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## Save the Dates

Rite of Election-

March 9- 7:30PM, St. Christopher's Church  
(all Nassau parishes)

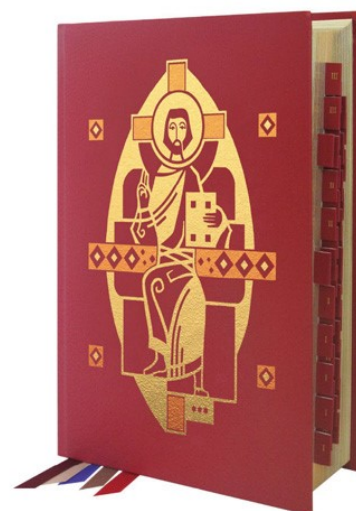
March 10- 3:00PM, St. Anne's Church  
(all Suffolk parishes)

Call to Continuing Conversion-March 17  
(celebrated in parishes)

## New Office of Worship Website

[www.drvc-worship.org](http://www.drvc-worship.org)

## Misal Romano



On September 14, 2017, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced a publication date for the long-awaited ***Misal Romano, tercera edición*** -- the Spanish translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal for use in the United States. The revised text becomes **mandatory** for all parishes in the diocese on the First Sunday of Advent 2018. This is an historic moment for the dioceses of the United States, as it marks the first time that this country has its own Spanish-language edition of *The Roman Missal*.

(For more information on the new missal and how to purchase one, see page 7.)

# ARTICLE: LITURGICAL FORMATION

## “Liturgical Formation for Children”

**By Jo-Ann Metzdorff, D.Min.**

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Today we hear that the decline in Mass attendance is one of the biggest problems facing parishes. Many factors contribute to the decline, but probably the most distressing is the reduction in the number of young families participating in the liturgical life of the Church. While there is no instant solution to the problem, we do know that the key is to nurture the Domestic Church, the family. One of the most frequent complaints of religious educators is that no matter how well we catechize the children, if it is not reinforced at home then it is all for naught. That may be true, but it is also true that effective and engaging parental catechesis does bring a number of parents back to Mass. This is why parental catechesis and involvement in the religious education of their children is so important, especially in the younger grades.

Appreciation and participation in the Mass can begin very early. Showing hospitality to young families and making them feel welcome does a lot to encourage Mass attendance. Having a children's bulletin with coloring pages and activities keeps preschoolers occupied. Parishes should go out of their way to make children feel welcome. Encourage families to sit up front in order for the young ones to see well. Children love to sing and even preschoolers can learn the acclamations and hymns. Occasional family activities after Mass related to the Gospels or some aspect of the Mass or liturgical season is a good way to get both children and parents to understand the liturgy.

School age children can be taken on tours of the church. Exploring the sanctuary and sacristy is fun but also very educational. As children see and touch the altar, liturgical books, vestments, and learn what they signify and are used for, they will gain an appreciation for how they are used in the liturgy. Parents also appreciate these tours and can later on talk about what they saw in the tour when it is used in the Mass.

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Catechizing about the Mass is good at any grade level, but does not go far enough to give young people a true appreciation and understanding of why we go to Mass and how they participate. Celebrating a Liturgy of Word in the classroom on a regular basis helps the children to not only pray together, but if they are encouraged to help prepare it and to participate as readers and leaders of prayer, when they come to Mass they will have a greater understanding of what is happening. Reading and reflecting on the upcoming Sunday readings is another good way of helping them understand the Liturgy of the Word.

Starting the children early on to gain an appreciation of the Eucharist is another way of helping children appreciate the Mass. Again just teaching them about it is not enough. Bringing children occasionally as a class to the church for quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament, or better yet for Exposition, does have an effect on them. It need not be a long time, lest they get fidgety. Having a priest or deacon explain to the children why we pray before the Eucharist gives them a better appreciation. Inviting parents is also a great idea since many of them probably have never experienced this.

One thing that should be avoided is gimmicks or anything that makes the Mass more “entertaining.” That might hold a young person’s attention for a time, but how will that affect them as they get older and there is no more “entertainment” at Mass. Family liturgies are a good thing, but it should not be something so different from every other Sunday Mass that families would only attend Family Mass or no Mass at all.

