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## Attention Drawn to Translation

Recently, the Office for Divine Worship has received comments and questions regarding the conclusion of collects used in the celebration of the Eucharist. Four years ago, on February 17, 2021, a change to the Roman Missal was made omitting the word “one” before “God, for ever and ever.”

This change was made after a letter was sent in May 2020 to English-speaking Conferences of Bishops by Robert Cardinal Sarah, then prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, addressing a concern about the English translation. The letter specifically addresses the concluding doxology of the Collects in the Missal, which also appear in other liturgical books.

A February 4, 2021, note from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship said Cardinal Sarah had observed that “there is no mention of ‘one’ in the Latin, and ‘Deus’ in the Latin text refers to Christ.” “The Cardinal Prefect has pointed out the importance of affirming this Christological truth amid the religious pluralism of today’s world,” the note said.

The Latin rite bishops of the United States have voted to amend the country’s version of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal to reflect the change.

The note went on to read that the use of the word “one” in the Collects “risks suggesting that Jesus became a god independent of the Blessed Trinity and is one god among many ... what we pray needs to express what the Church believes, requiring that, in liturgical formulae, we uphold the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity.”

If they have not already done so, priests are to omit the word ‘one’ when offering the prayers beginning NOW.

## Further Instruction on “Obligation” and Transferred Days of Precept

Courtesy of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC)

You may recall that the issue arose in 2024 when the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception was transferred to Monday, December 9 because the Second Sunday of Advent (a day of higher rank) fell on December 8.

Following the ruling last fall by the Dicastery for Legislative Texts, several requests for clarification were sent to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments. Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the DDWDS, has issued a response (Prot.51/25). The full text of that response is attached.

### KEY POINTS:

- The Dicastery responded to a specific question “[I]n the case of the transfer of a holyday of obligation, is one bound on the day ad quem to observe the obligation to attend Mass?”
- The response references the Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar and its Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence (cf. nos. 59-60).

## Transferred Days of Precept, cont'd.

- Recognizing that this was a liturgical matter not expressly regulated by the Code of Canon Law (CIC), the Note acknowledges a “well-established practice” that the Dicastery had followed.
- The note concludes “Since this practice is not contrary to the canons of the CIC, it is to be considered liturgical law (cf. Canon 2) that in the event of the occasional transfer of a holyday of obligation, the obligation to attend Mass is not transferred to the day *ad quem*.”

The full note has now been published on the Vatican website: <https://www.cultodivino.va/it/attivita/2025/nota-precetto.html>.

## 24 Hours for the Lord

In this Jubilee Year, the 12th edition of “24 Hours for the Lord,” a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world. As with previous editions, the event will take place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday 28 March to Saturday 29 March at Saint Peter Cathedral.

Help is needed from priests, deacons, and parishes. Please see the attached flyer at back of this newsletter.

## Lenten Practices 2025

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2025. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one’s needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)
4. On HOLY THURSDAY, no celebration of the Mass is to begin anywhere in the diocese earlier than 4:30 pm without the explicit approval of Bishop Persico.
5. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the GOOD FRIDAY service is celebrated by a priest only.
6. All celebrations of the EASTER VIGIL are to begin after nightfall (which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset). Nightfall is about 9:00 pm this year. To balance pastoral need and liturgical prescriptions, Bishop Persico has decreed that the Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Erie is to begin at 8:30 pm or any later time. Any start time earlier than 8:30 pm must receive explicit approval from the Bishop.

Also, please note the FDLIC Liturgical Preparation Aid for Lent and Easter at the appendix of this newsletter.

## 2025 Rite of Election of Catechumens and The Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates

Sunday, March 9, 2025, St. Peter Cathedral, Erie 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 16, 2025, St. Catherine of Siena Church of Holy Spirit Parish, DuBois 3:00 pm

Registration of catechumens and candidates was due to the Office of Parish Support by February 14, 2025.

For questions or more information, please contact Mary Hickin at [mhickin@eriercd.org](mailto:mhickin@eriercd.org). Parishes are encouraged to observe the *Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election* (cf. OCIA, nos. 106-117) or the *Rite of Sending the Candidates for the Calling to Continuing Conversion* (cf. OCIA, nos. 434-445) or the *Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Calling to Continuing Conversion* (cf. OCIA, nos. 530-546), depending on the local circumstances, the

## Celebration of the Scrutinies and Presentations of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer

The Rites belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, OCIA nos. 138-205, found in the ritual book, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, are to be carefully observed for the Elect. Any questions regarding these rites may be directed to the Office for Divine Worship.

## Proper Disposal of the Paschal Candle

Old paschal candles, as blessed objects (a sacramental) must be appropriately disposed. This could involve burning the candle in a devotional manner (privately as opposed to publicly and liturgically) or even burying the candle in blessed ground. Candles are made to be burned, however, and it is better to find a way to either recycle or burn the wax.

## Eucharistic Congress 2029

Courtesy of Catholic News Service

The National Eucharistic Congress, Inc. is thrilled to share that initial steps preparing for the 11<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress in 2029 have begun. The location for the event has not been shared but organizers of the event will provide more details in the near future.

## Jubilee of Volunteers

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering will be held from Saturday, March 8, to Sunday, March 9, 2025. Volunteering has allowed the lay faithful to step forward into the universal call to holiness in service to the Church and society. The heartbeat of many parish and civic communities across the United States are the dedicated and selfless volunteers who respond to great needs and contribute their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure to the benefit of others. There are also countless Catholic volunteers who engage in domestic and international mission work in service to the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized communities.

The following resource packet can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, campuses, apostolates, movements, organizations, or individuals to plan their celebration of the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for volunteers in the community or globally. For more information please see the following:

[Jubilee2025 Volunteers.pdf](#)

## Jubilee of the Sick and the World of Health

The **Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers** being celebrated April 5-6, 2025, helps us to celebrate the important service of healthcare providers and to recognize that accompanying the sick is an important vocation. Whether due to our own health or the health of a loved one, each of us has interfaced with health care workers at some point in our lives, and experienced first-hand the value of their accompaniment. Each of us has likely also cared for a sick loved one in some capacity, and so we know how taxing it can be. As the Catholic Health Association states, "Catholic health care, [is] a ministry of the church continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing today. [This] ministry is an enduring sign of health care rooted in our belief that every person is a treasure, every life a sacred gift, every human being a unity of body, mind, and spirit" (Statement of Shared Identity). While each of us is called to continue Jesus's mission of love and healing in our own way, we recognize that the unique vocation of health care workers during this Jubilee.

For more information and resources please see: [Jubilee2025 Sick Health Care.pdf](#)

## Jubilee of Teenagers

The **Jubilee of Teenagers** will be held from Friday, April 25, to Sunday, April 27; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating teenagers at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

This resource packet is for anyone who finds it beneficial. It can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, campuses, apostolates, movements, organizations, or individuals to plan their celebration of the Jubilee of Teenagers. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for teenagers in your community.

Additional resources for the Jubilee of Teenagers and other celebrations can be found online at: [Jubilee of Teenagers](#)

## Jubilee of People with Disabilities

The **Jubilee of People with Disabilities** will be held from Monday, April 28, to Tuesday, April 29; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating persons with disabilities at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

This resource packet is for anyone who finds it beneficial. It can be used and/or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, campuses, apostolates, movements, organizations, or individuals to plan their celebration of the Jubilee of People with Disabilities. It might also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for persons with disabilities in your community. For persons with disabilities or ministries with persons with disabilities that are making a Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome or to a particular Jubilee celebration in a diocese or eparchy within the United States during 2025, this packet can also serve as an aid in the preparation or experience of that trip.

Additional resources for the Jubilee of People with Disabilities and other celebrations can be found online at:

[Jubilee of People with Disabilities.](#)

## March 2025 Liturgical Calendar

March is the month dedicated to Saint Joseph

### March 2: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communication Suggestion:

Please make sure your Ash Wednesday schedule is posted on your parish homepage website and on all your social media platforms.

### March 5: Ash Wednesday

A day of fasting and abstinence

- Ritual Masses (e.g. Celebration of Matrimony) are not permitted.
- Funeral Masses *are* permitted.
- Begins with the Sign of the Cross & Greeting (The Lord be with you, Let us pray, and the Collect).
- Penitential Rite is omitted. (NO "I Confess..., Lord, have mercy...")
- Alleluia is omitted. Use proper Lenten Gospel Acclamation.
- Blessing and Distribution of Ashes takes place after homily.
- Gloria and Creed are omitted.
- Universal Prayer is said after the distribution of ashes.
- The Mass is proper.
- Preface III or IV of Lent is appropriate for use today.
- Book of Blessings provide instructions for blessing of ashes, Ch. 52. nos. 1656-1678
- Ordinary minister for the blessing of the ashes is a priest or deacon.

### March 9: First Sunday of Lent

### March 13: 12th Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis.

### March 16: Second Sunday of Lent

### March 17: Feast of St. Patrick, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Erie

- This Feast Day calls for a "Glory to God."
- Proper Collect prayer for Saint Patrick under March 17 in the Proper of Saints.
- Prayer over the Gifts and the Prayer After Communion from The Common of Pastors, either "For Missionaries" or "For a Bishop."
- Preface of "Holy Pastors."
- The readings are taken from Lectionary #541, Saint Patrick, Bishop. They are: I Peter 4:7b-11; Luke 5:1-11. Readings may be chosen from the Lectionary section, The Common of Pastors, #719-724.
- The Responsorial Psalm is Psalm 96, Proclaim God's marvelous deeds.
- The verse for the Gospel Acclamation is "Come after me says the Lord and I will make you fishers of men."

