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Lenten Practices 2024

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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, March 28, 2024.

- 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.
- ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
- In 2024, St. Patrick's Day (March 17 – Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico directs that liturgical observance of Saint Patrick be observed on Monday, March 18, 2024 within the territory of the Diocese of Erie.
- 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.)
- 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.
- Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the GOOD FRIDAY service is celebrated by a priest only.
- All celebrations of the EASTER VIGIL are to begin after nightfall (which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset.) Nightfall is about 8:45 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.

In the appendix following this newsletter, please find a liturgical preparation aid from the FDLC (Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions) for the seasons of Lent, Triduum, and Easter.

2024 Rite of Election of Catechumens and The Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates

Sunday, February 18, 2024, St. Peter Cathedral, Erie 3:00 pm

Sunday, February 25, 2024, St. Catherine of Sienna Church of Holy Spirit Parish, Dubois 3:00 pm

Registration of catechumens and candidates is due to the Office of Parish Support by Friday February 2, 2024. For questions or more information, please contact Danielle Schoenfeldt, Director of Faith Formation for Parish Support at 814-824-1224 or dschoenfeldt@eriercd.org

Parishes are encouraged to observe the *Sending of Catechumens for Election* (cf. RCIA, nos. 106-117) or the *Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion* (cf. RCIA, nos. 434-445) or the *Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop* (cf. RCIA, nos. 530-546), depending on the local circumstances, the week or so before the Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates.

Guidance on the use of Masses for Various Needs and Occasions for Peace during Lent

Bishop Persico permits the use of Masses for Various Needs and Occasions #30 For the Preservation of Peace and Justice, # 31 In Time of War or Civil Disturbance, and #32 For Refugees and Exiles during the season of Lent, except on:

- Ash Wednesday
- The Sundays of Lent
- The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19
- The Feast of Saint Patrick, observed in the Diocese of Erie on March 18 in 2024
- The days of Holy Week
- The Fridays of Lent.

And not more than once a week. The vestment color is violet .

Celebrating Saint Patrick, 2024

This year, Bishop Persico has transferred the Feast Day of St. Patrick, Erie's principal patron, to Monday, March 18th. This action is taken because the Fifth Sunday of Lent supersedes the celebration of Saint Patrick on March 17th.

Since the Ordo does not print the liturgical order for celebrating the Feast of Saint Patrick either on March 17th or March 18th, please refer to the following Order of Mass:

- This Feast Day calls for a "Glory to God."
- Find the Proper Collect prayer for Saint Patrick under March 17 in the Proper of Saints.
- Select the Prayer over the Gifts and the Prayer After Communion from The Common of Pastors, either "For Missionaries" or "For a Bishop."
- Use the 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.

Update on the Second Edition of the Liturgy of the Hours

From the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship Newsletter November 2023:

Regarding the Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition, the bishops approved a process to complete work on a large series of supplementary texts proposed by ICEL. They also approved a short fascicle of adaptations for the dioceses of the United States. A series of optional Second Readings for the Office of Readings were added for the three "civil observances" on the U.S. proper calendar: the Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Independence Day on July 4, and Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November. In addition, the current breviary prescribes that the Second Reading for the Baptism of the Lord be re-used on January 6 when that day falls before the Epiphany that is celebrated on January 7 or 8, as occasionally happens in this country. To prevent the same reading being used within 3-4 days, a new Second Reading has been proposed instead. Finally, a short antiphon for Our Lady of Guadalupe was approved to be inserted in Appendix I, the additional canticles section used for an extended Office of Readings on special feasts. The fascicle was approved.

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage

June 17-21, 2024

The Diocese of Erie invites you to join a historic pilgrimage to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024, the first such gathering in 83 years. The Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee is coordinating the journey, with two motorcoaches set to depart — one from Our Lady of Peace in Erie and another from Holy Redeemer in Warren, including a pickup at Good Shepherd in West Middlesex.

Social media posts are available for download at <https://www.eriecd.org/nec.html>.

