

LITURGYNOTES – FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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Well, it's finally been approved... we will begin using the English translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent in November, 2011.

If you would like to read the press release from the USCCB, it may be found at:

<http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-149.shtml>.

As noted, there are some changes to the Order of Mass; the final text can also be found at the USCCB website:
<http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/order-of-mass.pdf>.

Some important changes to note in the 2010 version of the Order of Mass:

- The absolution at the end of the Act of Penitence has reverted back to what we are currently using.
- Each section of the Nicene Creed will now begin with "I believe..." rather than "And..."
- There are a number of changes to Eucharistic Prayer I; minimal changes to II, III, and IV.
- The fourth version of the Mystery of Faith ("Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again") was not approved for inclusion in the new Missal
- The doxology at the end of all four Eucharistic prayers has been revised.
- There are no changes to the communion rite or concluding rites.

I've posted a table comparing the 2008 and 2010 texts on our website.

So, where do we go from here?

At the November clergy gathering, we will spend half a day reviewing a plan for welcoming the new Missal in our diocese. Among the first steps that we will ask pastors to undertake is to gather an "implementation committee" for their parish. Schools and religious communities should also plan on forming such a committee for themselves. We will then hold deanery-wide formation sessions for members of these committees in January and February. Registration forms for these workshops are in the works and will be posted on the website soon.

RESOURCES

In the meantime, continue visiting our website for more resources. We've added a couple of new ones this past week... including one to LTP's site (<http://www.revisedromanmissal.org/>), which includes a great collection of downloadable handouts for parishes/bulletins.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FDLC Workshops for Priests (http://www.fdlc.org/Roman_Missal/RM_Workshops.htm)

For priests and diocesan leadership, these workshops are intended to introduce the new Missal and explore the challenges of leadership in a time of change.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

INTERCESSION FOR THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

You may want to use or adapt the following for use in your Prayer of the Faithful this weekend as we take up our special collection:

For the people of Pakistan, suffering under devastating floods; that they would know relief from their burdens and the compassionate love of their neighbors; we pray....

OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 2002, the US Bishops released *When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women*. They began with an unequivocal condemnation of violence against women:

As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is *never* justified. Violence in any form—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence. We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many causes, and many victims—men as well as women.

In this document, they called upon the Church in the United States to reach out to both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence (they focused on women as victims since that is the case in 85% of domestic violence situations; this does not mean that we can ignore the 15% of victims who are men). Among the recommendations that they made is to use opportunities within the liturgy and in sacramental preparation programs to draw attention to violence and abuse. Here are their suggestions:

- In homilies, include a reference to domestic violence when appropriate. Just a mention of domestic violence lets abused women know that someone cares. Describe what abuse is so that women begin to recognize and name what is happening to them. Watch the video *When You Preach, Remember Me*.
- In parish reconciliation services, identify violence against women as a sin.

- Include intercessions for victims of abuse, people who abuse people, and those who work with them.
- If you suspect abuse, ask direct questions. Ask the woman if she is being hit or hurt at home. Carefully evaluate her response. Some women do not realize they are being abused, or they lie to protect their spouses. Be careful not to say anything that will bolster her belief that it is her fault and that she must change her behavior.
- Have an action plan in place to follow if an abused woman calls on you for help. This includes knowing how and where to refer her for help. This will be easier if you have already established contact with local shelters and domestic violence agencies.
- Include a discussion of domestic violence in marriage preparation sessions. If violence has already begun in the relationship, it will only escalate after marriage.
- In baptismal preparation programs, be alert that the arrival of a child and its attendant stress may increase the risk of domestic violence.

Their statement, and further resources and recommendations, may be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/laity/women/violence.shtml>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Vespers for Nascent Human Life

On Saturday, November 27th, Pope Benedict will preside at a “Vigil for all nascent human life,” and he has asked all bishops around the world to preside at similar celebrations in their own dioceses. Therefore, Bishop Amos will celebrate Vespers at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. We will post further details on the “Liturgy Events” webpage as they become available.

We will plan on making the liturgy available if parishes and deaneries wish to host their own celebrations, and we will make a prayer booklet available for families who wish to join in the Holy Father in prayer as their own “domestic church.”

