

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 2011

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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SIMPLE VS. SOLEMN TONE

There was a request on the part of some of the priests that we select either the Solemn or Simple tone of the ICEL chant as something every community and minister would learn—in order to have at least one common setting across parishes and when the diocese gathers.

While the Simple tones are, as the name implies, easier to learn, they will be found in the Appendix of the Missal and not within the Order of Mass itself (the Solemn tones will be placed there).

Therefore, while we would like to recommend the Simple tones to you, the fact that they are not integrated into the Order of Mass in the Missal has led Bishop Amos to decide not to choose one setting over the other.

USE OF NEW MASS SETTINGS

As you have no doubt heard, the USCCB has stated that individual bishops in their dioceses may allow the use of new Mass settings in September. The decision of Bishop Amos is to not allow such use for the following reasons:

1. The necessary catechesis will not have taken place. The diocese has developed an intentional time-table for catechesis that an early implementation would undo.
2. In addition, just as little is happening over the summer in most parishes as far as catechesis is concerned, it is also more likely than not that parish choirs will not have been meeting over the summer and so the selection and practice of a new Mass setting would not even have occurred.
3. There will be a great deal of confusion—not just between parishes but also within a parish. Since the permission to use new texts applies only to sung parts, it is probable that at one Sunday Mass, we would be speaking one set of texts and at the next singing another... not to mention that Sunday and weekday Masses would also differ.

4. There is also the practical issue: how would we get the new Mass settings in front of the people? What additional costs would we incur?

All that being said, it is also true that the *Gloria* remains one of the more challenging new texts since the first time that we will sing it as an assembly will be on Christmas (or December 8). Therefore, given our catechetical timeline, Bishop Amos does give permission for the use of a new *Gloria* on and after October 30, the day scheduled for catechesis on that part of the Mass, if a community so desires.

“STUDY” EDITIONS OF THE MISSAL AND OTHER RESOURCES

A number of folks have asked about “study editions” of the new Missal. Unfortunately, publishers must wait six months before publishing the full study edition. However, a number of such study editions are in the works:

- Liturgy Training Publications will publish *The Order of Mass: A Roman Missal Study Edition*, by Michael S. Driscoll and J. Michael Joncas. This resource provides chant and proclamation tips and pastoral commentary throughout the Order of Mass.
- Also to be available in September from LTP will be *Essential Presidential Prayers and Text: A Roman Missal Study Edition*, by Daniel Merz and Abbot Marcel Rooney. This resource provides proclamation and chant tips and pastoral commentary on the propers and the prayers and texts throughout the Sacred Triduum.
- There will also be CDs available to accompany these two LTP publications.
- Liturgical Press will also issue a study edition; details are still pending.
- Liturgical Press will also be publishing *A Commentary on the Order of Mass of the Roman Missal* and *Glory in the Cross: Holy Week in the Third Edition of the Roman Missal*. The latter, by Paul Turner, will focus on the new rubrics for Holy Week.

FROM THE USCCB’S OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP: CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS IN THE RUBRICS FOR HOLY WEEK

The *Roman Missal, Third Edition* will bring minor changes and/or clarifications to the various Holy Week celebrations beginning next year. As a guide to pastoral-liturgical planners, the Secretariat of Divine Worship offers a summary of those changes:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The four options of the Gospel text at the Procession with Palms have been printed in full in the *Missal*. This should help eliminate the need for more than one book to be used before the procession, although the Gospel could appropriately be proclaimed from the *Book of the Gospels*.

Holy Thursday

The Rites of the Blessing of Oils and Consecrating the Chrism, currently found in Appendix II of the *Sacramentary*, will not be included in the new *Roman Missal*. The Committee is working with the Holy See to assure that texts to be used for the blessing and consecration will be available in time for the Chrism Mass.

At the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum section in the Proper of Time, there appear various pastoral reminders and considerations which draw attention to the roles of laity, location, and other general aspects to help create the solemn tone that is appropriate for the celebrations that occur.

Good Friday

Two changes are of note relative to the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The first is a rubric which clarifies that, "[t]his liturgy by its very nature may not... be celebrated in the absence of a Priest." In addition, the previous U.S. adaptation of permitting multiple crosses for adoration by the faithful is discontinued. Two options may be pursued: 1) a larger Cross may be approached by the people from different sides, or 2) the rubric in the *Roman Missal* may be observed whereby the Cross, after adoration by a smaller representative group of the faithful, is lifted up for a time by the Priest to allow all to adore in silence.

Holy Saturday

Throughout the Sacred Paschal Triduum, it is important to emphasize that the Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick may continue to be celebrated (see rubrics for Good Friday, no. 1). Holy Communion may be given to the sick and homebound immediately after the liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and only as viaticum to the dying on Holy Saturday.

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

At the Easter Vigil, it is favorable that those who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time receive under both kinds. The new rubric also states that godparents, lay catechists, and Catholic parents and spouses receive under both kinds as well. The Diocesan Bishop may also state that all faithful be admitted to Holy Communion under both kinds. The rubric is similar to one found in number 243 of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

On Easter Sunday, the optional nature of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises is emphasized in the rubrics, and the text itself is not included on Easter Sunday. If it is to be used, the text is taken from the appropriate place in the Easter Vigil, and the Creed is omitted. In any event, the Penitential Act still takes place as usual.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Installation as Lectors

The current class of candidates for the diaconate will be installed into the ministry of Lector on Sunday, July 10, in Riverside. Mass time is 11:00 AM. Please keep these men, and their families, in your prayers.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Anastacio Ponce will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, August 20, at St. Mary in Ottumwa. The ordination Mass is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM. Please keep him, and all our seminarians, in your prayers.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

A reminder that the North American Forum on the Catechumenate is holding an Institute on the rites of initiation in multi-parish configurations on August 25-26 in Racine, Wisconsin. Please see our website or the attached brochure for details.

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

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Liturgical Considerations for Sunday, September 11, 2011

September 11 this year marks the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States, and falls on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. All things being equal, the Mass of the day is celebrated, with appropriate intercessions and chants or other liturgical songs chosen to mark the observance of this anniversary.

In cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, however, the Diocesan Bishop may direct or allow for the celebration of a Mass formulary from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 374). Bishop Amos has allowed the use of the Mass for Peace and Justice (with white vestments) or the Mass in Time of War or Civil Disturbance (with purple vestments) on that day.

Regardless of the Mass Propers chosen, the assigned Lectionary readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (no. 130) are to be used. However, these readings are particularly poignant and appropriately challenging, as they address questions of forgiveness, vengeance, and God's mercy. Background notes and suggestions for preachers, sample General Intercessions, and other pastoral suggestions will be prepared collaboratively by several USCCB departments and posted on the USCCB website (www.USCCB.org) in the coming weeks.

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 increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life and for a deeper gratitude for the priests, deacons and religious who now serve our diocese. We pray...

(3) Weekly intercessions:

Aug 7 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That the poor, the elderly, the homeless and all who cry out for help, will find in us the support they need. We pray...

Aug 14 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That immigrants in our country be treated with dignity .We pray...

Aug 21 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That the leaders of all nations may use their authority to work for peace. We pray...

Aug 28

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, the bereaved, the unemployed, and all who suffer in any way, may be comforted by God's loving presence. We pray...

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