Parishes are asked to disseminate this information through bulletins, notice boards, email blasts, and social media platforms. The diocese seeks widespread participation and encourages all to extend this invitation to parishioners. For inquiries, contact Jo Feeney by email at eriedeac@gmail.com or by calling or texting 724.699.3340.

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: <https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/instructions-for-liturgical-ministers>.

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If you need any other clarification, please call the Office for Divine Worship at 814-824-1271.

Time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Diocese of Erie is no earlier than 4:00. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

A LITURGICAL PREPARATION AID

FOR LENT

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

AND THE EASTER SEASON



YEAR B • 2024



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FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE ORDER OF PENANCE

3. Christ “loved the Church and handed himself over for her, that she might be made holy” (Eph 5:25-26) and united her to himself as a bride (Rev. 19:7); he fills her, who is his Body and fullness, with his divine gifts, and through her spreads truth and grace to all.

The members of the church, however, are exposed to temptation and unfortunately often fall into sin. Because of this, “while Christ, ‘holy innocent, and undefiled’ (Heb 7:26), knew nothing of sin (2 Cor 5:21), but came expiate only the sins of the people (Heb 2:17), the Church, at the same time holy and always in need of being purified, embracing in her bosom sinners, always follows the way of penance and renewal’ (*Lumen gentium*, 8).

4. In many and various ways the People of God performs and perfects this continual repentance. For the Church, sharing the sufferings of Christ through her own patient endurance, performing works of mercy and charity, conforming herself daily more and more to the Gospel of Christ, become a sign in the world of conversion to God. She expresses this in her life and celebrates it in her liturgy, while the faithful confess themselves to be sinners and implore the forgiveness of God and their brothers and sisters, as happens in penitential services, in the proclamation of the word of God, in prayer, [and] in the penitential elements of the Eucharistic Celebration.

In the Sacrament of Penance the faithful truly “obtain pardon from the mercy of God for the offense committed against him and are at the same time reconciled with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, example and prayer seeks their conversion” (*Lumen gentium*, 11).

5. Because sin is an offense committed against God which disrupts our friendship with him, repentance “ultimately implies that we should love God and entrust ourselves completely to him” (Paul VI, *Paenitemini* 179 and *Lumen gentium* 11). The sinner, therefore, who by the grace of a merciful God, enters on the way of repentance, returns to the Father who “loved us first” (1 Jn 4:19), to Christ who has given himself up for us (Gal 2:20; Eph 5:25), and to the Holy Spirit who has been poured out upon us in abundance (Titus 3:6).

But “there reigns among people, by the hidden and benign mystery of the divine will, a supernatural solidarity whereby the sin of one harms the others just as the holiness of one also benefits the others,” (Paul VI, *Paenitemini* 4 and Pius XII, *Mystici corporis*, 213), and so repentance always carries with it reconciliation with one’s brothers and sisters, to whom sin always causes harm.

In fact, often when people commit deeds of injustice, they act together. In the same way, when they repent they help one another, so that, freed from sin by the grace of Christ, they may work together with all people of good will for justice and peace in the world.

FORGIVE AS YOU ARE FORGIVEN

A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2024

THE ORDER FOR RECONCILING SEVERAL PENITENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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PREPARATION

- 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 of Repentance. 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.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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: Rightfully, 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 sin has a communal nature.

When we sin, we harm others. When others sin, they often hurt us. When each of us sins, we harm the community, just as our holy deeds benefit the community. Our repentance, too, brings reconciliation within the community - within our family, within our city, and within our world (Cf. *Order of Penance*, 5).

As we seek the grace of God's mercy in this sacrament, let us also acknowledge that, free from sin, "all people of good will may work together for justice and peace in the world" (ibid.)

As we are forgiven, may we be more eager to forgive others.

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sirach 28:1-7

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*

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

1 John 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*

VERSE

John 17:17b, 17a

*Your word, O Lord, is truth;
consecrate us in the truth.*

GOSPEL

Luke 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.*

HOMILY

BIBLICAL READINGS

In the new *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 thistledown 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 are found on page 54

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?

THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 Canticle 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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

Sirach 28:1-7

A reading from the Book of the Sirach

The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance,
for he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Should a man nourish anger against his fellows
and expect healing from the LORD?

Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows,
yet seek pardon for his own sins?

If he who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay and cease from sin!

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
of the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

℟. (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. R.

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

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

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. R.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

This is the message we have heard from Jesus Christ
and proclaim to you: God is light,
in him there is not darkness at all.

If we say "We have fellowship with him,"
while we continue to walk in darkness
we lie and do not act in truth.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light,
then we have fellowship with one another,
and the Blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not within us.

If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, the righteous one.

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 17:17b, 17a

Your word, O Lord, is truth;
consecrate us in the truth.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-4

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples,

“Things that cause sin will inevitably occur,
but woe to the one through whom they occur.

It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck

and he be thrown into the sea

than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.

Be on your guard!

If your brother sins, rebuke him;

and if he repents, forgive him.

And if he wrongs you seven times in one day

and returns to you seven times saying, ‘I am sorry,’

you should forgive him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

SAMPLE PENANCES

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

✘ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ✘

- Pray Psalm 32, 51, 95, 103, or 130 and reflect on its meaning in your life.
- Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. Plan a visit and bring a meal.
- Choose one Station of the Cross and spend a half hour in meditation upon it.
- 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 one of the following Lenten readings from Year B:

1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:12-15
Romans 8:31b-34	Mark 9:2-10
1 Corinthians 1:22-25	John 2:13-25
Ephesians 2:4-10	John 3:14-21

✘ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR YOUTH ✘

- 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 with that person.
- 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 music or a video game to a local shelter. Send it anonymously.
- Make an Easter basket for a classmate who is going through a tough time and might need some cheering up.

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2024

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, March 30, the end of civil twilight (nightfall) will occur at various times throughout the country. Please consult the Naval Observatory website for the exact time near you:

https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/RS_OneYear

The Easter Vigil celebration should not begin before nightfall, which is usually a half hour after sunset.

“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 (*Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, no. 78. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, quoting the Roman Missal).

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*, no. 77 (quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the *Ceremonial of Bishops*)

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. The simplest response is, “The Church does not do this anymore.” Tenebrae was part of the canonical hours during Holy Week, which was suppressed in the revision of Holy Week (1955-1956).

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 LENT, TRIDUUM, AND THE EASTER EASON**

Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Rank	Comments
Wednesday	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	2	Lect #219 Funeral Mass not permitted [FMnp]
Sunday	Feb 18	First Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #23 [FMnp]
Thursday	Feb 22	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	7	Lect #535
Sunday	Feb 25	Second Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #26 [FMnp]
Sunday	March 3	Third Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #29 (or Year A #28) Scrutiny I -RCIA 150-156 [FMnp]
Sunday	March 10	Fourth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect # 32 (or Year A #31) Scrutiny II –RCIA 164-170 [FMnp]
Sunday	March 17	Fifth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #35 (or Year A #34) Scrutiny III –RCIA 171-177 [FMnp]
Tuesday	March 19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3	Lect #543, Preface 62; Solemnity; Gloria, Creed; Food – BB, Chapter 53
HOLY WEEK				
Sunday	March 24	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	2	Procession: Lect #37, Mass: Lect #38; Preface 19
Monday	March 25	Monday of Holy Week	2	Lect #257
Tuesday	March 26	Tuesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #258
Wednesday	March 27	Wednesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #259
Thursday	March 28	Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)	2	Chrism Mass - Lect #260 Funeral Mass not permitted
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM				
Thursday	March 28	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	1	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	March 29	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	1	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted
Saturday	March 30	Holy Saturday	1	Blessing of Food -BB, Chapter 54 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
Saturday	March 30	Sunday of the Resurrection: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	1	Lect #41; Easter Vigil may begin no sooner than nightfall; Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	March 31	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord [Mass During the Day]	1	Lect #42 Funeral Mass not permitted
EASTER TIME**				
Monday	April 1	Monday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #261, Preface #21
Tuesday	April 2	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #262
Wednesday	April 3	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #263
Thursday	April 4	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #264
Friday	April 5	Friday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #265
Saturday	April 6	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #266
Sunday	April 7	Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)	2	Lect #44
Monday	April 8	The Annunciation of the Lord	3	Lect #545; Preface 44; Solemnity; Genuflect at “and by the Holy Spirit was

				incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man..."
Sunday	April 14	Third Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #47
Sunday	April 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #50
Thursday	April 25	Saint Mark, Evangelist	7	Lect #555
Sunday	April 28	Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #53
Monday	April 29	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #285
Thursday	May 2	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #288
Friday	May 3	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	7	Lect #561
Sunday	May 5	Sixth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #56; The second reading and gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter may be used when the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the following Sunday.
Thursday	May 9	The Ascension of the Lord (in five provinces of the USA)	3	Lect # 58B Funeral Mass not permitted
		Easter Weekday (in other provinces)	13	Lect # 294 Funeral Mass permitted
Sunday	May 12	The Ascension of the Lord (in most dioceses of the USA)	3	Lect #58 B Funeral Mass not permitted
		Seventh Sunday of Easter (in those dioceses which celebrated The Ascension of the Lord on May 9)	2	Lect #60B Funeral Mass not permitted
Tuesday	May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	7	Lect #564
Sunday	May 19	Pentecost Sunday	2	Vigil: Lect #62B; may use an extended set of readings -- see <i>Lectionary for Mass Supplement #62</i> Day: Lect #63B
ORDINARY TIME: SOME DAYS OF NOTE				
Monday	May 20	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	10	Lect # 572 A
Sunday	May 26	The Most Holy Trinity	3	Lect # 165 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7	Lect #572
Sunday	June 2	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	3	Lect #168 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	June 7	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	3	Lect #171
Saturday	June 8	The Immaculate Heart of the BVM	10	Lect #573

** Liturgically, Easter Time also includes the Sunday of the Resurrection—its Vigil and its Mass during the Day

IN THE SACRED TRIDUUM, THE CHURCH SOLEMNLY CELEBRATES THE GREATEST MYSTERIES OF OUR REDEMPTION, KEEPING BY MEANS OF SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS THE MEMORIAL OF HER LORD, CRUCIFIED, BURIED AND RISEN.

THE PASCHAL FAST SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT SACRED. IT IS TO BE CELEBRATED EVERYWHERE ON THE FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROLONGED ALSO THROUGH HOLY SATURDAY AS A WAY OF COMING, WITH SPIRIT UPLIFTED, TO THE JOYS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION.

- THE ROMAN MISSAL

LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR B

Ash Wednesday, February 14

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, February 18

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25

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

Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

God did not spare his own Son.

This is my beloved Son.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 3

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

(or First Scrutiny -- Year A, Lectionary 28)

The law was given through Moses.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

(or Second Scrutiny -- Year A, Lectionary 31)

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

(or Third Scrutiny -- Year A, Lectionary 34)

I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, Tuesday, March 19

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

OR

Luke 2:41-51a

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.

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

HOLY WEEK READINGS

Psalm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 24

Mark 11:1-10
OR John 12:12-16

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Isaiah 50:4-7

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1 – 15:47 or 15:1-39

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, March 25

Isaiah 42:1-7

He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.
(First oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26

Isaiah 49:1-6

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.)

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

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, March 27

Isaiah 50:4-9a

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.
(Third oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

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

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.

Thursday of Holy Week, March 28

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

The following are readings for Chrism Mass

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27
Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21

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.

READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday of the Lord's Supper: At the Evening Mass, March 28

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.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord [Good Friday], March 29

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.

Sunday of the Resurrection: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, March 30

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.
OR Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22	The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
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.
OR Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Romans 6:3-11 Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Mark 16:1-7	Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised

Sunday of the Resurrection: At the Mass During the Day, March 31

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

OR

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Sequence

John 20:1-9

OR Luke 24:13-35

OR Mark 16:1-7

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

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

(OR Alleluia)

Seek what is above, where Christ is.

Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough

Victimae paschali laudes

He had to rise from the dead.

Stay with us for it is almost evening (*at afternoon or evening Mass*)

Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised (*from Easter Vigil*)

THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary... (RCIA 247).

YEAR B

Second Sunday of Easter [Sunday of Divine Mercy] – April 7

Acts 4:32-35

They were of one heart and mind.

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

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

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

John 20:19-31

Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – Monday, April 8

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

The virgin shall bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel.

Psalms 40: 7-11

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

Hebrews 10:4-10

As it is written of me in the scrolls...I come to do your will, O God.

Luke 1:26-38

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

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead.

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us. (OR Alleluia)

1 John 2:1-5a

Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

Luke 24:35-48

Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21

Acts 4:8-12

There is no salvation through anyone else.

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (OR Alleluia)

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.

Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (OR Alleluia)

1 John 3:18-24

This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.

John 15:1-8

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5

Acts 10:25-26-34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (OR Alleluia)

1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

John 15:9-17

No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

The Ascension of the Lord, May 9 or 12

Acts 1:1-11

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

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

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 Ephesians 4:1-3 OR Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

To the extent of the full stature of Christ

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12 (in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)

Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26

It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us become with us a witness to the resurrection.

Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (OR Alleluia)

1 John 4:11-16

Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him.

John 17:11b-19

That they may be one just as we are one!

Pentecost (Vigil), Saturday Evening, May 18

Genesis 11:1-9
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.

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

or Ezekiel 37:1-14

or Joel 3:1-5

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

Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

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

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Rivers of living water will flow.

[Pentecost – Extended Vigil]

Genesis 11:1-9

[optional]

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

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

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

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

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 107:2-9

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

Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)

[cf Lect #423, Year II]

Joel 3:1-5

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

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

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 following the readings are found in the Roman Missal. See also Lectionary for Mass Supplement, #62 (2017).*

Pentecost (Day), May 19

Acts 2:1-11

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

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

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

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

OR Galatians 5:16-25

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

The fruit of the Spirit.

Sequence

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

John 20:19-23

OR John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

The Spirit of truth will guide you to all the truth.

RITES BELONGING TO THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

“The period of purification and enlightenment, which the rite of election begins, customarily coincides with Lent. In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery” (RCIA 138).

“This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the hearts and minds of the elect” and to enlighten their minds and hearts “with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (RCIA 139).

Among these rites are the scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. “The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright and good” (RCIA 141). In accord with ancient tradition, the readings of Year A may be used, with the traditional gospels of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus, respectively (cf. RCIA 146).

The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer take place during the week following the First and Third Scrutiny (unless they have been celebrated earlier). “Thus, with the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church’s faith and prayer” (RCIA 147). Ideally, the presentations should be celebrated within Mass, with the faithful present (cf. RCIA 157, 178).

The preparation rites on Holy Saturday are most proximate to the celebration of the sacraments of initiation and, ideally, should be celebrated (though these are considered optional cf. RCIA 20, 140, 185.2). 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 (“handing over,” *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” (USCCB, National Statutes for the Catechumenate, no. 31).

Second Sunday of Lent	Penitential Rite (candidates; optional)	RCIA 459-472
Third Sunday of Lent	First Scrutiny	RCIA 141-145, 151-56
Third Week of Lent	Presentation of the Creed	RCIA 143, 157-163
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Second Scrutiny	RCIA 164-170
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Third Scrutiny	RCIA 171-177
Fifth Week of Lent	Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer	RCIA 149, 178-184
Holy Saturday	Preparation Rites	RCIA 183-199, 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 4:42, 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.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

**Invitation
Prayer**

The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism

**Prayer
Laying on of Hands
Prayer**

*to the Father
to the Holy Spirit
to Jesus Christ*

Song

Dismissal of the Elect

option A B C or D

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

An Order of Service

“The presentation of the Creed, which takes place during the week after the first scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass after the homily” (RCIA 157). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 157-162 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 748.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

INTRODUCTION

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

Romans 10: 8-13 -- The confession of faith of the Elect

OR

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8a or 1-4 -- The Gospel will save you only if you keep believing what I preached to you.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 3:16

God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-18 -- On this rock I will build my church OR

John 22:44-50 -- I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not remain in the dark any more.