Parishes with the title Saint Patrick celebrate this day as a Solemnity with Gloria, Creed, and three readings. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship if you have any questions.

## March 2025 Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

### March 19: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Vestment color: White
- The Mass is proper (including the Preface: "The Mission of Saint Joseph").
- Gloria is sung or said.
- Lenten Gospel Acclamation is still used.
- Creed is recited.
- Order for the Blessing of Saint Joseph's Table. See Book of Blessings, nos. 1679-1700.
- Today also commemorates the 12th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Petrine Ministry of his Holiness, Pope Francis.

### March 23: Third Sunday of Lent

- On this Sunday, the First Scrutiny of the Elect may be celebrated in preparation for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil (see OCIA, nos. 150-156).
- If the scrutiny IS celebrated, it takes place after the homily. The readings for the particular Mass at which the scrutiny is celebrated uses the Cycle A readings: the Samaritan Woman (OCIA, nos. 157-163).
- If the scrutiny is NOT celebrated, then the readings are taken from Year C for the Third Sunday of Lent.
- The first presentation of the Creed to the Elect may be celebrated during this week following the first scrutiny (OCIA, nos. 157-163).

### March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

- Vestment color: White
- Prayer texts are proper and taken from March 25. The Lenten readings are NOT used today.
- Gloria is sung or said.
- Creed is recited Today, genuflect at the words "and was incarnate." Inform the congregation to genuflect at this time.
- Solemn Blessing #15 may be used.

### March 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Laetare means "rejoice!" It is a joyful anticipation of Easter.

- Vestment color: Rose
- Instrumental music is permitted.
- The altar may be decorated with flowers.
- The Second Scrutiny of the Elect may be celebrated.
- If the scrutiny IS celebrated, the readings are taken from Year A (31): the Man Born Blind.
- If the scrutiny IS NOT celebrated, the readings are taken from Year C for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

## Jubilee 2025 Information

### **Bishop Persico Issues Jubilee Indulgence Decree**

The indulgence, a priceless gift of divine mercy, is one of the special 'signs' of the Jubilee Year. On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, Bishop Persico issued a decree outlining the requirements for the reception of indulgences related to the Jubilee Year 2025 in the diocese of Erie. All the 'truly repentant' faithful, moved by a spirit of charity, who, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, will be able to obtain the indulgence by undertaking spiritual activities as outlined in the decree found at: [Diocese of Erie Indulgence Decree](#).

### **Places of Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year**

Every Jubilee celebration has aspects of pilgrimage. The sites of pilgrimage are the holy doors of the four papal basilicas in Rome. In the dioceses of the world, Pope Francis has designated the cathedral church as a place of pilgrimage. In the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Persico has designated Saint Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway as a secondary place of pilgrimage.

## Jubilee 2025 Information cont'd.

### Mass “For the Holy Year”

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed three new Mass formularies, “For the Holy Year.” These Masses may be celebrated whenever special celebrations are held during the Jubilee, except on solemnities, Sundays and feasts, during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, days within the Octaves of the Nativity and of Easter, Advent weekdays from December 17 to December 24 inclusive, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day), and Ash Wednesday. The proper readings provided may only be used in Ordinary Time; during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, the usual daily readings are required. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings, the Dicastery also provides five samples for the Penitential Act, and four invitations, responses, and concluding orations for the Universal Prayer. These liturgical resources are available in the attachment to this newsletter and at: [USCCB Jubilee Year Votive Masses and Various Needs](#).

In light of the Jubilee’s theme, “Pilgrims of Hope,” the prayers naturally stress the themes of pilgrimage and hope. Incorporated into Christ, the faithful are a Body of believers, filled with hope. They look forward to the Lord’s coming in the present and at the end of the ages, an expectation which gives them an eternal vision and moves them to make pilgrimage to God and neighbor. The titles of the Prefaces underline the Christocentric meaning of the Jubilee Year: “Christ, our sole hope,” (Form A); “Christ, our true hope,” (Form B); and “Christ, God and man, the Savior of all” (Form C).

The readings provided for this Mass are nearly identical to those of the annual Chrism Mass (Lectionary for Mass, no. 260): Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27; and Luke 4:16-21. In Isaiah, the prophet declares that he has been anointed by the Lord “to announce a year of favor,” and, in the Psalm, God speaks about his servant David: “with my holy oil [I have] anointed him.” These passages culminate in the Gospel passage from Luke, where Christ, at the beginning of his public ministry, reads the prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-2) and declares it fulfilled: “The Lord has sent me to announce a year of favor.” In addition to these selections, there is one additional option for the First Reading, Romans 5:5-11, whose verse 5 opens the Bull of Indiction: “Hope does not disappoint.”

### Jubilee Logo

Individuals and organizations may download the Jubilee logo in high resolution and the main languages at: [Jubilee Logo](#).

Since the logo is subject to copyright, its use is intended for pastoral and non-profit purposes only. Such use is to be linked to the following pastoral and ecclesial initiatives with no commercial purposes:



- Place the trademark on materials related to the Jubilee, such as: pamphlets, postcards, brochures, posters, outlines, banners, websites, and other media;
- Place branding on pastoral materials to be used for spiritual preparation for the Jubilee;
- Place trademark on promotional materials related to the Jubilee, particularly on posters, banners, T-shirts, hats, mugs, and other materials and media; not for commercial use.

### Jubilee Websites:

Vatican: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Diocese: <https://www.eriercd.org/holyyear2025.html>

### Jubilee Hymn

“Pilgrims of Hope” is the Jubilee 2025 hymn. Prepared by Pierangelo Sequeri, set to music by Francesco Meneghello, the hymn intercepts the many themes of the Holy Year: creation, fraternity, God’s tenderness, and hope.

The English translation, recording and music can be found at: [Jubilee Hymn](#)



## Colds and Flu

People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice. Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to calm the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

## Workshops for Liturgical Ministers

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or lectors, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please remember to present candidates for this ministry to the Bishop when they are deemed prepared by the pastor or chaplain of said institution.

The following resource is available from the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein for the formation of parish liturgical ministers: [Parish Liturgical Ministers](#).

## Copyrights

According to the United States Copyright Office, if you reproduce, distribute, publicly display, or derive a new piece from a copyrighted work without the permission of the copyright owner, you may have infringed on copyright. That could include putting a poem or song on your website, printing an essay or column in your bulletin, or even streaming a service on your website, Facebook or YouTube that includes the performance of hymns from a hymnal you have purchased. The safest thing a church can do is only to use copyrighted materials when you have the express written permission of the copyright owner. This is generally accomplished by purchasing the appropriate license. The majority of parishes use OneLicense.net.

In worship aids:

- To license the readings for a worship aid, parishes can contact: Mary Elizabeth Sperry at [mosperry@uscgb.org](mailto:mosperry@uscgb.org). If you need any other clarification, please call the Office for Divine Worship at 814-824-1271.
- For reprinting excerpts of the Roman Missal in a worship aid, credit is given to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).

On screens:

- The Committee on Divine Worship does not permit projecting readings and liturgical texts on screens during the liturgy. The bishops believe that since people spend much time on screens, the Sacred Liturgy should be a prayerful break from that. They also think screens distract from the liturgy itself.



## DICASTERIUM DE CULTU DIVINO ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

Following a number of requests for clarification regarding the transfer of the obligation to attend Mass when a holyday of obligation is transferred, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, having consulted the Dicastery for Legislative Texts, by means of this Note hereby specifies the following.

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Prot. 51/25

Vatican City, 23 January 2025

### NOTE

#### **on the obligation to attend Mass when a holyday of obligation is transferred because of an *occurrentia festorum***

1. The coexistence, in the liturgical year, of the weekly cycle, of movable feasts and weekdays (because of their relationship with Easter), and of days (feasts and weekdays) with fixed date celebrations, both in the universal calendar and in particular calendars, gives rise to the phenomenon of *occurrentia festorum*, i.e. the coincidence of two feast days on the same calendar date.
2. This is regulated by the *Normae universales de Anno liturgico et de Calendario* according to which (n. 59) “precedence among liturgical days, as regards their celebration, is governed solely” by the *Tabula dierum liturgicorum*.
3. Therefore, “if several celebrations fall on the same day, the one that holds the highest rank according to the Table of Liturgical Days is observed. However, a Solemnity impeded by a liturgical day that takes precedence over it should be transferred to the closest day not listed under nn. 1-8 in the Table of Precedence, provided that what is laid down in n. 5 is observed” (*Normae universales* n. 60).
4. In this regard, the following *dubium* arises: **in the case of the transfer of a holyday of obligation, is one bound on the day *ad quem* to observe the obligation to attend Mass?**
5. The *CIC* deals with holydays of obligation in canons 1246-1248: these canons do not provide for the possibility of a transfer due to an occasional *occurrentia festorum*. The faculty given to the Episcopal Conference, with the approval of the Apostolic See, to suppress or transfer to Sunday certain holydays of obligation (cf. can. 1246 § 2) refers to suppressions or transfers which are not occasional but permanent.
6. Since this is a liturgical matter and since this issue is not expressly regulated by the *CIC*, in addition to applying what is laid down in the *Normae universales de Anno liturgico et de Calendario*, it is necessary to bear in mind the normative interventions that the competent curial body for divine worship and the discipline of the sacraments has adopted over time. These interventions attest to a well-established practice according to which, in the event of the transfer of a holyday of obligation, the obligation to attend Mass is not transferred.
7. **Since this practice is not contrary to the canons of the *CIC*, it is to be considered liturgical law (cf. Canon 2) that in the event of the occasional transfer of a holyday of obligation, the obligation to attend Mass is not transferred to the day *ad quem*.**

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# 24HOURS for the LORD

In 2014 the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization began an initiative called 24 Hours for the Lord so that the faithful might encounter Jesus Christ anew in the Sacrament of Confession and in Eucharistic Adoration. The Lenten initiative is intended to be a time of reflection and prayer, an opportunity to speak with a priest, and a chance to rediscover — or perhaps discover for the first time — the great mercy at the heart of the Catholic Faith.

