

# Sunday and Feast Day Liturgical Notes for Priests and Deacons

## Suggestions for Leading Worship



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

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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

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

This weekend's Gospel from Mark has a central focus on *call* as Peter, Andrew, James and John are invited to leave their familiar surroundings and venture into a new way with Jesus. The invitation is to leave livelihood and family, the two occupations which occupy most everyone's day to day attention. Thus, the vulnerability of the one who follows is to be trusting of the one followed. The Lord's service will now bind these four into a new life. The Gospel reading could easily be placed within the Lenten season and hold true to Lent's call to conversion of life. That it is put in Ordinary time tells us that this calling is not specific to a season of life, but underlies one's entire life.

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

1. When have you sensed the Lord calling you in life? How did you know? Who helped you clarify this call?
2. How does your calling as a Christian affect your livelihood and your family ties??

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

1. The Penitential Rite recommended is the second set of invocations in the *Sacramentary*, speaking of the Kingdom of God, the strength of the Church now in Word and Sacrament and the return of the Lord in glory...
2. The Alternative Opening Prayer is recommended.
3. Preface I of Sundays in Ordinary Time reflects the universal call to holiness. The Prefaces for Sundays in Ordinary Time II or VIII are also recommended.
4. The Solemn Blessing Ordinary Time III is recommended.

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

1. Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday.
2. Next Sunday evening the Super Bowl will be played; you may wish to look at your liturgical ministers' schedule: will everyone assigned show up?
3. Lent begins February 25.
4. Parishes may access information about the upcoming *Rite of Election* scheduled for the First Sunday of Lent at St. Joseph Cathedral at the Office of Worship's pages on the diocesan website [www.diobr.org/worship](http://www.diobr.org/worship)

## **SAMPLE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Priest:* The Lord is trustworthy. Let us offer to Him our prayers of need:

1. For our Church to be led by the Spirit of Christ in all of its ministries; for Benedict, our Pope, and Robert, our Bishop, we pray to the Lord...
2. For President Obama and all who serve in government; for all nations; for a renewal of hope in the lives of those oppressed, we pray to the Lord...
3. For a deeper faithfulness to Stewardship as a way of life, we pray to the Lord...
4. For those who serve in Catholic School ministry; for the fruitfulness of their teaching by word and example, that children learn and grow in their Catholic faith, we pray to the Lord...
5. For those who suffer illnesses of the mind, body or spirit; for their healing, we pray to the Lord...
6. For the dead; may they rest in God's peace, we pray to the Lord...
7. In peace and in silence now, we pray to the Lord for our own needs...

*[pause; the presider alone will conclude]*

*Priest:* Loving God,  
we entrust these prayers to you with hope,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.