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

The Elect come forward to listen to the Creed.

The Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed is recited by the priest and assembly.

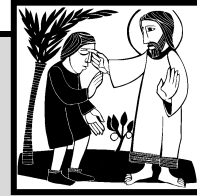
PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

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



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Invitation to Silent Prayer
Invitation
Prayer

The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism
Prayer
Laying on of Hands
Prayer

to the Father
to the Holy Spirit
to Jesus Christ

Song

Dismissal of the Elect

**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 within 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.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

**Invitation
Prayer**

The Elect kneel, sponsors place hand on their shoulders

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism

**Prayer
Laying on of Hands
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*to the Father
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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

An Order of Service

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

[SIGN OF THE CROSS]

INTRODUCTION

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8e-9

I drew them with human cords, with bands of love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

OR

Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 -- *As a father is kind to his children, so kind is the Lord to those who fear him.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 – *You have received the Spirit that makes you God's children and in that Spirit we cry out, "Abba, Father!"*

OR

Galatians 4:4-7 – God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 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/REFLECTION

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

[DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT]

[SIGN OF PEACE]

PREPARATION RITES

Holy Saturday

A Suggested Order of Service

Celebrated on Holy Saturday, these rites are an immediate preparation for the sacraments. Please see RCIA 185-205 regarding the selection of rites. "If the presentation of the Creed was not celebrated, the recitation of the Creed is not celebrated" (RCIA 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 RCIA 33.4, 73, and 200.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

SONG

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING

THE RECITATION OF THE CREED

READING

Matthew 16:13-17 – *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

OR

John 6:35, 63-71 *To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14

see RCIA 186.2

Mark 7:31-37

READING

HOMILY

EPHPHETA

PRAYER BEFORE THE RECITATION

RECITATION OF THE CREED

The Elect, alone, recite the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed.

CONCLUDING RITE

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: Mark 11: 1-10 OR John 12:12-16
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

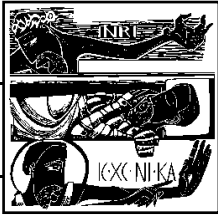
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7 <i>My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) <i>My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?</i>
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11 <i>Christ humbled himself. Because 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	Mark 14:1 – 15:17 OR Mark 15:1-39 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> <p>(The Passion begins directly without the greeting and acclamation of the people, but concludes in the usual manner. It is read without candles or incense.)</p>
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	I, II, III, or IV
Preface	The Passion of the Lord
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]	_____



HOLY THURSDAY: EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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, 15-16, 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 loved them to the end.

optional
Antiphons: *Missal provides seven options*
Hymn: _____
Omitted

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

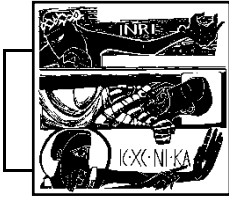
Presentation of the Offerings
 Presentation Hymn
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer I
 Preface
 Holy, holy, holy
 Memorial Acclamation
 Great Amen
Communion Rite
 Lord's Prayer
 Sign of Peace
 Breaking of the Bread
 Distribution of Holy Communion
 Hymn(s)
 Prayer after Communion
Transfer of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

gifts for the poor, bread and wine

with embolisms
Preface: "The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ"

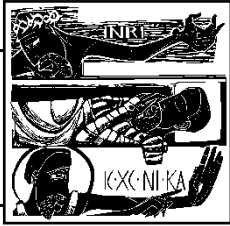
Lamb of God: _____

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 Priest and Deacon lie prostrate; other ministers kneel for a time. "Let us pray" is omitted
Prayer	
<u>LITURGY OF THE WORD</u>	
First Reading	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 <i>He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord)</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 <i>Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.</i>
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 <i>Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.</i>
Chant Before the Gospel	Phil 2:8-9 <i>Christ became obedient to the point of death...</i>
Gospel	John 18:1 - 19:42 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
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
<u>THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</u>	
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 is 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
<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>	
[Covering of the Altar]	
Ciborium to Altar	<i>by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles</i>
Lord's Prayer	
Invitation to Communion	"Behold the Lamb of God..."
Distribution of Communion	Hymn(s) _____
Prayer after Communion	
Prayer over the People	
Departure	<i>All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross</i>



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

"Light of Christ" "Thanks be to God"

from the Paschal Candle

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

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

God looked at everything he had made...