As part of the Holy Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Erie offered 24 Hours for the Lord for the first time at St. Peter Cathedral, as well as in other parishes. This was continued for several years. This year, as part of the Jubilee Year, the Diocese of Erie will again celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord at St. Peter Cathedral. The 24 hours of adoration and confession will kick off with the 5:15 Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and conclude with the 4pm Mass on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Persico has asked that this year's 24 Hours for the Lord be devoted to prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Erie. Groups such as youth groups, prayer groups, etc., are encouraged to consider signing up for an hour of adoration to pray for this important intention.

**PRIESTS** in the greater Erie area are asked to consider taking at least an hour to hear confessions at St. Peter Cathedral during the 24 Hours for the Lord. Confessions will begin on Friday, March 28 at 5:45pm and continue until 3:30pm on Saturday, March 29. You will receive a letter in the mail to this effect with the possibility of signing up for a confession hour.

**DEACONS and Lay Persons** are asked to consider committing to an hour of adoration either alone or with family, friends or a parish group. Adoration will begin on Friday, March 28 at 5:45pm and continue until 3:30pm on Saturday, March 29.

**Parishes** are asked to support this time of prayer and reconciliation by filling two hours of the 24-hour time period, making sure there are at least two people adoring the Lord during those hours. This takes the burden off the Cathedral Parish, which is being so generous as to host the event. A letter has been sent to pastors with specific hours to be filled by each parish. Consider sending a group of people for a Holy Hour together. This is a good opportunity for people to also pray for their pastors and for their parishes.

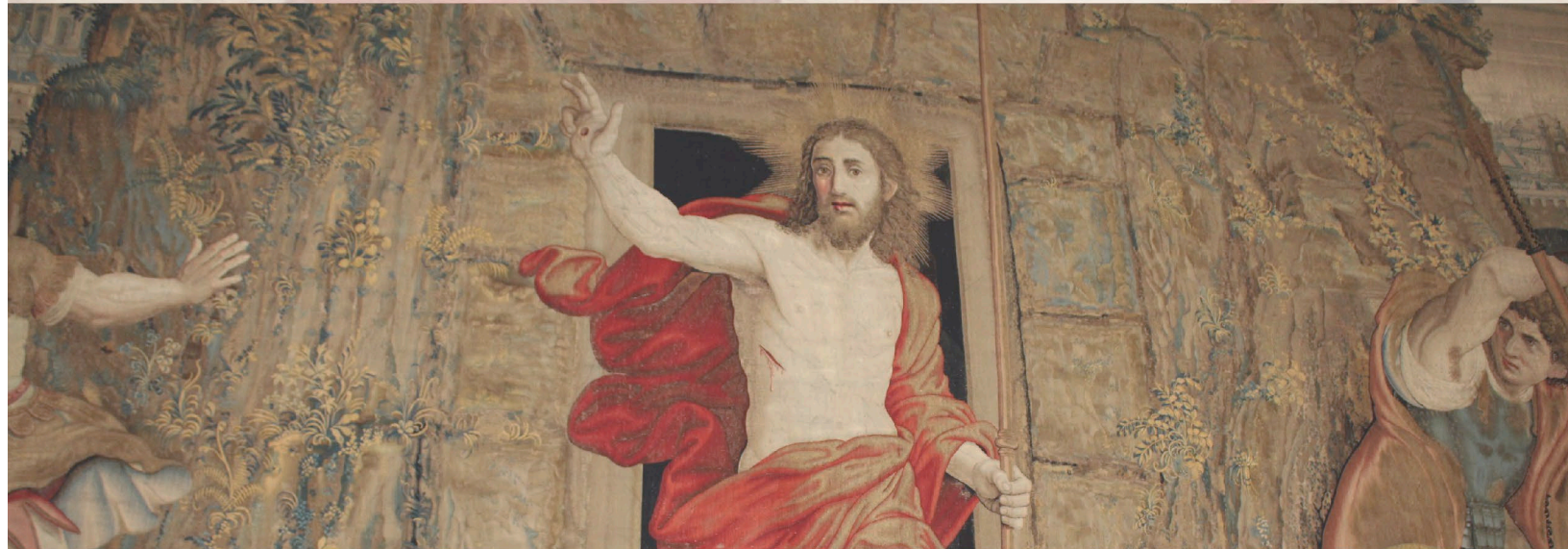
**All** are asked to please encourage people, including those estranged from the Church or away from the sacraments for a long time, to come to St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, for this event.

Please contact Sr. Kathleen Dietz. FSO at [sr.kathleen@olp.org](mailto:sr.kathleen@olp.org) or 814-218-9400 to sign-up for an hour of adoration and/or with any questions.



# A LITURGICAL PREPARATION AID

FOR LENT,  
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM,  
AND THE EASTER SEASON



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# TO SEEK AND SAVE WHAT WAS LOST



## A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2025

### THE ORDER FOR RECONCILING SEVERAL PENITENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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## PREPARATION

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- Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.
- At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany. They are to be seated in the assembly.
- Musician(s) and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions is included herein.)
- A *Lectionary* or the *Order of Penance* should be readied with the appropriate readings.
- Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo.
- Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.
- For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.



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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### LITURGICAL SONG

When the faithful have gathered, and as the Priest enters the church, if appropriate, a psalm, antiphon, or appropriate song may be sung. (See music suggestions herein.)

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

### GREETING

**Presider:** Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### INTRODUCTION

*Sample*

**Presider:** We gather tonight [today] to seek God's forgiveness for our sins. We acknowledge our failings, beg his mercy, and resolve to do better.

But let us also acknowledge that we are here because God has invited us. Even in our sinfulness, God is constantly seeking us. He wants to draw us back to him. In his great love and mercy, he reaches out to enfold us in his arms and to remind us that we are his children. This sacrament is one way he seeks our return. As we accept the grace of God's mercy, we take one more step closer to him.

Let us also recall that, free from sin, "all people of good will may work together for justice and peace in the world" (*Order of Penance*, 5).

As we are forgiven, may we be more eager to forgive others and to bring God's peace to this fractured world. God is seeking us all.

## PRAYER

**Presider:** Let us pray, brothers and sisters, **(brethren)**  
that God, who calls us to conversion,  
will grant us the grace of true and fruitful repentance.

*Silent prayer*

Graciously hear the prayers of those who call upon you,  
we ask, O Lord,  
and forgive the sins of those who confess to you,  
granting us in your kindness both pardon and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

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The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected.

“If there are several readings, a Psalm or other appropriate liturgical song or even a period of silence should intervene between them, so that the word of God may be understood more deeply by everyone and heartfelt assent be given to it. If there is only one reading, it is desirable that it be taken from the Gospel” (*Order of Penance* 51).

The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal.

### FIRST READING

#### **Ezekiel 11: 14-21**

*I will remove the stony heart from their bodies,  
and replace it with a natural heart,  
so that they will live according to my statutes*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### **Psalm 130 (129): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 6c-8**

*With the Lord is mercy,  
in him there is plentiful redemption.*

### SECOND READING

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ.*

### VERSE

#### **John 3:16**

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might have eternal life.*

### GOSPEL

#### **Luke 19:1-10**

*The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost*

### HOMILY

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## BIBLICAL READINGS

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In the *Order of Penance*, Chapter IV provides “Various Texts to be Used in the Celebration of Reconciliation.” Besides beautiful options for greetings, invitations, and prayers, the chapter lists the following Scripture passages which may be used “For the Reconciliation of Several Penitents.” The text offers multiple options from the Old Testament (32); Psalms (15); New Testament Letters (28); and Gospels (26). [Please see *The Order of Penance*, nos. 101-201].

“The readings proposed here have been selected for the benefit of pastors and the faithful. For diversity, and according to the special nature of the assembly, other readings may be chosen” (OP 101).

