

EXPLANATORY NOTES

As requested by the presbyterate, below you will find a calendar to assist you in implementing the third edition of the Roman Missal in your parish. The calendar was produced by the Office of the Liturgy and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

The first column lists the Sunday of the year, the assigned readings, and (if applicable) a reference to the USCCB's *Parish Guide to Implementing the Roman Missal, Third Edition*. The second column offers suggested ways that the advent of the new Missal might be woven into your homily.

The third column offers an intercession for the Prayer of the Faithful for that Sunday, intended to echo both the readings and the bulletin inserts as appropriate.

The fourth and fifth columns provide a listing of the handouts from the USCCB and/or Liturgy Training Publication (LTP) to be distributed on a given weekend. These handouts may be distributed as bulletin inserts, as handouts to be picked up in the back of church, as mailings, and/or included in your literature racks. The PDF files on the CD are named by the date that the handout is to be distributed. The same handouts are available for download from the USCCB and LTP websites at <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/resources-bulletins.shtml> and <http://revisedromanmissal.org/Resources.aspx>, respectively.

The sixth column provides a brief "blurb" for inclusion in your bulletin as an aid to help you encourage your parishioners to read the bulletin insert or pick up one of the handouts on the way out of Mass. Please feel free to adjust the text to fit your specific situation.

The final column provides the timetable for introducing the texts and the Mass setting that you will be using to your parishioners. Some parishes may choose to do this before Mass begins; others may choose to use the announcement time or even time after Mass to do so. The new texts and musical settings, however, should not be used in the liturgy until the First Sunday of Advent.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Liturgy if you have any questions.

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Sept 4 (23 rd Sun OT) Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20	<p>We are called to worship God in joy and gratitude, to welcome God’s word to us today (Ps 95).</p> <p>We begin Mass acknowledging that we are sinners in need of forgiveness, broken in need of healing. Only by speaking this truth can we then rejoice in the gift of salvation (Ez/Rom/Mt).</p>	For open hearts, as we prepare to worship with the new Missal.	Ten Questions on the Roman Missal, Third Edition	What is the Roman Missal? Why was the Roman Missal Revised?	Today’s psalm reminds us that we are called to worship God in joy and gratitude. For almost forty years, we’ve been doing so with one translation of the Missal (the book of prayers for Mass). With Advent this year, we will begin using a new version—with some new prayers, and with a new translation. Please take a look at the inserts if you want to know more about the new Missal.	
Sept 11 (24 th Sun OT) Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35	The call to forgiveness in Sirach and Matthew find echoes in the Lord’s Prayer and Sign of Peace—and with the events that we remember this day.	That the Sign of Peace we share here may truly echo our work for peace and justice beyond these walls.	Liturgical Participation		The Second Vatican Council taught us that we all take part in the Mass; there is no audience here. While some might have special ministries, all of us are called by our baptism to take full part in what we do here—by our responses, our singing, our listening, our postures and gestures, and by lifting our hearts to God. Please see our insert this weekend for more on how we participate at Mass.	

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Sept 18 (25 th Sun OT) Is 55:6-9 Ps 145 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a Catechetical Sunday: see page 11 of USCCB Guide	The theme in the readings of seeking the Lord resonates with Catechetical Sunday (Is, Mt). The Liturgy has been referred to as a prime moment of catechesis, as our school of spirituality. How does the liturgy help us to live for Christ (Phil)?	That our hearts would be open to all that the Lord would teach us as we celebrate these sacred mysteries.	Praying with Body, Mind, and Voice		As we mentioned last week, we are all to take an active part at Mass. We do this in many ways—in song and in silence, and with our bodies. The postures that we take and the gestures that we make are all part of our prayer. By doing all this together we show that we are one, and we grow in that unity. Please see this week’s insert for more on how we pray with our bodies.	
Sept 25 (26 th Sun OT) Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32	The unity Paul mentions (Phil) is key to understanding the new Missal. -there is unity across time as we return to ancient/traditional ways of saying things (through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault) -there is unity with other language groups as we share common phrases (And with your spirit) -there is unity across the English-speaking Catholic world as we share a single Missal	That the advent of our new Roman Missal would be a source of unity for our parish, our diocese, and the entire Church.	Celebrating the Lord’s Day	Sunday Obligation (English only)	When we were baptized, we received a standing invitation to join Christ at table every Sunday. This is the day when we come together, each from our own homes and lives, and become the <i>visible</i> church... and raise our voices as one in prayer. It is also a day that we are invited to “keep holy” in other ways. How? Take a look at this week’s inserts! Loved first, we love God back; that’s what the Sunday obligation is all about.	

