journey that lies ahead. Let us pray...

(3) Weekly intercessions from the Liturgical Commission:

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| <u>Aug 3</u> | 18 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For those still affected by the use of atomic weapons in the past, and for those who work for peace and disarmament today; we pray to the Lord... |
| <u>Aug 10</u> | 19 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For those suffering from the effects of earthquake, fire, flood, and other natural disasters; that they would know the love of Christ through the compassion of the Church; we pray... |
| <u>Aug 17</u> | 20 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That those who come to this country seeking freedom and opportunity would be welcomed and their rights protected; let us pray... |
| <u>Aug 24</u> | 21 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That the Church, entrusted with the Gospel, would faithfully stand against injustice and oppression; we pray... |

Aug 3122nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That in spite of ridicule and opposition we would refuse to be conformed to this present age and instead embrace the Gospel in all we say and do; we pray...

POPULAR DEVOTIONS

In speaking about Angels, the Church takes a cautious middle road. On the one hand, the existence of Angels is an article of our faith—and the Church rejoices in the help they give us on our earthly journey. At the same time, extremes of either attributing all our struggles to some cosmic war between good and evil spirits to the point that we become simply passive bystanders or pawns or of simply denying the existence of Angels are to be avoided. We are called to an adult faith, one in which we take responsibility for our moral development, our actions, and our life of prayer. “The Devil made me do it” is no excuse!

Healthy devotion regarding Angels is characterized by the following (§216):

- devout gratitude to God for having placed these heavenly spirits of great sanctity and dignity at the service of man;
- an attitude of devotion deriving from the knowledge of living constantly in the presence of the Holy Angels of God;- serenity and confidence in facing difficult situations, since the Lord guides and protects the faithful in the way of justice through the ministry of His Holy Angels. Among the prayers to the Guardian Angels the *Angele Dei* is especially popular, and is often recited by families at morning and evening prayers, or at the recitation of the *Angelus*.

The Angele Dei:

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

OR: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom his love entrusts me here, enlighten and guard, rule and guide me. Amen.

The *Angelus* recalls the Annunciation to Mary, and is usually recited at dawn, noon, and dusk:

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
 Response: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit
 All: Hail Mary...

Leader: Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
 Response: Be it done unto me according to thy word
 All: Hail Mary...

Leader: And the Word was made flesh
 Response: And dwelt among us
 All: Hail Mary...

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Leader: Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Some important upcoming liturgical feasts relating to Angels are:

The Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels (September 29), and
The Memorial of Guardian Angels (October 2)

Sources:

The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy
The Manual of Indulgences
Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

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