### II. FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS

#### READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

101. Gn 3:1-19: *She took some of its fruit and ate it.*
102. Gn 4:1-15: *Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.*
103. Gn 18:17-33: *For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it.*
104. Ex 17:1-7: *They tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”*
105. Ex 20:1-21: *I, the LORD, am your God. You shall not have other gods.*
106. Dt 6:4-9: *Love the LORD, your God, with all your heart.*
107. Dt 9:7-19: *Your people have become depraved; they have already turned aside from the way I pointed out to them.*
108. Dt 30:15-20: *Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom.*
109. 2 Sm 12:1-9, 13: *David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan answered David: “The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die.”*
110. Neh 9:1-20: *The children of Israel gathered together fasting and confessed their sins.*
111. Wis 1:1-16: *Love justice because into a soul that plots evil wisdom enters not, nor dwells she in a body under debt of sin.*
112. Wis 5:1-16: *The hope of the wicked is like thistle-down borne on the wind. But the just live forever.*
113. Sir 28:1-7: *Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*
114. Is 1:2-6, 15-18: *Sons have I raised and reared, but they have disowned me!*
115. Is 5:1-7: *My friend had a vineyard. He looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.*
116. Is 43:22-28: *It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses.*
117. Is 53:1-12: *The LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.*
118. Is 55:1-11: *Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.*
119. Is 58:1-11: *Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.*
120. Is 59:1-4, 9-15: *It is your crimes that separate you from your God.*
121. Jer 2:1-13: *Two evils have my people done: they have forsaken me, the source of living waters; They have dug themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that hold no water.*
122. Jer 7:21-26: *Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people.*
123. Ez 11:14-21: *I will remove the stony heart from their bodies, and replace it with a natural heart, so that they will live according to my statutes.*

124. Ez 18:20-32: *If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.*
125. Ez 36:23-28: *I will sprinkle clean water upon you and place a new spirit within you and make you live by my statutes.*
126. Hos 2:16-25: *I will make a covenant for them on that day.*
127. Hos 11:1-11: *I took them in my arms; I drew them with human cords.*
128. Hos 14:2-10: *Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God.*
129. Joel 2:12-19: *Return to me with your whole heart.*
130. Micah 6:1-15: *Do the right and love goodness, and walk humbly with your God.*
131. Micah 7:2-7, 18-20: *The LORD will again have compassion on us and cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.*
132. Zechariah 1:1-6: *Return to me and I will return to you.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

*In longer Psalms, a selection of stanzas which form a coherent whole may be chosen instead of the entire Psalm.*

133. Ps 13 (12):2-3, 4-5, 6  
 R̄. (6a) I trust in your merciful love.
134. Ps 25 (24):1b-3, 4-5, 6, 7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22  
 R̄. (16a) Turn to me, Lord, and have mercy on me.
135. Ps 31 (30):2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6  
 R̄. (6b) You will redeem us, O Lord, O faithful God.
136. Ps 32 (31):1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11  
 R̄. (5c) I will confess my transgression to the Lord.
137. Ps 36 (35):2, 3-4, 5, 6-7, 8, 9-10, 11-13  
 R̄. (8) How precious is your mercy, O God!
138. Ps 50 (49):7, 8 and 14-15, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23  
 R̄. (23b) To one whose way is blameless, I will show the salvation of God.
139. Ps 51 (50):3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21  
 R̄. (14a) Restore in me the joy of your salvation.
140. Ps 73 (72):1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-17, 18-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28  
 R̄. (28a) For me to be near God is good.
141. Ps 90 (89):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-17  
 R̄. (14) Fill us, O Lord, with your mercy, and we shall exult all our days.
142. Ps 95 (94):1-2, 3-5, 6-7b, 7c-9, 10-11  
 R̄. (7c) O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord!
143. Ps 119 (118):1 and 10-11, 12-13, 15-16  
 R̄. (1) Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.
144. Ps 123 (122):1, 2, 3-4  
 R̄. (2e) Our eyes are on the Lord our God.

145. Ps 130 (129):1-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 6c-8  
 R. (7bc) With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.
146. Ps 139 (138):1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15, 16, 17-18, 23-24  
 R. (23a) O search me, God, and know my heart.
147. Ps 143 (142):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11  
 R. (10) Teach me to do your will, my God.

#### READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

148. Rom 3:22-26: *They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus.*
149. Rom 5:6-11: *We boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*
150. Rom 6:2-13: *You must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.*
151. Rom 6:16-23: *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
152. Rom 7:14-25: *Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
153. Rom 12:1-2, 9-19: *Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.*
154. Rom 13:8-14: *Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*
155. 2 Cor 5:17-21: *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ.*
156. Gal 5:16-24: *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires.*
157. Eph 2:1-10: *God, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ.*
158. Eph 4:1-3, 17-32: *Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self.*
159. Eph 5:1-14: *You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.*
160. Eph 6:10-18: *Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day.*
161. Col 3:1-10, 12-17: *If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly.*
162. Heb 12:1-5: *In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.*
163. Jas 1:22-27: *Be doers of the word and not hearers only.*
164. Jas 2:14-26: *What good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works?*
165. Jas 3:1-12: *If anyone does not fall short in speech, he is a perfect man.*
166. 1 Pt 1:13-23: *You were ransomed not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious Blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished Lamb.*
167. 2 Pt 1:3-11: *Be all the more eager to make your call and election firm.*
168. 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2: *If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.*
169. 1 Jn 2:3-11: *Whoever hates his brother, is still in the darkness.*
170. 1 Jn 3:1-24: *We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.*
171. 1 Jn 4:16-21: *God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.*
172. Rev 2:1-5: *Repent, and do the works you did at first.*
173. Rev 3:14-22: *Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.*
174. Rev 20:11-15: *All the dead were judged according to their deeds.*
175. Rev 21:1-8: *The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.*



## GOSPEL READINGS

176. Mt 3:1-12: *Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!*
177. Mt 4:12-17: *Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
178. Mt 5:1-12: *When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and his disciples came to him.*
179. Mt 5:13-16: *Your light must shine before others.*
180. Mt 5:17-47: *But I say to you.*
181. Mt 9:1-8: *Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.*
182. Mt 9:9-13: *I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.*
183. Mt 18:15-20: *You have won over your brother.*
184. Mt 18:21-35: *So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.*
185. Mt 25:31-46: *Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*
186. Mt 26:69-75: *He went out and began to weep bitterly.*
187. Mk 12:28-34: *The first of all the commandments.*
188. Lk 7:36-50: *But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.*
189. Lk 13:1-5: *If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!*
190. Lk 15:1-10: *There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.*
191. Lk 15:11-32: *While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.*
192. Lk 17:1-4: *If your brother wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, "I am sorry," you should forgive him.*
193. Lk 18:9-14: *O God, be merciful to me a sinner.*
194. Lk 19:1-10: *The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.*
195. Lk 23:39-43: *Today you will be with me in Paradise.*
196. Jn 8:1-11: *Go, and from now on do not sin any more.*
197. Jn 8:31-36: *Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.*
198. Jn 15:1-8: *He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.*
199. Jn 15:9-14: *You are my friends if you do what I command you.*
200. Jn 19:13-37: *They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*
201. Jn 20:19-23: *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.*

## A SAMPLE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*Other formulas may be used*

**Presider:** Sisters and brothers,  
our Father knows all our failings,  
but asks us to call them to mind  
so that we may seek out his forgiveness.

**Minister #1:**

- Do I pray daily?
- Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?
- What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?
- Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?
- Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

**Minister #2:**

- Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?
- Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?
- Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?
- Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?
- Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

**Minister #1:**

- In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?
- Do I treat my parents with respect?

- Am I ever angry with those I love?
- Have I been faithful in my relationships?

**Minister #2:**

- Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?
- Am I intolerant of others' ideas or inattentive to others' needs?
- Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
- Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?

**Minister #1:**

- Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- Have I ignored the poor in our midst?
- Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?
- Do I purchase a lot of material goods that I don't really need?

**Minister #2:**

- Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?
- Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?
- Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?
- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?

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## THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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### GENERAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon or Minister: Brothers and sisters (**Brethren**),  
calling to mind the kindness of God our Father,  
let us confess our sins, that we may obtain his mercy.

All: I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### LITANY

Deacon or Minister: Let us humbly pray to Christ our Savior,  
whom we have as a righteous advocate with the Father,  
that he will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all iniquity.

D or M: You were sent to bring good news to the poor  
and to heal the contrite of heart.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You forgave much to the woman who loved much.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You did not refuse to sit at table with tax collectors and sinners.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

**D or M:** You carried the lost sheep on your shoulders back to the fold.

**All:** Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

**D or M:** You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery,  
but told her to go in peace.

**All:** Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

**D or M:** You called Zacchaeus the tax collector to conversion and new life.

**All:** Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

**D or M:** You promised paradise to the repentant thief.

**All:** Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

**D or M:** You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and live for ever to intercede for us.

**All:** Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. **OR** Lord, have mercy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**D or M:** Let us now pray together to the Father  
as Christ himself commanded us,  
that as we forgive one another our trespasses,  
he will forgive us our sins:

**All:** Our Father, ...

## PRAYER

**Presider:** O God, who have prepared helps suited to our weakness,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may receive their healing effects with joy  
and reflect them in a holy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confessions should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.*

## PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

**Confessor:** God, the Father of mercies,  
through the Death and Resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church,  
may God grant you pardon and peace.  
**AND I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS,  
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, ✠  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Penitent:** Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

*"When the individual confessions have been completed, the Priest who is presiding over the celebration, with the other Priests near him, invites all present to offer thanks and encourages them to do good works by which the grace of repentance in the life of each one and of the entire community will be shown. It is therefore appropriate for all to sing a Psalm or hymn or to say a litany to acknowledge God's power and mercy, for example, the Cantic of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Psalm 136 (135):1-9, 13-14, 16, 24-26" (OP 56).*

*See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.*

Psalm 28: 6-7  
Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11  
Psalm 54  
Psalm 66  
Psalm 95  
Psalm 98: 1-9  
Psalm 100: 1-5  
Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18

Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 24-26  
Psalm 145: 1-21  
Psalm 146:2-10  
Isaiah 61: 10-11  
Daniel 3:52-57  
Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat)  
Ephesians 1:3-10  
Revelation 15: 3-4



## CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Presider:**     **Almighty and merciful God,**  
                  **who wonderfully created human nature,**  
                  **and still more wonderfully restored it,**  
                  **you do not abandon sinners,**  
                  **but pursue them with a father's love;**  
                  **you sent your Son into the world**  
                  **to destroy sin and death by his Passion**  
                  **and restore life and joy to us by the Resurrection;**  
                  **you poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts**  
                  **that we might be your children and heirs;**  
                  **you constantly renew us by the Sacraments of salvation,**  
                  **that we may be freed from slavery to sin**  
                  **and be transformed more fully day by day**  
                  **into the image of your beloved Son.**

**We give you thanks for the wonders of your mercy**  
**and praise you with the whole Church,**  
**singing to you a new song**  
**with voice, heart, and deed.**

**To you be glory, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit,**  
**now and for ever.**

**All:**           **Amen.**

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## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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### GREETING

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### BLESSING

*A Deacon may say the invitation.*

**Deacon:** Bow down for the blessing.

**Presider:** May the Lord guide your hearts in the love of God  
and the patience of Christ.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May you walk in newness of life  
and please God in all things.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** And may almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

### DISMISSAL

*Then a Deacon, or other minister or the Priest himself, dismisses the assembly:*

**Deacon:** The Lord has forgiven your sins. Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## READINGS

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 11: 14-21

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus the word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, it is about your kinsmen,  
your fellow exiles, and the whole house of Israel  
that the inhabitants of Jerusalem say,  
“They are far away from the LORD;  
to us the land of Israel has been given as our possession.”

Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD:

Though I have removed them far among the nations  
and scattered them over foreign countries —  
and was for a while their only sanctuary  
in the countries to which they had gone —  
I will gather you from the nations  
and assemble you from the countries  
over which you have been scattered,  
and I will restore you to the land of Israel.

They shall return to it and remove from it all its detestable abominations.

I will give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them;

I will remove the stony hearts from their bodies,  
and replace it with a natural heart,  
so that they will live according to my statutes  
and observe and carry out my ordinances;  
thus they shall be my people and I will be their God.

But as for those whose hearts are devoted

to their detestable abominations,  
I will bring down their conduct upon their heads,  
says the Lord GOD.

The word of the Lord.

**R. (7bc) With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the sound of my pleadings.

**With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.

**With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

I long for you, O LORD,  
my soul longs for his word.  
My soul awaits the Lord  
more than watchmen for daybreak.

**With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

More than watchmen for daybreak,  
let Israel hope for the LORD.  
For with the LORD there is mercy,  
in him is plentiful redemption.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

**With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:**

**the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.**

**And all this is from God,**

**who has reconciled us to himself through Christ  
and given us the ministry of reconciliation,  
namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,  
not counting their trespasses against them  
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

**So we are ambassadors for Christ,**

**as if God was appealing through us.**

**We implore you on behalf of Christ,**

**be reconciled to God.**

**For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,**

**so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.**

**The word of the Lord.**

VERSE

John 3:16

**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might have eternal life.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town.

Now a man there named Zacchaeus,

who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man,

was seeking to see who Jesus was;

but he could not see him because of the crowd,

for he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus,

who was about to pass that way.

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said,

“Zacchaeus, come down quickly,

for today I must come and stay at your house.”

And he came down quickly and received him with joy.

When they saw this, they began to grumble, saying,

“He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,

“Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor,

and if I have extorted anything from anyone

I shall repay it four times over.”

And Jesus said to him,

“Today salvation has come to this house

because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.

For the Son of Man has come to seek

and to save what was lost.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



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## **SAMPLE PENANCES**

*Choose one of the following penances to atone for sins and accept God's mercy.*

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### **FOR ADULTS**

- Think of someone you have been uncharitable towards and pray for them each day for a week.
- Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. Plan a visit and bring a meal.
- During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of war.
- Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food pantry.
- Think of one thing that you are eating or drinking that is bad for your health. Eliminate it for one month and donate that money to a soup kitchen.
- Identify a person whom you have offended by your unkind words and pray for them each day for a week.
- Reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Act on one of them -- feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit those in prisons, bury the dead, or give alms to the poor.
- Reflect on one of the following Lenten readings from Year C:

Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13
Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Philippians 3:8-14

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### **FOR YOUTH**

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- Eliminate TV for one night. Read from the Bible or your religion text.
- Reach out to a lonely person in class and encourage one other person to do the same. Have lunch together.
- Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.
- For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.
- Donate the money you would have spent on a fast food meal to your parish outreach ministry. Send it anonymously.

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## MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2025

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Again We Keep This Solemn Fast	Scagnelli/ERHALT UNS HERR	GIA
Amazing Grace	Newton	various
Be Not Afraid/ <i>No Temas Más</i>	Dufford	OCP
Change Our Hearts	Cooney	OCP
Eternal Lord of Love	Cain	GIA
Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing	Dudley-Smith	GIA
Forgive our Sins as We Forgive	Herklots	WLP
Lord, Your Almighty Word	Marriott/Giardini	various
Grant to Us, O Lord	Lucien Deiss	WLP
Healer of Our Every Ill	Haugen	GIA
Hosea	Norbet	OCP
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Bonar/ R.V. Williams	Oxford
Lead Us to Your Light	Carol Browning	GIA
Let Justice Roll Like a River	Haugen	GIA
Let Us Sing to the Lord/ <i>Cantemos al Señor</i>	Alonso/Mahler	GIA
Loving and Forgiving	Soper	OCP
Mercy, O God	O'Brien	GIA
My Soul in Stillness Waits	Haugen	GIA
My Soul Rejoices	Alstott	OCP
No Greater Love	Joncas	GIA
O Jesus, Healer of Wounded Souls	Rubalcava	OCP
Our Father, We Have Wandered	Nichols/ Bach	various
Out of Darkness	Walker	OCP
<i>Perdón Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish	OCP
<i>Perdóname, Jesús</i>	William Y Flor	OCP
Remember Your Mercy, Lord	Inwood	GIA
Return to God	Haugen	GIA
Sacred Silence	Booth/Pixler	OCP
Save Us, O Lord	Dufner	OCP
Seek the Lord	O'Connor	OCP
The Cross of Jesus	O'Brien	GIA
The Glory of These Forty Days	tr. Bell/ Bach	Oxford
The Reign of God	Delores Duffer	GIA
The Trumpet in the Morning	Rory Cooney	GIA
The Word is in Your Heart	Moore	GIA
There is a Longing	Quigley	OCP
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber	various
To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul	Hurd	OCP
Tree of Life	Thompson	WLP
Turn My Heart, O God	Haugen	GIA
Turn to Me	Foley	OCP
Turn to the Living God	True	GIA
We Cannot Measure How You Heal	Bell	GIA
Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit	various
You Alone	Hart	OCP

## LITANIES/CHANTS

Two Litanies for Advent/Lent	Richard Proulx	WLP
Gather Us in Mercy, Lord	Alonso	GIA
Hold Us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany	Cooney/Daigle	GIA
Penitential Litany	Prendergast/Sullivan	OCP
Litany of Peace	Bridge (St. Francis)	OCP

## PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD' S MERCY

Blest be the Lord (Ps 91)	Schutte	OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)	Green, Daw, Joncas	various
Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted	RENZEE A DIEU	various
God is Here! As We His People	ABBOTT'S LEIGH	GIA
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/ RUSTINGTON	GIA
Great is Thy Faithfulness	Chisholm/Runyan	LMGM
His Love is Everlasting	Roberts	LMGM
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly	WLP, 003679
I Turn to You, Lord	Craig and Kristen Colson	OCP, 20267 Z2
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young	GIA, G-2896
Sing, My Tongue, the Song of Triumph	PICARDY	GIA
Thanks be to You	Haugen	GIA
<i>The Psalter – Psalms and Canticles for Singing</i>	Isele	Westminster Press
There's A Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber/ IN BABILONE	OCP
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker	OCP, 7150

## Selected Psalmody

	<u>OCP</u>	<u>GIA</u>	<u>WLP</u>
Psalm 19	Joncas	Proulx, Alonso	Haugen
Psalm 27	DeBruyn	Proulx	Isele
Psalm 30	Inwood	Guimont, Inwood	
Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21	Willcock	Craig, Haugen Berrell, Ward, Schaefer	
Psalm 85	Cortez, Hurd	Haugen, Carroll, Dameans	French, Bogdan
Psalm 103:1-8, 11	Cortez, Dufford	Cotter, Haugen	Kolar, Stahl
Psalm 119	Booth	Batastini	

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER TIME FOR EASTER VIGIL?

A. On Saturday evening, April 19, the sun will set in our diocese at \_\_\_\_\_. The end of civil twilight (nightfall) will occur at \_\_\_\_\_. Ideally, the Easter Vigil celebration should not begin before \_\_\_\_\_. Please check the website of the Naval Observatory for the exact time of nightfall in your area. [https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/RS\\_OneDay](https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/RS_OneDay)

“According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all holy vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation” (*Paschale Solemnitatis: Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, no. 77. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, [quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the *Ceremonial of Bishops*].

“ ‘The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday.’ This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses” (*Ibid*; no.78, quoting the *Roman Missal*).

### Q. THE WORD “TRIDUUM” MEANS “THREE DAYS.” HOW DO WE CELEBRATE OVER THREE DAYS?

A. “The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, has its center in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection” (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 19). Sunday also begins the Easter season.

This seventy-two hour period is the most important celebration of our entire liturgical calendar. The Sacred Paschal Triduum is actually ONE liturgy over three days. We may go home and come back again, but we do not actually “begin” and “end” our daily celebrations.

### Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER PLACE FOR THE PASCHAL CANDLE?