Finally, an instructional Mass, for children and parents, helps them to understand each and every ritual and symbol in the liturgy. During this time, the priest stops at different points in the liturgy to explain what he and the assembly are doing. It does not have to be a “real” Mass, in fact by having it be simply instructional and allowing time for questions from the children and parents, the solemnity and reverence of the Eucharistic liturgy is not compromised.

These are simply a few suggestions and ideas to help make children’s experience of Mass a good one. Above all, work to foster a relationship with Christ within the young families of the parish.



G. Shemitz

## ARTICLE: LITURGICAL THEOLOGY

# “The Importance of Silence at Mass”

By Fr. Nicholas A. Zientarski, STD

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When visiting the Sistine Chapel near St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, one regularly hears the voice of a security guard saying, “*Silenzio.*” As often happens at places where tourists gather, the elevated noise of chatter, laughter, and conversation distracts the observer's mind away from Michelangelo's masterful works painted on the ceiling and walls of the Sistine Chapel. Such high art demands silence in order to “hear” the message of the scriptures portrayed in the chapel.

Silence is a necessary part of human life. It enables a person to think clearly, listen effectively, and calm a body that has been under stress. How many holy men and women have been able to deepen their relationship with God in the silence of prayer, meditation, and spiritual reading? This concept extends to the liturgy as well. Silence in the liturgy allows people to think clearly about what has been spoken and prayed, listen to the voice of God through the parts of the Mass, and experience a calmness through which God can reach the soul.

In the celebration of the Mass, there are several key points where silence is called for and should be fostered by presiding clergy. The first may be found after the opening greeting, when we hear the words, “Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) states that the priest allows for “a brief pause for silence” (#51) at this point in the Mass, allowing people to think about their lives and the times when they have sinned. Four or five full seconds of silence is sufficient for allowing the people to reflect and recognize the need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Immediately jumping into the statements of the Penitential Rite prevents the faithful from recalling their sins and may in fact act as a barrier to the conversion the Mass is meant to provide.

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The second place where silence is called for in the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word. Brief, silent pauses between readings create an atmosphere of contemplation and reflection. The GIRM states:

The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favor meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided. In the course of it, brief periods of silence are also appropriate, accommodated to the assembled congregation; by means of these, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the First and Second Reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the Homily. (#56)

A bit further on we see yet another reference to the importance of silence: “It is appropriate for a brief period of silence to be observed after the Homily” (GIRM #66). The Word of God contains many points for meditation, not to be rushed over and run through but thoughtfully considered. If the Word is like a seed that is to be planted (Luke 8:11), then presiders have to allow that seed to take root in the hearts of faithful believers.

Finally, a period of silence may be observed following the reception of Holy Communion. While it is true that the Communion hymns or chants will assist the faithful in experiencing Christ’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament they have just received, silence may also be employed for this purpose as well. The GIRM tells us: “When the distribution of Communion is over, if appropriate, the Priest and the faithful pray quietly for some time” (#88). Just as a person would relax to digest after a significant meal, so also Catholics pause to contemplate what just happened in Holy Communion and how they are called to use the abundance of grace God has just given them.

Silence in the liturgy has meaning and purpose. It is tempting to fill moments of silence in the Mass because it seems as if “nothing is going on.” However, the opposite is true: silence allows for meditation and contemplation, growth in faith, and a deepening of relationship with God and others. Thus, silence is an important part of the *active participation* of everyone present at a liturgy. As such, it should be carefully fostered by the clergy and ministers at the celebration of the Eucharist.



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## UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES AND FEASTS

### Feast Days for Pope Saints John XXIII and John Paul II (October 11, 22)

The recently-canonized Popes, John XXIII and John Paul II, have no proper Mass texts within the *Proper of Saints* in the Roman Missal. Thus, celebrants should choose texts from the *Common of Pastors* in both the Missal and Lectionary.

### November 1st, All Saints Day

Thursday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. Parishes should schedule a sufficient number of Masses in order that the faithful may fulfill their obligation. The Roman Missal supplies a proper preface for this solemnity within the prayer texts for the day. Note that the liturgical ordo does not permit funerals [GIRM 380] or ritual Masses on this day (i.e., nuptial Masses, confirmation Masses, etc.)[cf. Praenotanda for Ritual Masses in the Roman Missal]. It is commendable that relics of saints be displayed and venerated by the faithful.

