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MERCY

*The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.*

Pope Francis

*Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy, 12*

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## YEAR OF MERCY: A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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“As a concrete sign of the pope’s charitable love, effective measures will be taken to meet real needs in the world that will express mercy through tangible assistance,” notes Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. The Vatican is asking bishops and priests around the world to conduct similar symbolic gestures of communion with Pope Francis and his vision of reaching out to those on the margins.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Sending forth of the Missionaries of Mercy from St. Peter’s Basilica.
Monday, February 22, 2016 <i>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter</i>	Jubilee for the Roman Curia Jubilee sign of the Holy Father: witness of the works of mercy.
Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, 2016	“24 Hours for the Lord” with a penitential liturgy in St. Peter’s Basilica, 5:00 PM, Friday, March 4. Sacrament of Reconciliation in all parishes
Sunday, March 20, 2016 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Diocesan Day for Youth in Rome Jubilee sign of the Holy Father: witness of the works of mercy.
Sunday, April 3, 2016 <i>Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	Jubilee for those who are devoted to the spirituality of Divine Mercy.
Sunday, April 24, 2016 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Jubilee for Young Boys and Girls (ages 13 – 16) <i>To profess the faith and construct a culture of mercy.</i> Jubilee sign of the Holy Father: witness of the works of mercy.
Sunday, May 29, 2016 <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	Jubilee for Deacons
Friday, June 3, 2016 <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Jubilee for Priests 160 years since the introduction of the Feast by Pius IX in 1856.
Sunday, June 12, 2016 <i>Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	Jubilee for Those Who are Ill and for Persons with Disabilities; Jubilee sign of the Holy Father: witness of the works of mercy.

Tuesday, July 26 to  
Sunday, July 31, 2016  
*To conclude on the Eighteenth Sunday  
Ordinary Time*

Jubilee for Young People  
World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

Sunday, September 4, 2016  
*Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
(Memorial of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta –  
September 5)*

Jubilee for Workers and Volunteers of Mercy

Sunday, September 25, 2016  
*XXVI Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Jubilee for Catechists

Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October  
9, 2016  
*Saturday and Sunday after the Memorial  
of Our Lady of the Rosary*

Marian Jubilee

Tuesday, November 1, 2016  
*Solemnity of All Saints*

Holy Mass celebrated by the Holy Father in memory of the  
faithful departed.

Sunday, November 6, 2016  
*Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Jubilee for Prisoners  
(perhaps celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica)

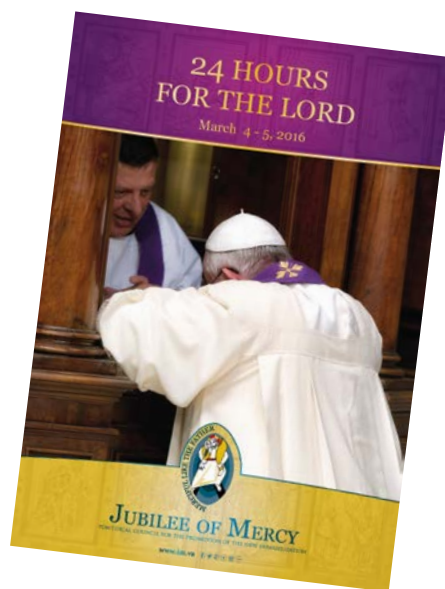
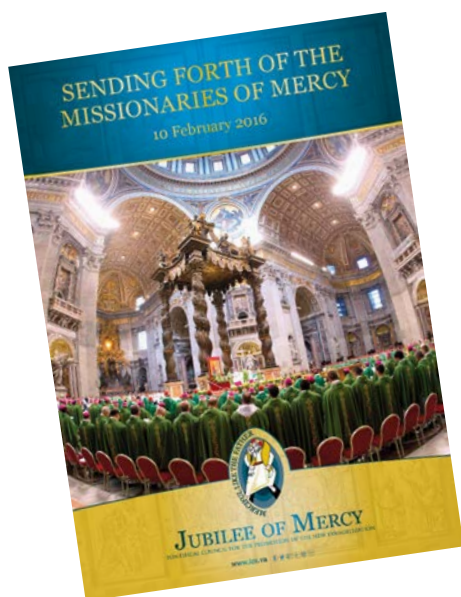
Sunday, November 13, 2016  
*Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Closing of the Holy Doors in the Basilicas of Rome and in the  
Dioceses of the world.

Sunday, November 20, 2016  
*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe*

Closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and the  
conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy.