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	<p>(cont.) To enter the liturgy is, in some ways, to die to ourselves: we say words, make gestures, and assume postures that perhaps don't come naturally. Yet, we do so for the sake of others – for the sake of community. To pray the liturgy, is to imitate Christ.</p>					
<p>Oct 2 (27th Sun OT) Is 5:1-7 Ps 80 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43</p> <p>Respect Life Sunday: see page 12 of USCCB Guide</p>	<p>Change brings anxiety; yet we can hold fast to the hope that God cares for God's vineyard.</p>	<p>For the grace to hold fast to the God of hope in the midst of change.</p>	<p>Embracing Change in the Liturgy</p>		<p>Some people love change; others dread it. But one thing is true: to live is to change! We are in the last steps of working towards the use of a new Missal at Mass. While the Mass will look the same, it will sound different. These changes are giving us a new change to look more closely at the Mass—what we do and why we do it. Please take a look at this week's insert; there may be some ideas there to help you become more at ease with the coming changes.</p>	

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Oct 9 (28 th Sun OT) Is 25:6-10a Ps 23 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14	The image of wedding feast in Mt offers an opportunity to reflect on the invitation to communion: <i>Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.</i>	That we would embrace the invitation to the supper of the Lamb with eager hearts.	Scripture and the Mass		As we mentioned last week, with the new Missal Mass will <i>look</i> the same but <i>sound</i> different. One of the reasons that Mass will sound different is that the new translation makes it more clear that many of the words that we use at Mass come from the Bible. We are a biblical church! The insert this week gives some examples of where these connections between the Bible and Mass are being made more clear. Please take a look!	
Oct 16 (29 th Sun OT) Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96 1 Thess 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21	Isaiah's use of "the rising and the setting of the sun" may offer an opportunity to speak on the changes to EPIII (though the immediate referent there is Malachi). The psalm offers an opportunity to comment on the importance of singing in the liturgy.	That from the rising of the sun to its setting, we might offer a perfect sacrifice of praise to God.	Words in the Roman Missal, Third Edition		Mass will also <i>sound</i> different because the new translation is also trying to get at the deep faith that we profess. It will also sound different in order to help us keep in mind that we are talking to God. The insert today gives us a look at these "new" words.	
Oct 23 (30 th Sun OT) Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18 1 Thess 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40	Paul speaks of the importance of receiving the word with joy. Matthew speaks of loving God and neighbor: this is what the liturgy calls us to and forms us for.	For the grace to love God and neighbor with all our heart.	Liturgy and Life [2 additional handouts on the Eucharist and Justice are also included on the CD for your use as desired]	How does the Liturgy shape our lives?	Mass is not just about the bread and wine becoming the Eucharist; it is about changing us, too! And, changed, we are sent back into the world to serve others.	

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Oct 23 (cont).	(cont.) This is shown in the preface dialogue: <i>May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the <u>praise and glory of his name</u>, for <u>our good and the good of all his holy Church</u>.</i>				(cont.) We receive the Body of Christ to become more and more the Body of Christ! You may want to check out this week's insert for ideas of what that might look like.	
Oct 30 (31 st Sun OT) Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131 1 Thess 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12	The psalm speaks of stilling and quieting ourselves before God; the importance of silence in the liturgy could be stressed. Mt speaks of the importance of what we say/believe being congruent with how we act. Again, the importance of being formed by the liturgy for life in the world could be mentioned.	That our words and actions would make for one act of praise before God.	Parts of the Mass	Introductory Rites And With Your Spirit	We are now a month away from using the new Missal, so we will finish up by walking through the Mass and introducing the new texts and music that we will be using. Today, our focus is on the Introductory Rites, the beginning of Mass. The purpose of these rites is to help us see that we are one Body, the Body of Christ, and to help us enter into the celebration of God's gift to us: the Mass. The inserts this week give us an overview of the Mass in general, of the Introductory Rites in particular, and of one of the most noticeable changes to the words we us: "And with your spirit."	Greeting Confiteor (Penitential Act A) Penitential Act B Gloria [if need be can hand out USCCB peoples' parts #1]