The paschal candle is a symbol for Christ, “May the light of Christ rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds” (RM, Easter Vigil). It is to be a genuine candle, and its design and size should be in proportion to the sanctuary in which it will be placed.

During the Easter Vigil and throughout the Easter Season, the paschal candle is to be placed in the sanctuary, near the altar or the ambo. Placed at the ambo, it is as if Christ is teaching us and the neophytes (A. Nocent, *The Liturgical Year*).

After the Easter Season it is moved to a place of honor in the baptistery, for use in the celebration of baptism. (Often, in newer construction, receptacles for the candle are imbedded near the font.) In the celebration of a funeral, the paschal candle is placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is one’s own passover. The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed inside the sanctuary outside the Easter season (*Paschale Solemnitatis*, 99).

### Q. SHOULD OUR PARISH CELEBRATE A TENEBRAE SERVICE?

A. Tenebrae was service of the canonical hours during Holy Week which was suppressed in the revision of Holy Week (1955-1956). The celebration of the Hours is still encouraged, but not in this dramatic format.

In his book, *Glory in the Cross*, Fr. Paul Turner notes: “The Circular Letter recommends the common celebration of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer on this day [Friday] and on Holy Saturday. It says that this office was formerly called Tenebrae, but the former practices of methodically extinguishing candles and beating hymnals on pews in the dark are no longer part of the Liturgy of the Hours. These liturgical offices incorporate the singing of hymns and psalms.”

“The most appropriate form is Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. You could precede or replace it with the Office of Readings. Part IV of the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours encourages the Office of Readings, which replaces the former Tenebrae” (Turner, Blog, on March 17, 2018).

**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY  
FOR THE SEASONS OF LENT AND EASTER 2025**

DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK	COMMENTS
Wednesday	Mar 5	Ash Wednesday	2	Lect #219 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Mar 9	First Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #24; Rite of Election
Sunday	Mar 16	Second Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #27
Wednesday	Mar 19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3	Funeral Mass permitted Lect #543 Gloria, Creed, Proper Preface Food - BB, Chapter 53
Sunday	Mar 23	Third Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #30, Scrutiny I Option: Year A, Lect #28
Tuesday	Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	3	Lect #545 Funeral Mass permitted Genuflect at "and by the Holy Spirit...became man"
Sunday	Mar 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #33, Scrutiny II Option: Year A, Lect #31
Sunday	April 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #36, Scrutiny III Option: Year A, Lect # 34
Sunday	Apr 13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	2	Procession: Lect #37 - Gospel C Mass: Lect #38 - Gospel C
Monday	Apr 14	Monday of Holy Week	2	Lect #257
Tuesday	Apr 15	Tuesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #258
Wednesday	Apr 16	Wednesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #259
Thursday	Apr 17	Thursday of Holy Week (Day)	2	Funeral Mass not permitted
	Varies	Chrism Mass		Lect. #260; Blessing of Oils and Consecration of Chrism
Thursday	Apr 17	Holy Thursday (Evening) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	1	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	Apr 18	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	1	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted
Saturday	Apr 19	Holy Saturday	1	BB, Chapter 54 Rites of Immediate Preparation: OCIA 185-189 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
	April 19	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	1	Lect #41; Easter Vigil may not begin before nightfall; Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	April 20	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	1	Lect #42; Funeral Mass not permitted

Monday	Apr 21	Monday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect # 261; Proper Preface
Tuesday	Apr 22	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #262
Wednesday	Apr 23	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #263
Thursday	Apr 24	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #264
Friday	Apr 25	Friday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #265
Saturday	Apr 26	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #266
Sunday	Apr 27	Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)	2	Lect #45
Tuesday	Apr 29	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect. #557
Friday	May 2	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect. #560
Saturday	May 3	SS. Phillip and James, Apostles (Feast)	7	Lect. #561
Sunday	May 4	Third Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #48
Sunday	May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #51
Wednesday	May 14	Saint Matthias, Apostle (Feast)	7	Lect #564
Sunday	May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #54
Sunday	May 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #57, may use second reading and gospel from Seventh Sunday of Easter
Thursday	May 29	The Ascension of the Lord ( <i>in provinces of Boston, Hartford, NY, Omaha, and Philadelphia</i> ) OR Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter	2 13	Lect #58; holy day of obligation OR Lect #294
Saturday	May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)	7	Lect. #572
Sunday	June 1	The Ascension of the Lord OR Seventh Sunday of Easter ( <i>in five provinces named above</i> )	2 2	Lect #58 Lect #61
Tuesday	June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	10	Lect #576
Thursday	June 5	Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	10	Lect #300
Sunday	June 8	Pentecost Sunday	2	Vigil: Lect #62C Day: Lect #63C



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## LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR C

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### Ash Wednesday, March 5

Joel 2:12-18  
Psalm 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17  
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.  
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.  
Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.  
Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

### First Sunday of Lent, March 8

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

The confession of faith of the chosen people.  
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.  
The confession of faith of all believers in Christ.  
Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted.

### Second Sunday of Lent, March 16

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1  
Luke 9:28b-36

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.  
While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

### Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, March 19

(Solemnity)

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.  
The son of David will live for ever.  
Abraham believed, hoping against hope.  
Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.

OR

Luke 2:41-51a

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 23

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

*(or First Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #28)*

“I AM” sent me to you.  
The Lord is kind and merciful.  
The life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down as a warning to us.  
If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.

Luke 13:1-9

### The Annunciation of the Lord, March 25

(Solemnity)

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8-10  
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11  
Hebrews 10:4-10

Behold, the virgin shall conceive.  
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.  
As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will,  
O God.

Luke 1:26-38

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

*(or Second Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #31)*

The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.  
Your brother was dead and has come to life again.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5  
Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

*(or Third Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #34)*

See, I am doing something new and I give my people drink.  
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
Because of Christ, I consider everything as a loss, being conformed to his death.  
Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

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**HOLY WEEK READINGS**

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**Psalm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 13 (C)**

Luke 19:28-40  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Luke 22:14 – 23:56  
OR Luke 23:1-49

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.  
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.  
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Monday of Holy Week, April 14**

Isaiah 42:1-7  
  
Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14  
John 12:1-11

**(ABC)**  
He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.  
(First oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)  
The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

**Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15**

Isaiah 49:1-6  
  
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17  
John 13:21-33, 36-38

**(ABC)**  
I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)  
I will sing of your salvation.  
One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

**Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
  
Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34  
Matthew 26:14-25

**(ABC)**  
My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.  
(Third oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)  
Lord, in your great love, answer me.  
The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.

**Mass of Chrism**

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  
  
Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27  
Revelation 1:5-8  
Luke 4:16-21

**(ABC)**  
The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.  
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.  
Christ has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father.  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.



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## READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

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### Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 17

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14	The law regarding the Passover meal.
Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18	Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26	For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.
John 13:1-15	Jesus loved them to the end.

### Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion, April 18

Isaiah 52:13 -53:12	He himself was wounded for our sins.(Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)
Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25	Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.
John 18:1-19:42	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Easter Sunday - Mass in the Holy Night of Easter, April 19

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a	God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.
Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
Psalms 16:5, 8-9, 11	You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18	The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13	With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Isaiah 55:1-11	Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 -4:4 Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11	Walk toward the splendor of the Lord. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4	I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart. Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.
Romans 6:3-11 Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Luke 24:1-12	Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?

### Easter Sunday: Mass During the Day, April 20

Acts 10:34a, 37-43	We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (OR Alleluia)
Colossians 3:1-4	Seek what is above, where Christ is.
OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough.
John 20:1-9	He had to rise from the dead.
OR Luke 24: 1-12	[from the Easter Vigil] Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?
OR Luke 24:13-35	[at afternoon or evening Mass] Stay with us since it is almost evening.

## THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

“Since the character and value of this period should arise from this new personal experience both of the Sacraments and of the community, the principle place for ‘Mystagogy’ is the so-called ‘Masses for the neophytes’ or Masses of the Sundays of Easter Time because at them, in addition to the gathered community and their participation in the mysteries, the neophytes find, especially in Year A of the Lectionary, readings particularly suited to them...” (OCIA 247).

### YEAR C

#### Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

More than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them.

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
(OR Alleluia)

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I was dead, but now I am alive for ever and ever.

John 20:19-31

Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

We are witnesses of these words as is the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 20:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (OR Alleluia)

Revelation 5:11-14

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches.

John 21:1-19 or John 21:1-14

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner, the fish.

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

We now turn to the Gentiles.

Psalms 100:1-2m, 3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (OR Alleluia)

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

The lamb will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water.

John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

They called the Church together and reported what God had done with them.

Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (OR Alleluia)

Revelation 21:1-5a

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you! (OR Alleluia)

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

#### The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

*(on May 29 or June 1)*

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.  
(OR Alleluia)

Ephesians 1:17-23

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

OR Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Christ has entered into heaven itself.

Luke 24:46-53

As he blessed them, he was taken up to heaven.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 (1a, 9a)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

*(in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)*

I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (OR Alleluia)

Come, Lord Jesus!

That they may be brought to perfection as one!

**Pentecost (Vigil)**

Genesis 11:1-9

*or* Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b*or* Ezekiel 37:1-14*or* Joel 3:1-5

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

**[Pentecost – Extended Vigil]****[optional; please see the *Lectionary Supplement*]**

Genesis 11:1-9

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

Psalm 33:10-15

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. [cf. Lect #339]

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.