### November 2nd, All Souls Day

Friday, November 2, is All Souls Day. While not a feast or solemnity, nor a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a revered day to remember the dead at the altar of God. The Roman Missal provides three sets of Mass texts for presiders to choose from, found within the *Proper of Saints* section of the Missal. Please note that the liturgical ordo does permit funerals on this day, but not ritual Masses (i.e., nuptial Masses, confirmation Masses, etc.).

### November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day

November 22nd is the memorial of Saint Cecilia, patroness of music. It is also the annual festive American holiday of Thanksgiving. The ordo permits American parishes the option of celebrating either Mass on this day.

Although the American holiday of Thanksgiving Day is not strictly speaking a liturgical “feast” of the Roman Catholic Church, the Roman Missal does provide a full set of Mass prayer texts for the day, found within the *Proper of Saints* section. Priests who celebrate parish Masses for the faithful in conjunction with Thanksgiving Day should use these texts and wear white vestments. Food brought by the faithful may be blessed after Mass using the prayer found in the Book of Blessings #1755-1780.

### December 8th, Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses should be scheduled so that the faithful may fulfill their obligation. Because Sunday, December 9th, is the Second Sunday of Advent, all Vigil Masses on Saturday evening, December 8th, should be scheduled as vigil Masses for that Sunday. It is recommended that a schedule be published in parish bulletins to clarify dates and times for these two Masses, as well as the necessity to attend both Masses. The liturgical ordo does not permit funerals or ritual Masses on the Solemnity (i.e., nuptial Masses, confirmation Masses, etc.).

## LITURGICAL TEXTS: The NEW *Misal Romano*

All parishes in the United States may now use the new *Misal Romano* for celebrating Masses in Spanish. Starting on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018, use of the new Missal will be **mandatory**. Missals that have been used in the past from other Spanish-speaking countries **may no longer be used** here in the United States. Therefore, pastors are encouraged to purchase a copy of the new Missal for their churches and chapels. Please see the two publishers, prices, and discounts below. Consider which volume would suit the needs of your parish and contact the office to purchase (516) 678-5800 x 504. Please provide name and shipping address. Missals will be mailed within 3-4 weeks.

The Office of Worship will be holding two orientation sessions for English and Spanish-speaking clergy, lay ministers, and musicians in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, offering an opportunity to see what's new and ask questions:

Thursday, October 18, 2018. 1:30-3:30PM. Saint Anne's Parish, Brentwood (lower hall)

Thursday, November 8, 2018. 7:00-9:00PM. Saint Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre (lower church)

Todas las parroquias en los Estados Unidos ahora podrán usar el nuevo Misal Romano para celebrar Misas en español. A partir del primer domingo de Adviento, el 2 de diciembre de 2018, el uso del nuevo Misal será **obligatorio**. Los misales que se han utilizado en el pasado de otros países de habla hispana **ya no se podrán** usar aquí en los Estados Unidos. Por lo tanto, se alienta a los párrocos a comprar una copia del nuevo Misal para sus iglesias y capillas. Consulte los dos editores, precios y descuentos a continuación. Elija el volume que considere mejor para las necesidades de su parroquia y comuníquese con la oficina para hacer su compra (516) 678-5800 x 504. Proporcione el nombre y la dirección de envío. Los misales se enviarán por correo dentro de 3-4 semanas.

La Oficina de Culto llevará a cabo dos sesiones de orientación, en inglés y español, para el clero, ministros laicos, y músicos en la diócesis de Rockville Centre, para ofrecer la oportunidad de ver que hay de nuevo y hacer preguntas:

El Jueves, 18 de octubre de 2018, de 1:30-3:30PM.

En la parroquia de Santa Ana, Brentwood (bajos de la iglesia)

El Jueves, 8 de noviembre de 2018. 7: 00-9: 00PM.

Catedral de Santa Inés, Centro de Rockville (bajos de la iglesia)

Publishers/ Editores	<i>Misal Romano</i>	Large edition/ Grande edicion	Small edition/ Pequeno edicion	Discount/ Descuento
<i>Liturgy Training Publications</i>		\$169.95	\$119.95	35%
<i>Catholic Book Publishing Co.</i>		\$169.00	\$109.00	20%

## **LITURGY REMINDERS & UPDATES**

### **On the purification of vessels (GIRM #163, 171, 183, 192, 279, and 284):**

**Who may purify chalices, patens, and ciboria at Mass?**

A: Only priests, deacons, and instituted acolytes (seminarians) may purify these vessels.

