

Sunday and Feast Day Liturgical Notes for Priests and Deacons

Suggestions for Leading Worship



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RE: Liturgical Suggestions for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle B

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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

An Overview...

This weekend's Gospel tells the story of the Widow's "mite" who gives from the substance of her income and not her remainder for the good of others. She is the faithful woman who knows and practices true religion, more than those who are suppose to be the teachers of the Law. The Gospel focus is not only about giving, but speaks of God's faithfulness to those who honor His name. As in every Gospel, it is about the behavior of God that the example and demand is given for those who seek to live a life shaped in this God-referenced manner.

Faith Sharing Questions...

1. What does it mean to you to say that God is faithful?
2. When have you experienced a same generosity as displayed by the widow in the Gospel?
3. About what are you challenged in hearing this week's Gospel??

Some Other Considerations As You Prepare...

1. A sample Penitential rite would be : “Lord Jesus, you heal the contrite; Christ Jesus, you forgive sinners and lead them to the Father; Lord Jesus, you are the source of our hope and salvation”
2. The first option for the Opening Prayer is recommended as it is brief and speaks of doing God’s work on earth.
3. Sunday Preface for Ordinary Time II is the more recommended as it refers to Christ’s humility as an example for us.
4. Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time V refers to walking in the way of the Lord.

Looking Ahead...

1. Thanksgiving Day is Nov 26. In the *Book of Blessings* there is a *Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving Day* in chapter 58. This blessing can be done within Mass or within a Liturgy of the Word.
2. Attached to this week’s Liturgical Notes and on the diocesan website you will find a copy of Bishop Muench’s recent letter in reference to the danger from the H1N1 flu virus.

SAMPLE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR THE 32ND ORDINARY SUNDAY, CYCLE B

Priest: With expectation in God's faithfulness, we offer our prayers to the Father:

Deacon (or other minister if there is no deacon):

1. For the Church in the world, the baptized faithful; may our lives be shaped by the Eucharist for the sake of Christ, we pray to the Lord...
2. For world leaders and their mission in serving their countries; may they seek more than the concerns of their country and care for the common good, we pray to the Lord...
3. For those who live in constant pain; for those who are afraid and worried about their health; for those who are poor and without food and security, we pray to the Lord...
4. For widows and widowers; for all who mourn the loss of loved ones; may God console them in their sorrow, we pray to the Lord...
5. For all who have died [especially those listed in our parish Book of Remembrance], that God judge them mercifully, we pray to the Lord...
6. In peace and in silence, we offer to God our more personal prayers of need.

[pause; the presider alone concludes]

Priest: You are our Father and you hear our prayers;
grant what we seek according to your holy will.
We ask through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.