

LITURGYNOTES – FOR MARCH 2011

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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MUSIC WORKSHOPS: MAY 7 AND 21

The registration forms for the Music Workshops will be posted on the diocesan RM3 webpage:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm#register2>.

The purpose of these workshops is to introduce the **music ministry leadership** (choir/music directors, keyboardists, cantors) of our communities to Mass settings from each of the three major publishers. The workshop is *not* intended for all choir members; as with the deanery workshops, the hope is that those attending the workshop will bring what they learn back to their parishes. The morning will begin with a keynote address on "Introducing New Mass Settings in a Parish" from Alan Hommerding (May 7) or Jerry Galipeau (May 21) from WLP. They will then lead a choral reading of the Mass settings we have selected from their collection. The afternoon will be spent in three breakout sessions practicing with Mass settings from GIA, OCP, and the ICEL chants.

PEW CARDS

Pew cards have arrived, and we are in the process of delivering them to parishes (along with their invoices!). Thanks for your patience; we'll get them to you as quickly as possible. (Or call me to make arrangements to pick them up at the chancery.)

ORDERING MISSALS

Information from the various publishers offering editions of the Missal are found on our website at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm#Publishers>. I will be sending out information regarding "bulk" ordering at a discount through the diocese soon. Stay tuned!

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

LTP has published two new resources to help catechists and youth ministers prepare children and teens for the new Missal. Visit our Roman Missal webpage for links to these new books.

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

Start date for new Roman Missal: November 27, 2011
None of the new texts may be used until then!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ERRATUM FROM LTP

If any of you have purchased the *Guide for Servers* from LTP (part of their Liturgical Ministry Series), please note that there is a typo on page 63. Under the heading *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest*, the first sentence in the second paragraph should read: “...*Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* is **not** Mass...”

“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>.

Please note that the liturgy office will be closed from March 24 through April 1. Please plan accordingly in regards to getting your planning sheets to me in a timely manner.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The Rite will be celebrated at Saint Patrick Church, Iowa City, on Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. Please remember that the Rite of Election is not optional: one must be “elected” for the Easter Sacraments by the Bishop (or his delegate). I would hope that we would see this as not just a “legal hoop” to jump through, but as a living sign of our unity as a diocesan church. In case of inclement weather, our alternative date and time are: Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m.

The Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, on Monday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. I would ask that we all encourage the members of our parishes—especially those in the RCIA or preparing for Confirmation—to attend this beautiful and important liturgy. Information on “ordering” oils was sent to priests/parishes last month.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

“Deepening Appreciation of Eucharist through the Roman Missal”: March 12, 2011

Sponsored by the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, this workshop—led by Kathy Coffey—aims to foster a deeper appreciation of the new Missal and to assist those who are charged with helping to implement the Missal in their parishes. The workshop is free, but registration is required by Monday, March 7. See our Liturgy Events or Roman Missal websites to access a flyer with more details.

Or click here: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/lit2011CHMLiturgyFlier.pdf>

Children and Christian Initiation Institute

Ascension Parish in Oak Park, Illinois—just west of Chicago—is hosting a **Children and Christian Initiation Institute** presented by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate on June 9 & 10, 2011. For more information, see the brochure posted on our Liturgy Events webpage.

Or click here:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/lit2011Children's%20InstituteBrochure.pdf>

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

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Time for the Start of the Easter Vigil: April 23, 2011

The Easter Vigil is to take place in darkness, after nightfall (calculated as 45 minutes to an hour after sunset). Therefore, for the Diocese of Davenport, the Vigil may not begin before 8:45 PM.

The Month of May

May is traditionally regarded as a Marian month. Please recall, however, that the Easter Season (including Pentecost) should remain the primary focus in both prayer and in the liturgical environment. Popular devotions are to take their life from the liturgy, not overshadow it.

Sunday, May 8, the Third Sunday of Easter, is also Mother’s Day this year. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery and the Easter Season. The Book of Blessings (#1724ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use. The same applies to Father’s Day, June 19 (See BB #1729ff) – which is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity this year.

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Amos

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Amos, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on June 8 this year. The Mass “For the Bishop” (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I. For the Church 3. For the Bishop) with its appropriate readings should be celebrated. It would also be appropriate to include a particular petition for the Bishop as part of the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of June 4-5.

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 an outpouring of grace upon all those called to bring the newness of life in Christ to His people by their vocation as priests, deacons and in the religious life, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....

(3) Weekly intercessions:

- April 3 4th SUNDAY OF LENT
For all Christians, that we see the face of Christ in the person in need, and respond with compassion and care, we pray...
- April 10 5th SUNDAY OF LENT
For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that our service, our listening, and our compassion aid in their healing, we pray...
- April 17 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION
For those who work for justice and peace through non-violent means, that by their witness we may better understand the non-violent Jesus, we pray...
OR
For the times we are pressed into service for the work of justice, that we offer no resistance, we pray...
- April 21 HOLY THURSDAY
For those who work to alleviate hunger, that we might join their efforts in both prayer and action, we pray...
- April 24 EASTER SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
For those here present, that our Easter joy may be translated into loving service to the poor, the broken-hearted, and the stranger, we pray...

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