

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 2013

ST. JOSEPH ADDED TO EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS II, III, AND IV

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

The Year of Faith:

[http://www.davenportdiocese.org/
yearoffaith.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/yearoffaith.htm)

On May 1, by means of the decree, *Paternas Vices* (Prot. No. 215/11/L), Cardinal Canizares Llovera, Prefect of the Congregation for Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, with the approval of Pope Francis, authorized the addition of the name of Saint Joseph in Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV of the third typical edition of the *Missale Romanum*.

The addition was to have been made no later than June 30 in our diocese, and inserted as follows:

In Eucharistic Prayer II:

“... that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, **with blessed Joseph, her Spouse**, with the blessed Apostles ...”

In Eucharistic Prayer III:

“... with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, **with blessed Joseph, her Spouse**, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs...”

In Eucharistic Prayer IV:

“... with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, **with blessed Joseph, her Spouse**, and with your Apostles ...”

For more information, including the changes in Spanish, please see the diocesan website’s liturgy homepage:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/index.htm>

[from Fr. Marty Goetz: clear mailing labels work well for adding the text to your Missals!]

VERBUM DOMINI – THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Part II: Verbum in Ecclesia

In paragraph 59, Pope Benedict emphasizes the importance of the homily. Citing his earlier apostolic exhortation, *Sacramentum caritatis*, he reminds us that the homily is part of the liturgical action itself and—as such—has four important roles: the homily ought to (1) bring the scriptural message to life in a

way that helps the listener see God’s presence and work in their daily lives; (2) help the listener better understand the mystery being celebrated; (3) call the listener to mission; and (4) prepare the assembly to take full part in what follows – to profess the faith, raise their voices in prayer, and enter into the liturgy of the Eucharist.

After suggesting that a “Directory” on Homiletics be prepared (#60), the Holy Father goes on to highlight the importance of the word of God and the other sacraments and rites of the Church, singling out for particular mention Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (#61), the Liturgy of the Hours (#62), the Book of Blessings (#63).

Finally, he turns his attention to practical proposals for ensuring the proper place of the word in our worship (#64). These include:

- Encouraging celebrations of the word outside of Mass as a way to prepare for the Sunday Eucharist (#65);
- Allowing for silence during the liturgy, so the word might be interiorized (#66);
- Proclaiming the word with due solemnity—in particular, using a Book of the Gospels and processing with it, accompanied by candles, and incense; and even *singing* the Gospel, especially on the great solemnities of the Church year (#67);
- Being attentive to the liturgical space – to acoustics, to a prominent and visible ambo, to placing the Book of the Gospels in a place of honor (#68);
- Ensuring that only biblical texts are used in the liturgy (#69);
- Utilizing musical works that is biblically inspired (including Gregorian chant), so that the word (text) is primary (#70); and
- Keeping in mind the needs of those with limited sight or hearing (#71).

PREACHING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: THE SUNDAY HOMILY

Part I: The Biblical Foundations for the Church’s Preaching Ministry

The Bishops point to the portrayal of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel as an especially rich source for reflection on the ministry of preaching. They begin with the account of Jesus preaching in the synagogue at Nazareth (Lk 4:14-30), emphasizing that the prophetic call for justice is fulfilled in Jesus and is therefore part of the Church’s ongoing mission. However, their emphasis is on the account of the encounter between the Risen Christ and the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). From this text, the Bishops draw four important principles to guide Sunday preaching:

1. The Paschal Mystery informs human experience
2. The mutual illumination of the Old and New Testaments
3. The Sunday homily as integral to the Eucharist
4. The connection between Eucharist and Mission

The Paschal Mystery

“Homilies are inspirational when they touch the deepest levels of the human heart and address the real questions of human experience” (p. 15). But we only see ourselves—and our experiences—through the lens of Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection. Therefore, the Paschal Mystery must lie at the heart of every homily—for that is the pattern of our lives as well.

Mutual Illumination

The relationship between the Old (First) and New Testaments is complex, and an ongoing area of theological and interreligious inquiry. This dynamic relationship is brought out in the design of the lectionary, and so should also inform our preaching. It is important to see that the relationship is not unidirectional or simplistic; the New does not *replace* the Old (supercessionism is not an option) but—the New Testament recognizes the authority of the Old and develops those writings in the light of Jesus. In other words, we read the Old Testament *retrospectively*, back through the lens of the Paschal Mystery. Of particular note are the references made to other ecclesial documents, including the very important (and almost unknown) Pontifical Biblical Commission's *The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*.