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## POPE FRANCIS' OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
“If you knew the gift of God!”  
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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# MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



## A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2016

**A RITE FOR RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS  
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

### **Introductory Rites**

**Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Introduction  
Opening Prayer**

### **Celebration of the Word of God**

**First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading  
Gospel Verse  
Gospel  
Homily  
Examination of Conscience**

### **Rite of Reconciliation**

**General Confession of Sin  
Litany of Repentance  
Lord's Prayer  
Concluding Prayer  
Individual Confession of Sin and Absolution  
Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy**

### **Concluding Rite**

**Blessing  
Dismissal  
Closing Hymn**





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## PREPARATION

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- ◆ **Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.**
- ◆ **At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.**
- ◆ **A musician and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions is included herein.)**
- ◆ **A Bible or Lectionary should be readied with the appropriate readings.**
- ◆ **Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo.**
- ◆ **Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.**
- ◆ **For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.**

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## INTRODUCTORY RITE

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### OPENING HYMN

*See suggestions herein*

### GREETING

**Presider:** Grace and peace be with you  
from God our Father  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ  
who laid down his life for our sins.

**All:** Glory to him forever. Amen.

## INTRODUCTION

*in these or similar words*

**Presider:** God calls each of us here tonight [today] to the sacrament of reconciliation. We come to acknowledge our sins and to seek God's forgiveness. How fortunate we are! No matter how often or how gravely we sin, we are welcomed back to the loving embrace of a merciful Father.

As we approach this sacrament of mercy, let us also be mindful of those times when we ourselves have not shown mercy. Let us resolve, not only to live a life in harmony with God's commands, but also to live a life which manifests God's mercy to others.

How can we, who have been forgiven so often, offer that same forgiveness to others?

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters,  
God calls us to conversion.  
Let us therefore ask him  
for the grace of sincere repentance.

*Silent prayer*

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
you do not wish the sinner to die  
but to be converted and live.  
Come to the aid of your people,  
that they may turn from their sins  
and live for you alone.  
May we be attentive to your word,  
confess our sins,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.  
Help us to grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

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**CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

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*The following are suggested readings. Alternate readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel.*

*The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal. A Lectionary or Bible should be used during the liturgy.*

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 58: 4b-11**

**This is the fasting that I wish...**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)**

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 13:8-10**

**Love is the fulfillment of the law.**

**VERSE**

**John 13:14**

**I give you a new command says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you.**

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 6:27-38**

**Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**

**HOMILY**

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## ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

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### **First Reading**

Exodus 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-17	Moses receives the Ten Commandments
Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28,32	I put before you today a blessing and a curse
Deuteronomy 30:15-20	I set before you life and prosperity, death and evil
2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13	The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin.
Sirach 28:1-7	Forgive your neighbor...your sins will be forgiven
Isaiah 55:1-11	Turn to the Lord for mercy...our God who is generous and forgiving
Ezekiel 36:23-28	I will sprinkle you with clean water...
Joel 2: 12-18	Rend your hearts, not your garments

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalms 19	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Psalms 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Psalms 30	I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Psalms 32: 1-11	Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.
Psalms 36:2-13	How precious is your unfailing love, Lord.
Psalms 51: 3-6,12-15	Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Psalms 85	Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.
Psalms 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8	Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
Psalms 119	Lord, I love your commands.

### **Second Reading**

Romans 5: 6-11	We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.
Romans 6:2-14	Think of yourself as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus
2 Corinthians 5:6-10	We aspire to please the Lord
2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2	We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation
Galatians 2:16, 19-21	I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me
Galatians 3: 7-14	Those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith
Philippians 4: 4-9	The Lord is near... think about whatever is worthy of praise
Hebrews 4:14-16	Let us confidently approach the throne of grace
1 Peter 2:20-25	By his wounds you were healed
1 John 1:5 - 2:2	Jesus is expiation for our sins
Ephesians 2:4-10	By grace you have been saved.
Ephesians 5:8-14	Live as children of the light
Ephesians 6:10-13, 18	Draw your strength from the Lord

### **Gospel**

Matthew 9:1-8	Rise and walk, your sins are forgiven
Matthew 9: 9-13	I have come not to call the just, but sinners.
Mark 12:28-34	Greatest of all commandments
Luke 5:27-32	Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners
Luke 7:36-50	The woman anoints the feet of Jesus... Your sins are forgiven.
Luke 15: 1-7	Leaving the ninety-nine to find one lost sheep.
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	Parable of the Prodigal Son
Luke 19: 1-10	The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost.

