

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 2015

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NEWS FROM THE USCCB

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New Translation of the Order of Confirmation

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the new English translation of the *Order of Confirmation*, with a *recognitio* decree dated March 25, 2015 (Prot. n. 95/14). Following consultation with the Committee on Divine Worship, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, USCCB President, has set the implementation date of the new text for Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016, although the liturgical book may be used immediately upon its publication.

This edition of the *Ordo Confirmationis* is the first major “retranslation” to receive the *recognitio* of the Holy See since the implementation of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* in 2011, and represents the first of the new translations of rituals and other liturgical books expected to be promulgated in the coming years.

Of particular note for those involved in preparing individuals for Confirmation is the change in the way the gifts of the Holy Spirit are named in the prayer at the Laying on of Hands. The new translation will use the names for the gifts as found in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

Current Translation	New Translation
All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of <u>wisdom</u> and <u>understanding</u> , the spirit of <u>right judgment</u> and <u>courage</u> , the spirit of <u>knowledge</u> and <u>reverence</u> . Fill them with the spirit of <u>wonder and awe in your</u> <u>presence</u> . Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.	Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of <u>wisdom</u> and <u>understanding</u> , the spirit of <u>counsel</u> and <u>fortitude</u> , the spirit of <u>knowledge</u> and <u>piety</u> ; fill them with the spirit of the <u>fear of the Lord</u> . Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Status of Liturgical Texts of Saint John XXIII

Following the 2014 canonization of Pope Saint John XXIII and his subsequent inscription in the General Roman Calendar as an Optional Memorial on October 11, many inquirers have asked the Secretariat of Divine Worship when to expect St. John XXIII's proper liturgical texts in English and Spanish. The Latin and Italian texts were promulgated by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on May 29, 2014 (Prot. n. 309/14). Texts in the other vernacular languages are being translated and prepared at this time, and are anticipated sometime in the coming months.

It is important to note that since October 11 falls this year on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the feast of St. John XXIII will not be celebrated in 2015, except by those churches and oratories named in his honor, which celebrate the feast as their proper titular solemnity. All other churches use the Mass formulary and readings of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Until such time as the liturgical texts are approved and promulgated, the Common of Pastors: For a Pope may be used in both the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* and the *Misal Romano*, inserting the name "John the Twenty-Third" or "Juan XXIII" at the appropriate places. The Mass readings of the day are used, or for a more solemn celebration, the following readings are assigned for St. John XXIII (all from the Common of Pastors found in volumes II, III, or IV of the *Lectioary for Mass*):

- First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16 (no. 719-9)
- Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 (no. 721-2)
- Gospel Acclamation – John 10:14 (no. 723-5)
- Gospel – John 21:15-17 (no. 724-12)

Year of Mercy: Connections with the Mass

In the celebration of the Mass, the critical role of God's mercy frequently comes to the fore. As imperfect human beings, we encounter in the Mass God's merciful offer to raise us up and to give us hope and strength despite our weaknesses. In order to prepare for the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy, as well as to assist delving deeper into the content of the Mass itself, there follows a concise list of moments in the Order of Mass when the mercy of God is explicitly acknowledged or sought. Those who preach on the theme of mercy might wish to draw their hearers' attention to some of these passages, both to help strengthen their appreciation for God's mercy and to help them pray the Mass with greater devotion.

In addition to the texts from the Order of Mass, there are innumerable references to God's mercy which are encountered both in the proper prayer texts for the various Masses, as well as in the Scripture passages proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word. Furthermore, there are numerous other moments in the Mass when mercy is sought, even if not mentioned explicitly by name. For example, the silent prayer of the deacon or priest who has just read the Gospel is clearly reliant on God's mercy: "Through the words of the Gospel, may our sins be wiped away" (Order of Mass, no. 16). Whether or not the very word is used, God's mercy is truly never far from the many liturgical elements of the Mass.

The full list of texts may be found here:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Temporary/YearOfMercy/litMercyandtheMass.pdf>

Watch our website for the launch of our webpage dedicated to the Year of Mercy... coming soon!

RESOURCE: LAUDATO SI'

On June 18, Pope Francis released his new encyclical *On Care for Our Common Home* (available at: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html). It is a beautiful, rich, and challenging document. My hope is to explore what the implications of this newest addition to Catholic Social Teaching might be for our liturgical life.

It is not surprising that the title of the encyclical in Latin is taken from the opening line of St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures: "Praise be to you...." So, the encyclical opens by invoking prayer – and ends by offering us two prayers... one "A prayer for our earth" and the other "A Christian prayer in union with creation."

So, the contents of the encyclical are bracketed by prayer, which suggests the attitude that we ought to bring to the text: an attitude of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving; an open heart.

