

LITURGYNOTES – FOR MARCH 2012

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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CONFIRMATION AND THE GLORIA

In the Roman Missal, Third Edition, the rubrics call for the *Gloria* more frequently than before. Nine out of the ten Ritual Masses prescribe the *Gloria*, the only exception being the Mass for the Institution of Lectors and Acolytes. These Masses are all treated as if they were Feasts, and the *Gloria* is used for them even when celebrated during Advent or Lent.

Thus for example, Masses for Confirmation, Holy Orders, or Marriage would include the *Gloria*, even when they occur during Advent or Lent. (It should be noted, though, that Ritual Masses are prohibited on Sundays of Advent and Lent.)

THE CONFITEOR

Striking one's breast during the *Confiteor* is not a new gesture in the third edition of the Missal, but for some reason had fallen into disuse in some places. While the Missal *before* Vatican II specified three times, the Missal since then has simply said that one strikes their breast. As clarified by the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship back in 1978, once suffices.

RESOURCES FOR NAVIGATING THE NEW MISSAL

Region VII of the FDLC has produced some excellent resources to help those involved in liturgical ministry navigate the changes that came with the new Missal, and they have kindly given us permission to post them on our website.

They are posted as a group on the Roman Missal webpage (under "Other Dioceses").

They are also posted by season on the Roman Missal Q&A page and on the Liturgy Events page. (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS IN LENT

I still get calls about whether or not baptisms (or weddings) may be celebrated during Lent. There are no “closed” seasons any more – so, yes, Baptisms and Weddings may be celebrated during Lent. Whether or not the Ritual Mass may be used is a separate question (there are restrictions there); for particulars, please read the *praenotanda* and check the *ordo*. Don’t forget that Holy Week and the Triduum also have their own norms!

Some parishes may choose not to celebrate Baptisms during Sunday Mass, but even that is not strictly forbidden. Regarding Weddings, please note that according to the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, the *Gloria* is used (and the Penitential Act is omitted) regardless of the season. Because Weddings (and other Ritual Masses) are being treated as Feasts, it follows that the Lenten prohibition on flowers would not apply. As GIRM #305 states:

Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar. During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord.
During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Jacob Greiner will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please include Jacob in your intercessions as the date approaches. For example:

For Jacob Greiner, and for all preparing for ordained ministry in the Church.
We pray to the Lord.

That Jacob Greiner, and all those called to ordained ministry for the Diocese of Davenport,
would faithfully heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Let us pray to the Lord.

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://old.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

North American Forum on the Catechumenate

The Forum will be returning to the Diocese of Davenport on July 6-7 to present a workshop on Evangelization. For more than the immediate RCIA Team, this event will deepen participant's passion for evangelization and present practical approaches to this essential ministry.

The Forum will also be in the Archdiocese of Dubuque on July 27-28, at St. Stephen the Witness, Cedar Falls. The focus will be the content of the weekly session with catechumens and candidates. Msgr. Michael Clay and Sr. Donna Stephen will be the speakers for the two day institute called, "Echoing God's Word." Register as soon as possible because this will be announced nationally and draw in people from the Midwest. Go now to www.naforum.org to register and click on "register for an institute".

We Preach Christ Crucified: A Conference on Catholic Preaching: Notre Dame (June 25-27, 2012)

The details of the conference program may be found on their website: <http://martenprogram.nd.edu/>. To register for the conference, please use this link: <http://conferences.nd.edu/events/we-preach-christ-crucified-a-conference-on-catholic-preaching>

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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

There continues to be some confusion regarding when the Bishop's permission is required for a priest to confirm. Basically, with a few exceptions, if the individual being confirmed was baptized a Catholic, then the bishop's delegation is required. If they are being baptized or received into the Catholic Church by the priest, then no special permission is needed (a visiting priest would still need the explicit permission of the pastor). Please see the Compendium of Confirmation Policies for details: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Policies/litConfirmationCompendium020112.pdf>.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The Month of May

May is traditionally regarded as a Marian month. Please recall, however, that the Easter Season (including Pentecost) should remain the primary focus in both prayer and in the liturgical environment. Popular devotions are to take their life from the liturgy, not overshadow it.

Sunday, May 13, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, is also Mother's Day this year. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery and the Easter Season. The Book of Blessings (#1724ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use. The same applies to Father's Day, June 17 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time this year.

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Amos

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Amos, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on June 7 this year. The Mass “For the Bishop” (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I. For the Church 3. For the Bishop) with its appropriate readings should be celebrated. It would also be appropriate to include a particular petition for the Bishop as part of the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of June 2-3.

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) linked to the Lectionary cycle may be found at the For Your Vocation website:

<http://www.foryourvocation.org/vocation-directors/liturgical-resources.cfm>

(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/index_sunday.html

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