

# Sunday and Feast Day Liturgical Notes for Priests and Deacons

## Suggestions for Leading Worship



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**RE:** Liturgical Suggestions for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Cycle B

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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

### **An Overview...**

The set of readings given for this weekend are provocative at best. The Hebrew (Old) Testament tells of the inspiration of the Spirit given for mission, which is not bound by institutional limits. Even though some who speak are not from the known establishment, Moses says that they should be granted a hearing. The Spirit of God can work through them too.

In the Gospel, a similar scene. One who was not part of the original band of Jesus does a good work in Jesus' name. The disciples are not welcoming which causes Jesus to clarify that the work of God is carried on by many who may appear to be beyond the community. The importance lies in the results of the deed done and the breath and depth of God's mercy. Issues of authority, collegiality and membership are raised not only in the minds of the hearers of the day, but in the contemporary proclamation of the Word.

### **Faith Sharing Questions...**

1. How do you feel and what do you think about people who “do good” but have no religious affiliation?
2. What makes you stay within the community of the Church?
3. St. James commented on the priority often placed on wealth. In these economic times, what issues of the economy are being raised for you?

### **Some Other Considerations as You Prepare...**

1. If you choose to use the third form of the Penitential Rite, here are some samples: “Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into your kingdom; Christ Jesus, you came to call all people to faith in your heavenly Father; Lord Jesus, you sent your Spirit to reach the ends of the earth.”
2. Use the first option for the Opening Prayer (Collect), as it speaks in terms of living in accord with the Word, a clear theme of the Gospel.
3. The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer could be used with its proper preface, for it well reflects the theme of the Gospel. The strong focus on covenant recommends it for use.
4. Ordinary Time Solemn Blessing no. 3 is recommended, speaking of persevering in doing good works.

### **Looking Ahead...**

1. This coming Tuesday, September 29, is the Feast of the Archangels Sts. Gabriel, Raphael and Michael. Using the sense of “progressive solemnity” it could be a time to sing the Alleluia *a capella* at daily Mass, and even the Preface with its dialogue.
2. October 4 this year is a Sunday; in other years it would be the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. Still, on this day or on another appropriate day, the *Order of Blessing of Animals*, in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 942-965, could be offered in the parish.

## Sample Intercessory Prayers for the 26th Ordinal Sunday, Cycle B

*Priest:* With confidence we address our prayers to the Father:

*Deacon* (or other reader if there is no deacon):

1. For the clergy and others who share in their ministry in the Church; may their mission reflect the work and manner of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord...
2. For our country and every nation on earth; that wisdom may be granted to leaders as they strive to serve the common good and justice, we pray to the Lord...
3. For our state and region; may we be spared the destruction of storms this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord...
4. For all who live on the bed of pain [especially \_\_\_\_\_]; and others – like the sick and the poor – who suffer, we pray to the Lord...
5. For those who have died in faith, and for the dead whose faith is known to God alone, we pray to the Lord...
6. In peace and in silence, we offer more personal prayers of need to the Father...

*[pause; the presider alone concludes]*

*Priest:* Loving God, faithful God,  
you know the prayers of your people.  
Grant our needs and console us in life,  
for we pray through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.