

LITURGYNOTES – FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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Diocesan Roman Missal Websites:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm>
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissalQA.htm>

WHAT ARE PARISHES DOING?

What are parishes doing to prepare for the new Missal? Have you selected a musical setting for the Mass yet? Is there anything that you need from this office? Please let me know.... agnoli@davenportdiocese.org.

CORRECTION: LAMB OF GOD, REVISITED

In the June issue of *LiturgyNotes*, I reported that the USCCB had decided to limit the use of alternate tropes/invocations in the *Agnus Dei*. The report of this decision on the *Pray Tell* blog has generated a great deal of confusion. I therefore contacted the Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship directly, and here is their response:

Until the US Bishops decide to revise *Sing to the Lord* or the Congregation in Rome asks for a change, *Sing to the Lord* remains the policy of the USCCB.

In other words, alternate tropes/invocations are still allowed – but be aware that this may change in the future. I will keep you posted as I hear more.

CHANT CDS (AND WEBINARS) FROM NPM

NPM has been posting mp3 recordings of the various chants for the Mass on their website. Now, they are available for purchase on CD for a nominal price. Please see the attached order form for details.

I have also attached information regarding their webinar series.

The same information is also posted on our website at:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litOrderFormChant.pdf>
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litNPMwebinars.pdf>

CHANT ACCOMPANIMENT

The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) has issued the first of three sets of accompaniments for chants in the new *Roman Missal*. This first set includes accompaniments for the following texts in the Order of Mass: *Kyrie, Gloria, Credo I, Credo III, Sanctus*, Memorial Acclamations, and *Agnus Dei*. There is also an accompaniment for the Lord's Prayer and Doxology, but not for the well-known setting that will appear in the U.S. edition of the Missal. You may find these accompaniments and download them for free by visiting the ICEL website: <http://www.icelweb.org/musicfolder/openmusic.php>.

FDLC ISSUES NEW EDITION OF *THE MYSTERY OF FAITH*

Newly revised for the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, *The Mystery of Faith* is a comprehensive overview of the various parts of the Mass, providing historical background, liturgical catechesis, and questions for discussion. This newly revised book boasts solid scholarship and pastoral application accessible to all. It is designed for priests, deacons, liturgical ministers, parish liturgy teams, and for other informational or course presentations on the liturgy. You may place an order at: <https://secure.fdlc.org/Products.asp?search=%20A%20Study%20of%20the%20Structural%20Elements%20of%20the%20Order%20of%20Mass>

NEW DVD AVAILABLE

This 22 minute DVD is designed to be a practical tool to help educate congregations about the new translation of the Mass. The DVD begins with an explanation of the need for a new translation, and then proceeds to highlight the major changes that will affect the gathered assembly. The DVD also gives the worshiper a chance to practice some of the new language. Authors Dr. Lynn Trapp and Michael Silhavy are highly respected worship leaders who have practical knowledge of effective methods to educate church members.

Please see their website for more information and to view excerpts:
<http://www.morningstarmusic.com/newmasssettings.cfm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Bishop Gruss' Thanksgiving Mass

Bishop Gruss will return to the diocese to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 4, at 3pm. All are welcome! Priests and deacons who are planning on attending should RSVP with the liturgy office and bring a green stole.

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

A 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and informal reception will be held at St. Mary Church, Pella on Sunday, October 9 at 2 p.m. This is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage this year. Invitations have been mailed. If you have additional parishioners to invite contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

North American Forum on the Catechumenate

****SAVE THE DATE****

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.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

LTP ANNUAL RESOURCES

LTP has announced that its annual resources are once again available. You may order your materials directly from LTP, 800-533-1900 or from Religious Supply Center in Davenport. Religious Supply is willing to provide the parishes with discounted prices. For details or to place your order, call Jim, 563-324-0669 or 800-292-0052, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday. Resources will be delivered to the Clergy Overnighter in November.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Rite of Election 2012

The Rite of Election will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on February 26 (First Sunday of Lent) and again at St. Mary in Ottumwa on March 4 (Second Sunday of Lent). Both liturgies begin at 3:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead: Easter Vigil Start Time

The earliest time that the Vigil can begin next year (Saturday, April 7, 2012) is 8:30 p.m.