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the last page of this newsletter for information regarding *an Online Webinar* sponsored by The North American Forum on the Catechumenate on *Discernment--Listening to God in Initiation & Parish Ministry*.

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

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is being observed on October 31 this year. This nationwide event is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International as a way “to honor priesthood in the United States.... [and] to

reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.” Materials can be found on the web at www.priestsunday.org.

All Saints / All Souls

The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, falls on a Monday this year (and therefore the obligation to assist at Mass is abrogated).

Ritual Masses are still prohibited, but Funeral Masses may be celebrated. Marriages may be celebrated outside of Mass, or the Mass of the Day may be used with the nuptial blessing and one reading taken from the Rite of Marriage. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer I for All Saints is used.

On Tuesday, November 2, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is observed. Any of the readings from the Masses for the Dead (Lectionary Volume IV, #1011-1016) may be used. Ritual Masses are not permitted, but the funeral Mass may be celebrated.

November 15: Feast of the Anniversary of the Cathedral’s Dedication

The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral is observed as a Feast in the diocese. Masses on that day should be taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church, 2. Anniversary of Dedication, B. Outside the Dedicated Church. The Preface for Dedication of a Church II (P53) is used. The readings are taken from the Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of A Church, found in volumes II, III, or IV of the Lectionary, readings number 701-706. At the Cathedral itself, it is celebrated as a Solemnity—and is observed on Sunday, November 14.

Advent

1. With the new liturgical year, we begin the use of Cycle A in the Sunday Lectionary and Year I in the Weekday Lectionary.
2. The color of Advent is a bluer shade of violet, to distinguish it from the purple of penitence in Lent. Blue itself is not an allowed color in the U.S. Rose is an optional color for the vesture on the Third Sunday of Advent, signaling that the full joy of Christmas is drawing near. The vestments worn should not have a cross, nails, etc. on them – they should not be Lenten.
3. The Advent wreath is blessed only at the first mass, after the intercessions. See the Book of Blessings, #1509ff, chapter 47. On the other Sundays of Advent, it is lit before Mass begins and no additional prayers are said. The traditional wreath is a circle of evergreen branches that bears four candles. The dominant tradition calls for three violet and one rose candle, but four violet or four white candles may also be used. Some communities add a fifth candle, white, for Christmas. The wreath should be large enough for all to see, but not obstruct the view of the altar, ambo or chair.
4. A good Penitential Rite to use would be Rite C, #ii.
5. Don’t anticipate Christmas with music and environment. Rather, make use of a full spectrum of Advent music.

6. Don't make believe Jesus never came – focus on the second coming. Remember: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

7. Giving trees should not be in the sanctuary. Remember you can transform them for Christmas. They are better placed in the entryway or some location other than the sanctuary, lest the simplicity of Advent decor be compromised. Likewise, while Jesse trees are good for religious education they should not be in the church.

8. The Gloria is omitted.

9. This season should reflect quiet and a subdued peace, as well as a sense of anticipation.

10. Remember that Advent and Christmas are the perfect times to remember Mary, our ultimate model for discipleship. The following Marian feasts and solemnities are observed during Advent:

- a. In our diocese, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed on December 11 this year.
- b. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a Holy Day of obligation. Ritual Masses and Funeral Masses may not be celebrated.

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):

For those who dedicate their lives through the single life, we pray:

OR

For those attending our diocesan "Come and See" vocation days this month, that they would be open to the promptings of the Spirit; we pray:

(3) Weekly intercessions:

October 3 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For all victims of violence, especially those who are abused in their homes; we pray...

October 10 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For those shunned and excluded; for hearts open to the stranger and outsider; we pray...

October 17 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That judges and all those in power would be attentive to the poor and forgotten; we pray...

October 24 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For the oppressed, the orphan, and the widow in our midst; that we would be open to the cries of the poor; we pray...

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October 31 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the wisdom to see how we have taken from the poor, and for the grace to repent of our sins against them; we pray...

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Monday, September 20, 2010

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Presented by Donna Steffen, SC

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