Daniel 3:52-56

Glory and praise forever! [cf. Lect #164]

OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. [cf Lect #423, Year II] (OR Alleluia)

Joel 3:1-5

I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalm 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29-30

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

*\*Prayers which follow each of the readings may be found in The Roman Missal (pages 448-449 in most editions).***Pentecost (Day)**

Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

OR Romans 8:8-17

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

OR John 14:15-16, 23b-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

**rites belonging to the  
Period of Purification and Enlightenment**

“The Period of Purification and Enlightenment of the elect normally coincides with Lent and begins with ‘Election.’ Both in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis, through remembrance of Baptism or preparation for it, and by penitence, Lent renews the community of the faithful together with the elect and disposes them to recall the Paschal Mystery, which the Sacraments of Initiation apply to individuals. In this period, the elect together with the local community give themselves to spiritual recollection, so that they may prepare themselves for the Paschal Feasts and for Initiation by the Sacraments...” (OCIA 138).

“The time of purification and enlightenment is given to a more intense preparation of spirit and heart, which has the character of recollection rather than of catechesis, and is intended to purify hearts and minds by examination of conscience and penitence. This period is intended as well to enlighten the hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (OCIA 139).

“The ‘Scrutinies,’ which are celebrated solemnly on Sundays, have the double purpose of what was mentioned earlier, namely to reveal what is weak, sick, and sinful in the hearts of the elect so that it can be healed; and what is honorable, strong and holy, so that it can be strengthened... (OCIA 141). In accord with ancient tradition, the readings of Year A are to be used, with the traditional gospels of the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the raising of Lazarus, respectively (cf. OCIA 146).

“The Rites of Handing On of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer are to be celebrated after the Scrutinies, if they have not already taken place. In these rites, with the formation of the elect completed or underway for a suitable time, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the texts regarded from antiquity as a summary of its faith and prayer, that is, the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, .... (OCIA 147). Ideally, the presentations should be celebrated within Mass, with the faithful present (cf. RCIA 157, 178).

The Rites of Immediate Preparation are celebrated on Holy Saturday. They are celebrated on the day most proximate to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and, as a rule, should not be omitted. Among these rites is the Recitation of the Creed. Again, according to ancient custom, the Elect recite (“give back,” *reditio*) the Creed which they had been given (“handed on,” *traditio*).

It is very important to remember that these rites are for the catechumens (Elect) only! Those who have been baptized should not take part in rites intended for unbaptized catechumens.

Second Sunday of Lent	Penitential Rite (candidates; optional)	OCIA 459-472
Third Sunday of Lent	First Scrutiny	OCIA 141-145, 151-56
Third Week of Lent	Handing On of the Creed	OCIA 148, 157-163
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Second Scrutiny	OCIA 164-170
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Third Scrutiny	OCIA 171-177
Fifth Week of Lent	Handing On of the Lord’s Prayer	OCIA 149, 178-184
Holy Saturday	Rites of Immediate Preparation	OCIA 185-199, 203-205

**FIRST SCRUTINY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)  
THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**Exodus 17:3-7**

*Give us water so that we may drink.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**Second Reading**

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

**Verse Before the Gospel**

**see John 4: 12, 15**

*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

**Gospel**

**John 4:5 – 42 [or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]**

*The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Prayer in Silence  
Invitation  
Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

*See OCIA 153 (option A or B)*

**Exorcism**

**Prayer  
Laying On of Hands  
Prayer**

*See OCIA 154 (option A or B)  
to the Father  
to the Holy Spirit  
to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: From Ashes to the Living Font (Verses for Lent III) Hommerding/ ST.FLAVIAN*

**Dismissal of the Elect**

*See OCIA 155 (options A, B, C, or D)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

## PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

### An Order of Service

“The Rite of Handing On of the Creed takes place during the week following the First Scrutiny. It is desirable that the Rite of Handing On of the Creed takes place in the presence of the community of the faithful after the Liturgy of the Word at a weekday Mass with the appropriate readings for these Rites” (OCIA 157). For more details, please see OCIA nos. 157-162 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 748.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

*Hear, O Israel! You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.*

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 19 (18): 8, 9, 10, 11

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

R. (*John 6:68c*)

#### **SECOND READING**

Romans 10: 8-13 -- *The confession of faith of those believing in Christ*

OR

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8a or 1-4 -- *Through the Gospel you are also being saved if you hold fast to the word I preached to you.*

#### **VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

#### **GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:13-18 -- *You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.* OR

John 22:44-50 -- *I came into the world as light, so that anyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.*

#### **HOMILY**

#### **HANDING ON OF THE CREED**

*The elect come forward to listen to the Creed. The Apostles' Creed or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed is recited by the priest and assembly.*

#### **PRAYER OVER THE ELECT**

Invitation to Prayer

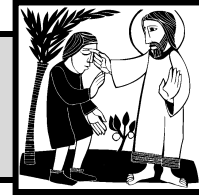
Silent Prayer

Prayer

#### **DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT**

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**SECOND SCRUTINY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE MAN BORN BLIND**



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a</b> <i>David is anointed as king of Israel.</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6</b> <i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b> <i>Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.</i>
<b>Verse before the Gospel</b>	<b>John 8:12</b> <i>I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 9: 1-41 [or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]</b> <i>The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.</i>

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Prayer in Silence**  
**Invitation**  
**Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

*See OCIA 167 (option A or B)*

**Exorcism**  
**Prayer**  
**Laying On of Hands**  
**Prayer**

*See OCIA 168 (option A or B)*  
*to the Father*  
*to the Holy Spirit*  
*to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: Christ, be our Light!*  
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**Dismissal of the Elect**

*See OCIA 169 (options, A, B, C. or D)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**THIRD SCRUTINY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

*I will put my spirit in you that you may live.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:8-11**

*The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.*

**Verse before the Gospel**

**John 11:25a, 26**

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.*

**Gospel**

**John 11:1-45 [or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Prayer in Silence**

**Invitation**

**Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

*See OCIA 174 (option A or B)*

**Exorcism**

**Prayer**

**Laying On of Hands**

**Prayer**

*See OCIA 175 (option A or B)*

*to the Father*

*to the Holy Spirit*

*to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: O Christ, Who Shared our Mortal Life*

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*Tune: KINGSFOLD by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958*

**Dismissal of the Elect**

*See OCIA 176 (Options A, B, C, or D)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**



# HANDING ON OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

## An Order of Service

"The Handing On of the Lord's Prayer takes place during the week following the Third Scrutiny. It is desirable that the Rite take place in the presence of the community of the faithful after the Liturgy of the Word at a weekday Mass, with the appropriate readings for these Rites..." (OCIA 178). For more details, please see OCIA nos. 178-184 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 749.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1b, 3-4, 8e-9 -- *I drew them with human cords, with bands of love.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23 (22):1b-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 -- *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

OR

Psalm 103 (102):1-2, 8 and 10, 11-12, 13 and 14 -- *As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.*

#### SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 -- *You received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba!"*

OR

*Galatians 4:4-7 -- God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!"*

#### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Romans 8:15

*For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

#### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Elect come forward to listen to the Gospel.*

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 6:9-13 *Lord, teach us to pray.*

#### HOMILY

#### PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

See OCIA 182

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

#### DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT

See OCIA 183 (options A, B, C, or D)

#### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**rites of immediate preparation**  
**Holy Saturday**  
**An Order of Service**

Celebrated on Holy Saturday, these rites are an immediate preparation for the sacraments. The OCIA provides options for the order in which the rites are celebrated. Please see OCIA 185-205 regarding the selection of rites. "If because of necessity the Creed could not be handed on, it is not recited" (OCIA 186).

The choosing of a baptismal name is not celebrated in the dioceses of the United States. A diocesan bishop has discretion to authorize its use in particular circumstances. Please see OCIA nos. 33.4, 73, and 200.

**MODEL FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE RITES OF IMMEDIATE PREPARATION**

SONG	OCIA 187
SIGN OF THE CROSS	
GREETING	OCIA 188
READING OF THE WORD OF GOD	OCIA 189
HOMILY	OCIA 190
CELEBRATION OF THE RITES CHOSEN (193-202)	OCIA 191
CONCLUDING RITES	OCIA 192
 <b>RECITATION OF THE CREED</b>	 OCIA 193-196
READING	OCIA 194
Matthew 16:13-17 – <i>You are Christ, the Son of the living God.</i> OR	
John 6:35, 63-71 -- <i>To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.</i>	
HOMILY	
<i>If the Ephphatha Rite is celebrated at this time, see OCIA 199.</i>	
PRAYER FOR THE RECITATION OF THE CREED	OCIA 195
RECITATION OF THE CREED	
<i>The Elect, alone, recite the Apostle’s Creed or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.</i>	
 <b>EPHPHATHA RITE</b>	
READING	OCIA 198
Mark 7:31-37 <i>He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.</i>	
<i>A brief homily</i>	
EPHPHATHA RITE	OCIA 199
 <b>CHOOSING OF A CHRISTIAN NAME</b>	 OCIA 200-202
<i>Not in the dioceses of the USA, unless at the discretion of the Diocesan Bishop.</i>	
 <b>CONCLUDING RITES</b>	 OCIA 203-205
PRAYER OF BLESSING	
DISMISSAL	



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### **THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

*Please see the Roman Missal for complete rubrics and texts.*

#### **First Form: The Procession**

Assembly gathers outside, at a smaller church, or other suitable place, holding branches