Christmas and the Christmas Season

1. God reveals God's self to us as the One who loves us. The feast days during Christmas remind us of this revelation and seek our response to it.
2. The color is white or gold, and it is ideal if vestments and fabrics used are different from those used at Easter.
3. A good Penitential Rite is the third form, # II (now found in Appendix VI of the Missal).
4. Sing the Gloria the entire season. The carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" may not replace the Gloria.

5. Christ is present here and now. TODAY is born our Savior. Avoid historicizing. For example, use Christmas music with good theology for the whole season (ex. Hark the Herald Angels Sing) and avoid historical settings (O Little Town of Bethlehem).

6. Make sure your decorating reflects all that is important: the Word, the people.... Enhance the whole building, not just the sanctuary. Remember: less is more!

7. Remember that Advent and Christmas are the perfect times to remember Mary, our ultimate model for behavior. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, observed on January 1, falls on a Sunday this year and so is a Holy Day of obligation; neither Ritual Masses nor Funeral Masses may be celebrated.

8. There are two customary proclamations used during the Christmas Season. The deacon, reader, or cantor may sing/proclaim these texts, which will now be found in Appendix I of the Missal. See the diocesan website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

a. At Christmas Midnight Mass, after the greeting and introduction, the “Proclamation of the Birth of Christ” is sung or proclaimed. The Gloria immediately follows.

b. On Epiphany, the “Proclamation of the Date of Easter” is sung or proclaimed after the homily or after the prayer after communion.

9. During most of the year, we make a profound bow during the Proclamation of Faith while speaking the words: “by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” During the Vigil of Christmas and all the Masses of Christmas, we genuflect at this time—highlighting the awesome mystery of the Incarnation.

10. Regarding the various Christmas Masses:

a. For prayers, the *Missal* has five different Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Mass for December 24 is the proper text for Masses in the morning of December 24. The proper text for Masses in the evening (= after 4 p.m.) of December 24 is the Christmas – Vigil Mass. The text for Christmas – Mass at Midnight is to be used for Masses beginning “at night,” preferably on or around midnight between December 24 and 25. The proper text for the first Mass in the morning of December 25 is the Christmas – Mass at Dawn. Later Masses on December 25 should use the text for Christmas – Mass during the Day.

b. The Mass at Midnight may be preceded by a more prolonged vigil, taken from the Office of Readings (see the *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* #71-73, 98, 215). This extended vigil is the preferred time for the blessing of the crèche (*Book of Blessings*, chapter 48, §1542-44).

c. According to the *Lectionary for Mass*, for the three Masses of Christmas (Midnight, Dawn, Day), the proper readings for the Mass may be used or the readings may be chosen from among any of the readings for Christmas or the Vigil—based on pastoral need. Pastors should carefully discern those needs before selecting readings other than those proper to each Mass. Only the Vigil readings may be used at the Vigil Mass.

11. The crèche does not go under the altar or even in the sanctuary. It is preferable to put out a crèche that represents the whole story; there is no need to have “traveling kings.” Please see the *Book of Blessings*, chapter 48, §1544:

“If the manger is set up in church, it must not be placed in the *presbyterium*. A place should be chosen that is suitable for prayer and devotion and is easily accessible by the faithful. (The *presbyterium* is that part of the church where bishops, priests and ministers perform their

ministry. This would be the altar, ambo [pulpit], and presidential chair area of the sanctuary. The placement of the crib should not interfere with the dignity and function of these areas. Likewise, the crib should not impede a minister from getting to the tabernacle.)”

Additional information can be found in the GIRM §299 and in *Built of Living Stones* §§124, 125, and 128.

12. There is a tradition of blessing chalk on the Epiphany, which is then used by the faithful to bless their homes. In addition, this would be a proper time to celebrate the “Order for the Blessing of Homes during the Christmas and Easter Seasons” found in the *Book of Blessings* §§ 1597-1621. The Epiphany blessing is also available on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm> OR <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litEpiphanyChalkBlessing.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>

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