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<p>Nov 6 (32nd Sun OT) Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63 1 Thess 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13</p> <p>All Saints & All Souls: see page 12 of USCCB Guide</p>	<p>With Nov 1 and 2 just celebrated, the importance of the communion of saints could be mentioned—especially given the eschatological focus of both Paul and Matthew). The liturgical texts point to our belief that when we gather for liturgy we gather with the saints as well (ex: conclusion to prefaces). The psalm speaks of thirsting for God; is that the attitude with which we approach the liturgy?</p>	<p>For the grace to live our lives anticipating the Lord’s coming with joy.</p>		<p>Liturgy of the Word</p> <p>I Believe</p> <p>Consubstantial with the Father</p>	<p>In the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks to us; we listen and we speak back (through the psalm, the alleluia, and the intercessions). Please see our bulletin insert for more details on this part of the Mass.</p> <p>The new translation of the Creed will have some words in it that are new to us. For example, we will use “I” instead of “we” and “consubstantial” instead of “one in being.” Our other inserts this week go into those changes.</p>	<p>Before the Gospel</p> <p>Creed</p> <p>[if need be can hand out USCCB peoples’ parts #2]</p>
<p>Nov 13 (33rd Sun OT) Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128 1 Thess 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30</p>	<p>Seasons come and go—in nature, in our lives, in the Church. One phase of the reforms called for by Vatican II is ending for the English-speaking Church; another is beginning (Thess). We have used the gifts of the Council well; now we are sent back with “greater responsibilities” (Mt).</p>	<p>For the grace to let go of the old and embrace the new.</p>		<p>Liturgy of the Eucharist</p> <p>For Many</p>	<p>In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we don’t just sit back and let the priest do “his thing.” No! “The Church’s intention...is that the faithful not only offer this spotless Victim but also learn to offer themselves” (GIRM 79). In the Eucharistic Prayer, our daily lives—presented earlier with/in the gifts—are joined to Christ’s self-offering to the Father. And we are changed. What a tremendous gift!</p>	<p><i>Suscipiat</i> and Preface Dialogue</p> <p>Holy, Holy</p> <p>Mystery of Faith</p> <p>Great Amen</p> <p>[if need be can hand out USCCB peoples’ parts #3]</p>

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Nov 20 (Christ the King) <i>Ez 34:11-12,15-17</i> <i>Ps 23</i> <i>1 Cor 15:20-26,28</i> <i>Mt 25:31-46</i> National Bible Week: see page 12 of USCCB Guide	The Lord is our shepherd ; he seeks out the strayed, injured, and sick (Ez, Ps). The renewal of our liturgical life offered by the new missal is also an opportunity to seek out and welcome back those who have left the church. The presence of Christ in those whom we serve (Mt) is also an opportunity to remind ourselves of Christ’s multivalent presence in the liturgy.	That the advent of the new Missal would be a time for welcoming home those who have been away from the church.		Concluding Rites	At the end of Mass, we are dismissed, sent back into the world to be share the Good News. Strengthened by the fellowship we’ve shared, the word that we have listened to, and the Eucharist that we have been fed by we are sent as missionaries, as evangelists. The Mass is not just for our individual spirituality but for the world! Take a look at our last insert; next week we begin a new liturgical year, and our use of the new Missal.	Sign of Peace Lamb of God <i>Ecce Agnus Dei</i> Concluding Rites (dialogue and new dismissals) [if need be can hand out USCCB peoples’ parts #4]
Nov 27 (1 st Sun Advent) = FIRST USE OF NEW MISSAL						