Priest may wear a cope (which he sets aside after the procession) or chasuble

- Antiphon
  - "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest." OR
  - "*Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.*"
  - OR other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches sprinkled with holy water
- Proclamation of the Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
- [Homily]
- Invitation
- Procession to the Church
  - Antiphon1 and Psalm 24 (23)
  - OR
  - Antiphon 2 and Psalm 47(46)
  - OR
  - Hymn to Christ the King ["Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ King and Redeemer..."]
  - OR other suitable chant (e.g., All Glory, Laud and Honor)
- Responsory or other Chant

#### **Second Form: The Solemn Entrance**

The people are gathered inside the church

The ministers are gathered in a place other than the sanctuary, visible to most of the Assembly

- Antiphon -- Hosanna or other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches Sprinkled with Holy Water
- Proclamation of the Gospel
- Procession of the Ministers to the sanctuary
- Veneration of the Altar
- [Kyrie / Lord, have mercy]
- Collect (at the chair)

**Third Form: The Simple Entrance**

- Procession to the Altar
  - with Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 24(23):9-10
  - OR priest recites this Antiphon when he reaches the altar
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Penitential Rite
- Collect

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7 <i>My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 <i>My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?</i>
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11 <i>Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.</i>
Verse before the Gospel	Philippians 2:8-9 <i>Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.</i>
Gospel	Luke 22:14—23:56 OR Luke 23:1-49 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> (Read without candles or incense)
Homily	or a period of silence
Creed	
Universal Prayer	

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar	
Presentation Hymn	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	The Passion of the Lord
Eucharistic Prayer	I, II, III
Holy, holy, holy	
Acclamations	
Lord's Prayer	
Sign of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Holy Communion	
Communion Hymn(s)	_____
Prayer after Communion	

**CONCLUDING RITE**

Greeting	
Prayer over the People	
Dismissal	
Closing Hymn	_____



## THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: AT THE EVENING MASS

### **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

Entrance Procession/ Hymn  
Greeting  
Presentation of the Oils  
Glory to God  
Collect

\_\_\_\_\_

sung

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading  
Chant before the Gospel  
Gospel  
Homily  
Washing of the Feet  
Antiphons or Hymn  
Profession of Faith  
General Intercessions

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14  
*The law regarding the Passover meal.*  
Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  
*Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.*  
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  
*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord.*  
John 13:34  
*... Love one another as I have loved you.*  
John 13: 1-15  
*Jesus washes the feet of his disciples*

*optional*  
Antiphons: *The Roman Missal provides seven options*  
Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Omitted

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings  
    Presentation Hymn  
Prayer over the Offerings  
Eucharistic Prayer  
    Preface  
    Holy, holy, holy  
    Eucharistic Prayer  
    Memorial Acclamation  
    Great Amen  
Communion Rite  
    Lord's Prayer  
    Sign of Peace  
    Breaking of the Bread  
    Distribution of Holy Communion  
    Hymn(s)  
    Prayer After Communion  
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
    Incensation  
    Acclamation or Hymn  
    Procession to Place of Reposition  
    [Stripping of the Altar]

*gifts for the poor, bread and wine*  
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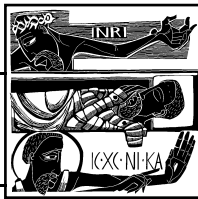
Preface: "The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ"  
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Eucharistic Prayer I with embolisms  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Pange Lingua* or other hymn  
"at an appropriate time"



## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers in silence; red vestments, reverence altar  
 Ministers lie prostrate or kneel for a time.  
 Prayer "Let us pray" is omitted

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12  
*He was wounded for our sins (Fourth Servant Song)*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
*Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.*

Chant Before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9  
*Christ became obedient to the point of death.*

Gospel John 18:1 - 19:42  
*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

Silent Prayer

The Solemn Intercessions

For the Church, Pope, all orders and degrees of the faithful, catechumens, unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation.  
 Introduction  
 Kneel/Silent Prayer  
 Prayer

### **THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

The Showing of the Holy Cross

First Form The deacon carries the Cross through the church to the sanctuary; the priest unveils it gradually

Second Form The priest or deacon goes to the door of church, receives the unveiled Cross

Invitation Priest: "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world."  
 All: "Come, let us adore."

Procession Antiphon or Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Adoration of the Holy Cross a single Cross; candles on right and left; options for chants or music

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

[Covering of the Altar]  
 Ciborium to the Altar *by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles*

Lord's Prayer "Behold the Lamb of God..."

Invitation to Communion Hymn(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Prayer over the People

Departure *All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross*



## EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

*A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. The priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the Paschal Candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.*

### **THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM**

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

Sign of the Cross [new]

Greeting

Instruction

Blessing of the Fire

Preparation of the Candle

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

cross, Alpha and Omega, current year; grains of incense from the Easter Fire

Procession

Chant

Priest lights his candle

Lighting of Assembly's Candles

thurifer leads people with unlit candles  
"The Light of Christ." "Thanks be to God."  
from the Paschal Candle  
*(those persons already baptized)*

The Easter Proclamation/Exsultet

by a deacon, priest, or other person  
Long Form or Short Form

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*see Lectionary #41 --All should be read, at least three from OT, Exodus 14 is never omitted*

Introduction

Reading I

Responsorial Psalm

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR Genesis 1:1, 26-31a

Psalms 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10,12,13-14,24,35

OR Psalm 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

Prayer

Reading II

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11

Reading III

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Reading IV

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 54: 5-14

Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Reading V

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

Reading VI

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Reading VII

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Psalms 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4 (when baptism is celebrated) OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (when baptism is not celebrated)

Gloria	
Collect	
Epistle	Romans 6: 3-11 <i>Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12 <i>Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?</i>
Homily	

**BAPTISMAL LITURGY**

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism	
Invitation to Prayer	
Litany of the Saints	Setting: _____
Blessing of Baptismal Water	
Prayer	with hands extended... lowering paschal candle into water
Acclamation	Setting: _____
Renunciation of Sin	<i>see Roman Ritual [OCIA]</i>
Profession of Faith	
Baptism	
Clothing with a White Garment	
Presentation of a Lighted Candle	
The Renewal of Baptismal Promises	By Assembly; [new] may also be done with the Elect (above)
Sprinkling with Baptismal Water	
Celebration of Reception into Full Communion	
Invitation	
Profession of Faith	
Act of Reception	
Celebration of Confirmation	
Invitation	
Laying on of Hands	
Anointing with Chrism	
Universal Prayer	

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

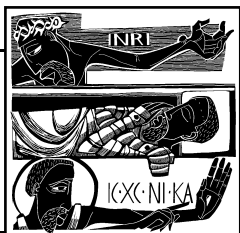
Presentation of the Offerings	<i>by the neophytes</i>
[Presentation Hymn]	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	Preface I of Easter
Holy, holy, holy	
Eucharistic Prayer	EP I with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]
Memorial Acclamation	
Great Amen	
Communion Rite	
Lord's Prayer	
Sign of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Communion	"Behold the Lamb of God..."
Distribution of Communion	Hymns: _____
Silence or Hymn of Thanksgiving	_____
Prayer After Communion	

**CONCLUDING RITE**

Greeting	
Solemn Blessing	see RM #68
Dismissal	see RM #69; Alleluia, alleluia

*Note: The "double alleluia" is sung at the dismissal on Easter Sunday (the Vigil and Mass of Easter Day), during the Octave of Easter, and on Pentecost (Vigil and Day). It is not used on the other days of the Easter season.*





**THE SACRED TRIDUUM: EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:  
THE MASS OF EASTER DAY**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Opening Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting

[Sprinkling Rite]

Glory to God

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Collect

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Sequence

*Victimae Paschali Laudes*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia; Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; ...

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel

John 20:1-9 OR Luke 24:1-12 (from the Easter Vigil)

OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

see Easter Vigil #55

Sprinkling with Blessed Water

Song \_\_\_\_\_

Creed

Omitted [*The Creed may be recited if there is no renewal of baptismal promises.*]

Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayer

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar

Presentation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

I II III

Preface

Preface I of Easter: "The Paschal Mystery"

Eucharistic Prayer

proper forms of *Communicantes* and *hanc igitur* if EP I is used

Holy, holy, holy

Acclamations

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion Hymn(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer After Communion

**CONCLUDING RITE**

[Announcements]

Greeting

Solemn Blessing

see Easter Vigil #68

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia

Closing Hymn \_\_\_\_\_



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM  
EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EVENING PRAYER**

*The Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the ambo.*

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

Introductory Verse

Presider: O God, ✠ come to my assistance.  
All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

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**PSALMODY**

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb,  
alleluia.

Psalm Psalm 110:1-5, 7

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb,  
alleluia.

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Psalm Psalm 114

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;  
there they will see me, alleluia.

NT Cantic Revelation 19:1-7

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

Reading Hebrews 10:12-14

Silence

Antiphon This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered  
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and  
said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Cantic of Mary Luke 1: 46-55

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said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

### Invitation

Presider: With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord, who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for us:  
All: Victorious King, hear our prayer.

### Intercessions

Presider: Light and salvation for all peoples,  
All: send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit;  
as we proclaim your resurrection.

Presider: Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,  
All: and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory.

Presider: Keep us in the communion of your saints,  
All: and grant us rest from our labors in their company.

Presider: You have triumphed over death, your enemy;  
All: destroy in us the power of death,  
that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.

Presider: Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death,  
All: and were raised up to the right hand of the Father,  
in your goodness, welcome your brothers and sisters  
into the kingdom of your glory.

### Lord's Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
All: let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us.  
Our Father,...

### Collect

*(first option)*

Presider: God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives  
by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
All: Amen.

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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