**When may the vessels be purified?**

A: Either immediately after the distribution of Holy Communion or after Mass.

**Where does the purification take place?**

A: During Mass at the side of the altar or at the credence table; following Mass, the minister may do so at the credence table or in the sacristy.

**How does the minister purify?**

A: The minister uses water and the purificator linen to purify all vessels. The water should be consumed by the minister and vessels dried with the purificator. Vessels should be purified with care and reverence, but also without scrupulosity.

**How does one care for the linens used at Mass?**

A: Purificators and corporal should be washed separately from all other laundry and the water used for cleansing should be poured down a sacrarium (i.e., earth sink) or in the ground, but never in a regular sink that leads to a cesspool or sewer.

### **On the Selecting the Eucharistic Prayer (GIRM #365):**

Bishops and priests have several options when choosing a Eucharistic Prayer for the celebration of Mass:

- A) Four main Eucharistic Prayers
- B) Two special Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation
- C) Four special Eucharistic Prayers for use in Masses for Various Needs

Generally, presiders will choose from the four main Eucharistic Prayers for everyday Masses. The Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation may be used in the season of Lent or for liturgies that have a penitential character. The Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs are for weekdays when the presider chooses a particular Mass setting from the Roman Missal located in the section, "For Various Needs and Occasions."

When choosing from the four main Eucharistic Prayers, presiders should keep in mind the following:

- A) **Eucharistic Prayer I** (Roman Canon) should be used in the following cases:
  - I. On Sundays, Feasts, and Solemnities
  - II. For Christmas and its octave, Epiphany, Easter and its octave, Ascension, Pentecost
  - III. For the feast days of the Apostles and Roman martyrs mentioned in the Prayer
- B) **Eucharistic Prayer II** is for general use on weekdays. It has its own preface, but another selection from the Common Prefaces may be used in its place.
- C) **Eucharistic Prayer III** is preferred for Sundays and festive days, but may also be used on weekdays. It has no proper preface of its own.
- D) **Eucharistic Prayer IV** has an invariable preface; thus, it may only be used at Masses that have no proper preface of their own or on Sundays during Ordinary Time.

### **Bob Hurd Concert & Music Workshop**

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Riverhead will host the world-renowned composer Bob Hurd this October. Concert will take place on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 7:00PM. For tickets, see the website: <https://stjohn.ticketbud.com/bob-hurd> . Workshop for music ministers to take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. For more information contact: [sjpsocialmedia@aol.com](mailto:sjpsocialmedia@aol.com) or (631) 644-5928.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING FALL 2018

### (1) TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Session A: Basic training for all those who will minister at parishes.

Session B: Special training for those intending to work with the sick (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, home-bound) ( N.B. *Session A must be taken prior to registering for Session B*)

**To register:** Ask your pastor to write a letter requesting the training for every person attending. The letter should indicate the date, time, and place of the training session requested. Letters should be submitted to:

**Most Reverend John O. Barres**  
**Bishop of Rockville Centre**  
**PO Box 9023**  
**Rockville Centre, NY 11571**  
**Attn: Ministry training**

Dates, times, locations for Session A:

Suffolk– Saturday, October 6, 2018 @ St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays, 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Suffolk– Monday, October 15, 2018 @ St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville, 7:00-10:00PM  
Nassau– Saturday, October 27, 2018 @ St. Agnes Center, Rockville Centre, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Dates, times, locations for Session B:

Suffolk– Saturday, October 13, 2018 @ St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays, 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Suffolk– Monday, October 22, 2018 @ St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville, 7:00-10:00PM  
Nassau– Saturday, November 3, 2018 @ St. Agnes Center, Rockville Centre, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Fee for either session: \$30 per person.

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### (2) TRAINING FOR LECTORS

All men, women, and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend a diocesan training session. To register, fill out the slip below and mail it to the Office of Worship.

Dates, times, locations for Lector Training:

Suffolk– Saturday, October 6, 2018 @ St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays, 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Suffolk– Monday, October 15, 2018 @ St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville, 7:00-10:00PM  
Nassau– Saturday, October 27, 2018 @ St. Agnes Center, Rockville Centre, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Fee for training: \$20 per person.

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Registration form for the Diocesan **Lector** Training

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the session you will be attending:    October 6        October 15        October 27

Mail to: **Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.**

**(516) 678-5800 x 504**