

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 2014

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New Webpage: Liturgical Formation

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litformation.htm>

Upcoming Liturgical Books

Members of the USCCB's Committee on Divine Worship recently considered three "Gray Book" draft translations of liturgical texts prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL): *Liturgy of the Hours Supplement, Exorcisms and Related Supplications*, and the *Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar*. These will be forwarded to the Administrative Committee so that they can be presented for canonical vote by the body of Bishops at the November 2014 USCCB plenary meeting.

Adjustment to the 2014 and 2015 Liturgical Calendars

Due to the recent canonization of Saint John Paul II, it is necessary to adjust the 2014 and 2015 editions of the *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America* slightly. The updated citations are:

October 2014

22 Wed Weekday green/white
[Saint John Paul II, Pope]
Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48 (475)

October 2015

22 Thu Weekday green/white
[Saint John Paul II, Pope]
Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 (476)

"Prayer and Worship" Section of USCCB Website Updated

The Secretariat of Divine Worship recently led a reorganization process for the "Prayer and Worship" section of the USCCB website. The topics featured in that section form a major component of the Conference's current strategic goals of Faith, Worship, and Witness.

In August 2011, the USCCB launched a new website that was designed to be more user-friendly and provide information on a variety of Catholic topics. After almost three years of use by the public, the need for further refinements was indicated. The "Prayer and Worship" section is now organized into nine sections, influenced in part by the chapter divisions found in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*:

- The Mass

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- La Santa Misa (the Spanish counterpart of the English-language Mass section)
- Homiletics
- Sacraments and Sacramentals
- Bereavement and Funerals
- Liturgy of the Hours
- Liturgical Year
- Sacred Art and Music
- Prayer and Devotions

With the new structure now established, and most of the related webpages appropriately relocated, additional revisions are expected in the coming weeks to further enhance the “Prayer and Worship” sections and provide more resources to better understand the role of the Sacred Liturgy and other devotions in the lives of the Catholic faithful in the United States. The website and its various sections are found at www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Rite of Candidacy

Please keep in your prayers the fourteen men (twelve in our Deacon Formation Program and two seminarians) who will be admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders this coming Sunday at St. Mary, Pella at 10:30.

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 preaching, liturgy and justice, and parish music ministry.

Registration is now open – please visit our webpage

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

You may register (and pay) on-line or submit your registration and payment by mail. Please note that minors also need to submit a consent form.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: October 1-3; parish study day on October 4

The FDLC will also be holding their annual meeting close to us: just outside of Chicago! The focus for this gathering is the RCIA, and will include a consultation on the National Statutes... so if you want to have a voice in the revision of this important guiding document, plan on attending!

Registration is now open at: <http://www.fdlc.org/nationalmeeting/index.htm>.

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).

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

RESOURCES

The Sacristy Manual, 2nd edition

A popular resource from LTP, first published in 1993, has now been revised. The second edition reflects the changes called for in recent liturgical documents, including *The Roman Missal (3rd edition)* and its accompanying *General Instruction (GIRM)*, *Redemptionis sacramentum*, *Built of Living Stones*, and *Sing to the Lord*.

Besides providing “practical advice and guidance for preparing the liturgical rites and for equipping the church complex and sacristy,” the *Manual* provides detailed checklists for use throughout the liturgical year and for various rites.

Worship: July issues

As usual, the current issue of *Worship* provides for some very interesting reading. In “The Sacrament of Confirmation in a Consumer Culture,” Timothy Brunk unpacks his assertion that the confusion surrounding the meaning of this sacrament is exacerbated by our living in a consumerist culture, where we want everything on our own terms – including religious tradition. After careful review, he advocates for a return to the traditional ordering of the sacraments: Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist.

Walter Knowles (“A Method in Their Praxis”) reminds us preaching and presiding, like good theater, are embodied acts. While an actor embodies a character, the preacher or presider is called to embody Christ. And just as in theater, a “self-referential and narcissistic focus on the presider as subject rather than communicator are simply ‘bad acting’.” We know the difference between “good enough” theater and excellent theater – we see the character *through* the actor, not the actor him or herself. He continues: “A presider gets through the liturgy with the people of God without seizing the spotlight, and in that workman-like leadership, God’s Holy Spirit has room in which to inspire God’s people.”

Paul Turner, one of several guest editors who will be contributing to the regular “The Amen Corner” column, gives helpful background for understanding the upcoming English translation of the *Rite of Exorcism* (see above). As he notes: “When it is published, it will make news. Catholics better be ready.”

LITURGY PREPARATION

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please recall that EMHCs must be delegated by the local bishop (*Redemptionis sacramentum* §155; see also CIC c.230 §3) and commissioned according to the prescribed rite (*Norms for the Distribution and*

Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States §28; see Book of Blessings §§1871-1896). The request for delegation must state that the EMHCs have been properly prepared (theologically, spiritually, and practically) for their ministry. Please know that the Office of Liturgy is available to provide formation for EMHCs for parishes, clusters, or deaneries.

More information is available in our diocesan policy, available at:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Policies/litExtraordinaryMinistersHolyCommunion-revised051414.pdf>.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Liturgies of Lent and Triduum 2015

- The Rite of Election will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City on the First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2015 – at 3:00 p.m.
- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday, March 23, at 5:00 p.m.
- Next year, the Easter Vigil falls on April 4, and the earliest it may begin is 8:15 p.m.

Labor Day (Monday, September 1)

Parishes may wish to celebrate the Mass for the Sanctification of Human labor (#26; readings from #907-911) on this day. Vestments would be white.

On Labor Day weekend, intercessions for workers ought to be included in the Universal Prayer; for example:

For those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those seeking work; 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 and the waters, so we might be fed; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who work in the service of their sisters and brothers; that they would not be discouraged by lack of support or progress; 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)

The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Pastoral visits could be made to places of work, and the following rites could be used: (18) Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory; (23) Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment, and (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, and (24) Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work be used. 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, as in the examples above.

Thursday, September 11

On the anniversary of September 11, parishes may wish to celebrate a special Mass for “first responders” – such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics – using the Mass for Those in Public Office (#22) or the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30).

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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