

LITURGYNOTES – FOR FEBRUARY 2012

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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[http://www.davenportdiocese.org/
lit/litromanmissal.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm)
[http://www.davenportdiocese.org/
lit/litromanmissalQA.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissalQA.htm)

POLICY CORRECTIONS

In light of the new Missal, we updated all of our diocesan liturgical policies. Unfortunately, I did not catch one place where the response to the greeting was left as “and also with you” instead of being changed to “and with your spirit” – the sprinkling rite using water blessed at Easter.

Even more unfortunately, this rite is reproduced in a number of places... so all need to be replaced.

Thankfully the change is small; you can print out just the affected page. The updated policies are located as follows:

On the Liturgy Library page:

-The Bishop in the Liturgy (p. 19)

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Policies/litBishopLiturgy-updated020112.pdf>

-Confirmation Compendium (p. 15)

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Policies/litConfirmationCompendium020112.pdf>

-Confirmation liturgy preparation form (p. 4)

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/PreparationForms/litPreparationSheetConfirmationRev020112.pdf>

and

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/PreparationForms/litPreparationSheetConfirmationRev020112.doc>

On the Liturgy Events page:

-Easter Sprinkling Rite

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Calendar/litSprinklingRiteEasterWater020112.pdf>

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>. (The direct URLs are above.)

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.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

When someone you love cannot get to church because of illness or bad weather, “My Sunday Mass on TV” offers spiritual comfort and hope. Compassionate homilies, an inspirational prayer for spiritual communion during distribution of the Eucharist, and closed-captioning for the hearing impaired enable the homebound to experience the blessings of Sunday Mass. Heart of the Nation, a nonprofit Catholic ministry, provides the weekly TV Mass on broadcast, cable, and satellite channels. For a complete channel guide, visit www.HeartoftheNation.org or call toll-free 1-(855) 855-MASS (6277).

RESOURCES

AVOIDING UNINTENTIONAL ANTI-JUDAISM IN PREACHING

With Holy Week on the (far) horizon, this may be a good time to remind ourselves of the dangers of unintended anti-Judaism in our preaching and teaching. To that end, the Church has given us *The Jewish People and their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*, available on the Vatican website at: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/pcb_documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20020212_popolo-ebraico_en.html. In summary, this document presents great gains in our understanding of the relationship between the OT and NT, and between Jews and Christians. Specific gains include:

- A rejection of supersessionist readings of the OT (and a supersessionist approach to Judaism);
- A recognition that first-century Judaism was more complex than the NT often suggests, and that Jesus and emerging Christianity need to be viewed as part of that context;
- An acknowledgment that the Christian interpretation of the OT is retrospective; and
- A similar acknowledgment that Jewish interpretation of the OT is legitimate and that Christians can learn from Jewish exegesis.

As far as learning from Jewish exegesis, I would recommend the following; as Roman Catholics, we will not necessarily agree with everything being said, but they make for interesting and important reading:

Berlin, Adele and Marc Zvi Brettler. *The Jewish Study Bible*. Jewish Publication Society TANAKH Translation. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.

Levine, Amy-Jill and Marc Zvi Brettler, editors. *The Jewish Annotated New Testament: New Revised Standard Version*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

This resource specifically addresses the problem of unintended anti-Judaism in Christian preaching:

Salmon, Marilyn J. *Preaching without Contempt: Overcoming Unintended Anti-Judaism*. Fortress Resources for Preaching. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2006.

Additional resources and links will be posted on the Preaching Links webpage of the diocesan website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litpreach.htm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent (2/26) at Sacred Heart Cathedral and on the Second Sunday of Lent (3/4) at St. Mary in Ottumwa. We have sent registration information to the parish RCIA contacts. For those who direct RCIA programs, if we have not already heard back from you, please make sure to get your registration form back to us ASAP!

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. Parishes will be sent an e-mail regarding ordering information for the sacred oils. Please make sure that we have your responses back by the end of the month. Thanks!

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 next year 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 workshop brochure is attached.

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

The details of the conference program may be found in the attached brochure and at 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

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 PREPARATION

THE FOOTWASHING

Information on the *mandatum* is available at the USCCB website at <http://new.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/triduum/holy-thursday-mandatum.cfm> and on our website at: <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 7, 2012, may not begin before 8:30 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 and on Pentecost; not for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.

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- The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.
- 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” (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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