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 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

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

The sacrifice of Abraham...

Responsorial Psalm

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

Prayer

Reading III

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

The Israelites marched on dry land ...

Responsorial Psalm

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

Prayer

Reading IV

Isaiah 54: 5-14

With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer...

Responsorial Psalm

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

Prayer

Reading V	Isaiah 55: 1-11 <i>Come to me that you may have life...</i>
Responsorial Psalm Prayer	Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6
Reading VI	Baruch 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4 <i>Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.</i>
Responsorial Psalm Prayer	Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Reading VII	Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28 <i>I shall sprinkle clean water upon you ...</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4 OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Prayer	
Gloria Collect	
Epistle	Romans 6: 3-11 <i>Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.</i>
Responsorial Psalm Gospel	Psalms 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23 Mark 16:1-7 <i>He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.</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 Missal 55</i>
Profession of Faith	
Baptism	
Clothing with a White Garment	
Presentation of a Lighted Candle	
The Renewal of Baptismal Promises	By the assembly; 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

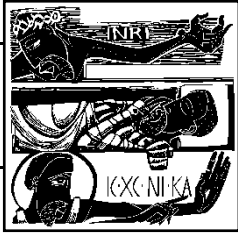
Presentation of the Offerings	<i>by the neophytes</i>
[Presentation Hymn]	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	EP I with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]

Preface	Preface I of Easter
Holy, holy, holy	
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	Hymn(s): _____
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
Glory to God
Collect

Setting: _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)
Setting: _____

Second Reading
Sequence
Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Victimae Paschali Laudes
Alleluia; Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; ...
Setting: _____

Gospel

John 20:1-9 OR Mark 16:1-7 (from the Easter Vigil)
OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

Homily
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Sprinkling with Blessed Water
Creed
Universal Prayer

see Easter Vigil #55
Song _____
Omitted if baptismal vows are renewed

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar
Presentation Hymn
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer

I II III IV
Preface I of Easter: "The Paschal Mystery"
proper forms of *Communicantes* and *hanc igitur* if EP I is used

Preface
Eucharistic Prayer
Holy, holy, holy
Acclamations

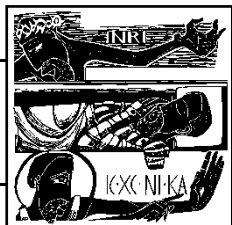
Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace
Breaking of the Bread
Invitation to Holy Communion
Communion Hymn(s)
Prayer After Communion

Lamb of God: _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting
Solemn Blessing
Dismissal
Closing Hymn

see Easter Vigil #68
Alleluia, alleluia



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

Prsider: O God, ✠ come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology

Prsider: 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

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 Canticle

Revelation 19:1-17

Antiphon III

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

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.

Canticle of Mary

Luke 1: 46-55

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.

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 pray in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father,...

Collect

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, forever and ever.
All: Amen.

(first option)

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal

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

SAMPLE EXAMINATIONS OF CONSCIENCE: USCCB

Examination of Conscience according to the Ten Commandments

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Examination-of-Conscience-Ten-Commandments.pdf>

Examination of Conscience in the Public Square

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Examination-of-Conscience.pdf>

Examination of Conscience based upon Catholic Social Teaching

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching>

Examination of Conscience for Children

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-children-examination-conscience>

Examination of Conscience for Young Adults

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-young-adults-examination-of-conscience>

Examination of Conscience for Married Persons

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-married-persons-examination-of-conscience>

Examination of Conscience for Single Persons

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examination-of-conscience-for-single-people>

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