Here is a starting point as we consider the impact of the Pope's Encyclical on our liturgical life - the USCCB has already produced a resource entitled "Caring for God's Creation: Resources for Liturgy, Preaching, and Taking Action," which is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all.pdf>.

A bulletin insert is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/laudato-si-bulletin-insert.pdf>.

The Archdiocese of Washington, DC has also published a complete parish tool-kit (available at <http://www.adw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Final-Toolkit-ALL-FILES.pdf>) that includes intercessions, bulletin and pulpit announcements, and a bulletin insert, among other resources.

For more resources, please visit our deacon formation academics page: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/dcn/dcnacademics.htm#CST>.

RESOURCE: HOMILETIC DIRECTORY

Summary §§16-19

The second section of the Directory is entitled, "Interpreting the Word of God in the Liturgy."

Paragraph 16 reminds us that the homily is an integral, organic part of the liturgy. Therefore, when we prepare to preach, we must "see the constellation of the readings and prayers of the celebration as crucial" to interpreting the Scriptures of the day. One of the treasures of the Second Vatican Council is the Lectionary – structured to help emphasize the unity between the Old and New Testaments.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* lays out three criteria for interpreting the Scriptures in accord with Vatican II (§17):

1. Being attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture" (CCC 112; Directory §§18-19);
2. Reading the Scriptures "within the living Tradition of the whole Church" (CCC 113; Directory §20); and
3. Being attentive to the analogy of faith (CCC 114; Directory §21).

Each of these criteria needs to be unpacked.

As Catholics, we read the Scriptures as a whole – with Christ and his Paschal Mystery at the center. It is the preacher’s task to help the assembly “read the Scriptures in the light of the Paschal Mystery in such a way that Christ can reveal his very heart to them” (§18).

This means that we read the Old Testament *retrospectively* – we read backwards through the lens of Christ (and so the OT cannot be read simplistically as an unambiguous prediction of Christ’s coming). I recommend a careful read of another document – the Pontifical Biblical Commission’s *The Jewish People and their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible* (JPSSCB; 2002) – to get a proper understanding of the relationship between the Old and New Testaments. In summary, this document presents great gains in our understanding of the relationship between the OT and NT, between Jews and Christians. Specific gains include:

- A rejection of supersessionist readings of the OT (and a supersessionist approach to Judaism);
- An acknowledgment that the Christian interpretation of the OT is retrospective;
- A similar acknowledgment that Jewish interpretation of the OT is legitimate and that Christians can learn from Jewish exegesis; and
- 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.

The liturgical context calls us to take the structure of the Lectionary seriously, a structure that highlights the relationship between the Old and New Testaments. The heart of the Sunday readings is the Gospel; the Psalm and First Reading are chosen in light of that text (in Ordinary Time, the Second Reading is not specifically chosen to ‘link’ to the other selections). But, in keeping with JPSSCB, we must be careful in *how* we make the connections between the two Testaments. It is incumbent upon those of us who preach to be intentional about carefully avoiding any anti-Jewish readings of the texts.

Resources to assist in this endeavor are found on our Preaching Links webpage:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litpreach.htm#AntiJudaism>.

Response

Since preaching is not the same thing as conducting a Bible study, we do not need to compulsively comment on every text. However, what we are called to do is look at all the readings and prayers and ask: what do these texts, together, have to say to us today? As we look at life through the lens of these readings and prayers, what do we see? In doing so, any particular text may serve as the anchor for the homily; it does not always have to be the Gospel.

RESOURCE: AUDIO LECTIONARY

An audio version of the Lectionary for Mass is available on the USCCB website, at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>. This is ideal for persons with vision disabilities or for lectors who simply need to rehearse those difficult words. Links to this and other lectionary-related resources are on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litpreach.htm#Lectionary-Proclaim>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Deacon Formation Class VII: Installation as Lectors

Members of Class VII will be installed as Lectors on Sunday, July 12, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Newton.

According to the Church's law and practice, the instituted lector is charged with proclaiming the readings from the Sacred Scriptures (except for the Gospel), announcing the intentions in the Prayer of the Faithful (in the absence of a Deacon), and reciting or singing the psalm if there is no cantor (GIRM #99). As distinct from the typical parish reader, these men will now exercise this ministry in a permanent way.