Sunday Homily & Eucharist

The Emmaus story has Jesus breaking open the word—and then sharing a meal with the two disciples. It is in that sharing that his presence is revealed—a revelation made possible by what had already been shared on the road (and, via this shared communion, a deeper appreciation of what was heard on the road comes about: “Were not our hearts burning...?”). Word and Sacrament are inseparable; and one link between these two parts of the liturgy is the homily—which is why the presider is the usual preacher. In addition to the lectionary texts, the prayers from the Missal are therefore another source for the preacher to engage.

Mission

Just as after encountering Jesus in word and in the breaking of the bread the disciples respond by rushing back to Jerusalem to share the Good News, the homily is an important way to draw out the implications that the readings and the liturgy have for mission. As the Bishops note, “Our encounter with Jesus inevitably leads to mission; our love for Jesus translates into love for others.” Or it should. So, the homily must also lead to mission.

Next time: Part II-The Ministry of Liturgical Preaching.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Upcoming Ordinations

To the Diaconate: July 13, 2013.

Please note: Due to the number of people expected, attendance at this liturgy will be by ticket only.

Possible intercessions for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful between now and then might be:

For those men being ordained to the diaconate for our diocese, and for their families. We pray to the Lord.

That those who are to be ordained deacons would be faithful heralds of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord.

For those to be ordained deacons; that they would be filled with the sevenfold grace of the Holy Spirit and so abound in every Gospel virtue. We pray to the Lord.

Year of Faith Happenings

Please see the Year of Faith calendar for special commemorations around the diocese:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/comm/commlib/DODYearofFaithschedule.pdf>

or

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/yearoffaith.htm> (the series of articles on the sacraments of healing from the *Catholic Messenger* are also available here).

CONTINUING EDUCATION: DIOCESAN WEBINARS

The next webinar on a liturgical topic will be in September – Confirmation.

NEWS FROM NPM (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS)

Annual Conference

The 36th Annual NPM Convention will be held on July 29-August 2 in Washington DC. Registration information is available at: <http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/convention/index.htm>.

Certifications

NPM sponsors several certificate programs to help cantors, organists, and other music ministers to improve their skills and grow in knowledge. Please help us to spread the word by making pastors and music ministry leaders in your diocese aware of these opportunities.

Organist Certificates

- Basic Organist Certificate. The NPM Steering Committee for Organists has developed this process for achieving a Basic Organist Certificate for members of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians as a way to certify a musician's achievement of the fundamentals of service organ playing expected of musicians serving Roman Catholic parishes.
- NPM/AGO Service Playing Certificate. Members of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) who are also members in good standing of NPM may obtain the Service Playing Certificate in both organizations by earning a passing grade on this test.
- NPM/AGO Colleague Certificate. Members of AGO who are also members in good standing of NPM may apply for the Colleague certificate, which requires more advanced organ skills and a professional level knowledge of Catholic liturgy.

Cantor Certificates

- Basic Cantor Certificate. The NPM Steering Committee for Cantors has developed this process to attain a Basic Cantor Certificate for members of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians as a means to recognize the achievement of fundamental skills expected of cantors. A certificate presumes an understanding of a spirituality of ministry. This certificate marks the first stage in the NPM certificate program for cantors
- Intermediate Cantor Certificate. Details of this mid-level certificate will be available on the cantor certificate web page by early August. Candidates must demonstrate a higher level of vocal skill, liturgical and biblical knowledge, and ministerial formation.
- NPM Cantor Colleague Certificate. The NPM Steering Committee for Cantors has developed this process to attain certification as a Cantor Colleague for members of NPM as a means to recognize the achievement of advanced skills expected of psalmists and cantors. A certificate presumes an advanced understanding of liturgy and of the spirituality of ministry. This certificate marks the third stage in the NPM certificate program for cantors.

Coming Soon: Certificates in Piano and Pastoral Liturgy

- The Steering Committee for Pianists and the Steering Committee for Pastoral Liturgy are currently working on certificates that will soon be available from NPM.

Certification Pages on NPM Website:

The underlined texts above are hotlinks; if you need to type in URL's, here are the addresses to the Cantor Certification webpage (<http://www.npm.org/Sections/Cantor/cantorcertification.htm>) and the Organ Certification webpage (<http://www.npm.org/Sections/Organ/organcertification.htm>). There is also a page for certification as a Director of Music Ministries (<http://www.npm.org/Sections/DMMD/certification.htm>).

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-revised112711.pdf>.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Mark your calendars...

Rite of Election 2014

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, on the First Sunday of Lent (March 9, 2014) at 3:00 p.m.

Saint Mary, Ottumwa, on the Second Sunday of Lent (March 16, 2014) at 3:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass 2014

Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport on Monday, April 7, at 5:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil 2014

April 19 - the earliest it may begin is 8:30 p.m.

Labor Day (Monday, September 2)

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

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.

Wednesday, 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) 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/>

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