

Sunday and Feast Day Liturgical Notes for Priests and Deacons

Suggestions for Leading Worship



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RE: Liturgical Suggestions for the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Cycle A

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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

An Overview . . .

With Easter season just concluded, it may be tempting to think that the Gospel this Sunday with the command to “follow me” is one that is beyond controversy. We have the eyes of Easter and we know the Cross. We know that the Cross led to death but we also know the promise of resurrection. Controversy continues, though, because Jesus tells those who are presumed to know the Law to “go and learn . . .” what they apparently missed. What was missed was the deepest meaning of the Law: *mercy*. By eating and drinking with sinners and tax collectors, Jesus shows what true worship is about: praise of God that finds its context in showing others loving mercy as God has shown to us.

Faith Sharing Questions . . .

1. In what practical ways does the love and mercy you show in life lead you to the Table of the Eucharist?
2. If sharing at the Table of Christ involves inclusivity, whom do you need to invite into your heart? Your home?

Some Considerations As You Prepare...

1. If you choose to use the first option of the Opening Prayer, you may want to use Form C-v of the penitential invocations found in the *Sacramentary*, as the Spirit-image is carried through. The Alternative Opening Prayer is a good choice; however, be careful with the second line which may sound confusing when spoken. If the Alternative Opening Prayer is chosen, consider using these invocations for the Penitential Rite: “Lord Jesus, your love is far beyond what we can dare imagine...; Christ Jesus, you teach us to love as you loved your people...; Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life in your Spirit...”
2. If you choose to emphasize from the Alternative Opening Prayer the image of rebirth, you may consider using the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling.
3. Choose the Preface of the Holy Spirit II, or one of Prefaces VI, III or VI for Ordinary Time.
4. The Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time I or Prayer over the People nos. 3 or 5 or 22 would complement the Opening Prayer.

Looking Ahead...

1. June 28/29 is the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. There are different sets of readings and Mass Propers for the Vigil and the Mass of the Day. At one point in history, this day was second only to Easter in Rome.
2. June 29 is also the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Bishop Robert Muench’s priestly ordination and is the 18th Anniversary of his ordination as bishop. The Eucharistic liturgy commemorating the Anniversary will be held on June 29 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral. All in the diocese are invited to attend.
3. Summertime is travel time for many. You might consider having a “blessing for traveler” which can be led by a priest or lay minister. This blessing is found in the *Book of Blessings* chapter 9. There are longer and shorter rites.
4. The Diocesan *Summer RCIA Study Day* on the “Formation of RCIA Teams and Sponsor Formation” will be held at St. Thomas More Activity Center, Saturday, June 22, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Sr. Gael Gensler, OSF, will facilitate the day. Sr. Gael has had many years of parish experience in initiation ministry in both city and rural settings, and currently serves in initiation ministry in Illinois. Contact the Office of Evangelization for more information.

SAMPLE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Priest: To God, who is merciful, we offer these our prayers...

1. For the Church on mission in the world, that the Gospel be preached in word and in deed, we pray to the Lord...
2. For every nation, that the Holy Spirit enlighten the minds and hearts of all who lead to serve the common good, we pray to the Lord...
3. For fair weather for those who fish the seas and farm the fields; for all those who have suffered from destructive winds and earthquakes in Myanmar and China, we pray to the Lord...
4. For those who doubt God's merciful love, who are plagued with guilt, who find no peace or comfort in prayer, we pray to the Lord...
5. For those who live on the bed of pain; for their encouragement, we pray to the Lord...
6. For those who have died; may they rest in God's own heart, we pray to the Lord...
7. In peace and in silence, we pray to the Lord for our own needs...

[pause; the presider alone concludes...]

Priest: Loving God,
listen to the prayers voiced by your people
and grant these needs, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.