As part of the Rite, Bishop Amos will bless them, saying: "Grant that as they meditate constantly on your word they may grow in its wisdom and faithfully proclaim it to your people." In handing them a copy of the Scriptures, he reminds them to "be faithful to handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people." As their formation continues, we ask that you please keep them and their families in your prayers.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

TeamRCIA: August 14-15, 2015 – St. Patrick, Iowa City (6:30pm Friday to 4pm Saturday)

Registration: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm#Formation>

Our conference will focus on "Making Disciples" - the basic process and skills needed for RCIA... a great review for veterans and the perfect introduction for 'newbies'! This offering aims to help participants:

- *Discover how the RCIA is a powerful conversion process
- *Learn how to apply the core principles of the RCIA to any faith formation process
- *Acquire the skills to build an evangelizing parish that involves the entire community in the RCIA
- *Know how to recruit and build a thriving RCIA team
- *Learn how to grow a pool of passionate, engaged sponsors

Please note that this workshop is made possible in part by a Forum Legacy Grant, which honors the work of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

Music Workshops

Does your parish or choir have certain hymns that are done well for the glory of God? Are you looking for new hymns for your assemblies and/or choirs? Do you want to get together and sing/share music with other musicians from across the diocese? Then these free workshops are for you!

We are inviting music ministers from around the diocese to come together and share resources for the various liturgical seasons: three workshops at three different sites around the diocese:

Place	Date and Time	Liturgical Seasons
St. John Vianney Bettendorf	Sunday, July 19, 2015 2:00pm-4:00pm	Advent / Christmastime
St. Mary Iowa City	Saturday, November 7, 2015 10:00am-Noon	Lent / Triduum / Eastertime
St. Alphonsus Mt. Pleasant	Saturday, May 7, 2016 10:00am-Noon	Ordinary Time Feasts & Solemnities

To register, simply send your music to the host at each site; that's all! No other registration is needed and there is no fee for attending. Please see the attached flyer as well, which you can use to promote the first workshop.

Save the Date: Msgr. Kevin Irwin Coming to St. Ambrose on March 8, 2016

Monsignor Kevin Irwin, S.T.D., will deliver the Chair of Catholic Studies Lecture on March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rogalski Center Ballroom. His lecture is entitled: **"The Eucharist is Justice."**

Monsignor Irwin is the past Dean of the College of Theology and Religious Studies, and Walter J. Schmitz Chair of Liturgical Studies at the Catholic University of America. In the 1990's, Monsignor Irwin was an invited participant at the annual scholars' conferences on the environment sponsored by the Environmental Justice Committee of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. He has worked with the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Istanbul) on the theology of ecology at the invitation of Patriarch Bartholomew. His most recent research interests concern the intersection of a theology of ecology with the church's celebration of the sacred liturgy and the sacraments. Monsignor Irwin served as a frequent commentator during the previous two papal transitions. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Feast of the Transfiguration

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6 – which is also the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, when nature itself was violently transfigured. Perhaps as we gather for Eucharist or pray the Hours this day we would do well to pray for peace and that the horrors of that August 6 sixty-seven years ago will never be repeated.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption, celebrated on August 15, falls on a Saturday this year, and so is not a Holy Day of Obligation. When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited but funeral Masses may be celebrated. Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. The liturgies of August 14-16 are celebrated as follows:

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Friday, August 14	Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe	Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe	Vigil Mass: Assumption of the BVM	EP I of the Assumption of the BVM
Saturday, August 15	Assumption of the BVM	Mass during the Day: Assumption of the BVM	<i>If celebrate an anticipatory Mass:</i> 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	EP II of the Assumption of the BVM
Sunday, August 16	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(N.B. If your parish is St. Mary of the Assumption, then the Solemnity can be moved to Sunday: the Saturday night Mass would be the Vigil of the Assumption and the Sunday Masses would be the Mass during the Day.)

One of the popular traditions associated with the Assumption is the Blessing of Fruits and Herbs (*Directory on Popular Piety*, #181). In the United States, the rite for use within or outside of Mass may be found in the *Book of Blessings*, ch. 59: "Order for the Blessing of Food or Drink or Other Elements Connected with Devotion." A rite for use at home can also be found in *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (1st ed. p. 170; 2nd edition p. 312).

Lent/Triduum 2016

We will celebrate the *Rite of Election* at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, February 14 at 3pm (1st Sunday of Lent) and at St. Mary of the Visitation in Ottumwa on Sunday, February 21, at 3pm (2nd Sunday of Lent).

The *Chrism Mass* will be celebrated on Monday, March 14, at 5pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The Triduum falls on Thursday, March 24 through Sunday, March 27 – with the *Easter Vigil* falling on the night of Saturday, March 26. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:15pm.

INTERCESSIONS

Here are resources for the Universal Prayer:

(1) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at:

<http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>

(2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:

http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx

(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/>

(5) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>

(6) See also our website for prayer resources in times of crisis:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litlibrary.htm#Prayers>

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