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## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: OPTION A

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*On December 22, 2014 Pope Francis met with the behind-the-scenes Vatican employees. After thanking them for their dedication, he encouraged them to examine areas of their lives. The following words are adapted from his remarks.*

**“Care for your spiritual life, your relationship with God.”**

- **Am I a Christian who is not nourished by prayer and the sacraments?**
- **Do I study the Word of God?**



**“Care for your family life...”**

- **Do I give my family time, attention, and love?**
- **Do I care for their daily needs?**

**“Heal the wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness...”**

- **Have I forgiven others who have hurt me?**
- **Have I said “I’m sorry” to those whom I have hurt and have I tried to make amends?**

**“Watch how you speak...”**

- **Do I need to purify my everyday language from offensive words, vulgarities, and phrases used in the worldly decadence?**
- **Do I gossip about others or tell false truths?**

**“Care for your work...”**

- **Do I work with enthusiasm and passion?**
- **Am I humble enough to thank the Lord for my accomplishments?**
- **Do I use my God-given skills and talents in the service of others?**

**“Avoid envy, lust, hatred, and negative feelings...”**

- **Are my thoughts and actions destructive toward my relationships, especially with those whom I love?**
- **Do my thoughts destroy my inner peace?**
- **Do I say insulting things when it would be better to remain silent?**
- **Do I surround myself with angry or destructive people?**

**“Reach out to those who need you... this is how you will be judged.”**

- **Do I assist the weak, the elderly, the sick?**
- **Do I stand up for foreigners or for those who are oppressed?**
- **Do I feed the hungry and shelter the homeless?**

**“Let go of...”**

- **“The bitterness that brings us to revenge”**
- **“The laziness that leads to existential euthanasia”**
- **“The finger-pointing that leads to pride”**
- **“The complaining that leads to despair”**

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## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: OPTION B

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*Two readers might alternate. Allow a brief period of silence between each question or phrase.*

**Presider:** The following examination of conscience is based upon the Confiteor.  
Please reflect quietly as each part is read.

### **I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD**

- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin and turn again to God?
- Do I seek a deeper relationship with God in this sacrament of reconciliation?

### **AND TO YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- Do I have a genuine love for my family and friends, neighbors and co-workers, or fellow students?
- Have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of others at home?
- Am I aware of my global relationship to those suffering and dying in other parts of the world?
- Am I committed to seek peace and promote justice for every person?

### **THAT I HAVE SINNED THROUGH MY OWN FAULT**

- Do I blame others for my wrongdoing or for the misfortune that befalls me?
- Do I accept responsibility for the commitments I have made to others – my spouse? my parents? my children? my parish?
- Do I accept that society's evils are within my power to change?

### **IN MY THOUGHT AND IN MY WORDS**

- Have I ever harbored ill thoughts against another person?
- Have my addictions affected my judgment or behavior?
- Have my fears or prejudices prevented me from speaking out on behalf of the poor, the unborn, or people of other races?
- Have my words caused others hurt? Has my silence caused others harm?

### **IN WHAT I HAVE DONE**

- Do I seek to be the center of attention? Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their needs or freedoms?
- Am I focused on my needs to the detriment of the needs of others?
- Am I obsessed with having the perfect body, making more money, or having the latest technology?
- Do I need to be in control of all people and all situations?
- Do I work more than is healthy for my mind or body?

**IN WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO**

- Have I neglected my responsibilities to my family?
- Have I neglected my health?
- Have I neglected my prayer life?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

**AND I ASK BLESSED MARY, EVER VIRGIN AND ALL THE SAINTS**

- Do I appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist?
- Do I worship with my Community each Sunday?
- Do I reflect often on what God is calling me to do?

**AND YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- Am I so independent that I refuse to ask for help or let others assist me?
- Do I support and defend other members of my family?
- Do I give others the opportunity to share their gifts and talents?
- Do I treat those who wait on me or who work with me with the dignity they deserve as fellow human beings?

**TO PRAY FOR ME TO THE LORD OUR GOD**

- Do I promise prayers for people and situations and not follow through?
- Do I remember to pray for others in my parish, especially for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments?
- Do I pray for the living and the dead?

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**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: OPTION C**

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**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

**Presider:** Sisters and brothers,  
our Father knows all our failings,  
but asks us to call them to mind  
so that we may seek out his forgiveness.

**Minister #1:** Am I attentive to God's presence in prayer and worship?

- Do I pray daily?
- Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?
- What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?
- Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?
- Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

**Minister #2: In my daily living, do I act as a child of God?**

- Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?
- Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?
- Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?
- Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?
- Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

**Minister #1: Do I reflect the mercy of God in my relationship with others?**

- In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?
- Do I treat my parents with respect?
- Am I ever angry with those I love?
- Have I been faithful in my relationships?
- Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?
- Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?
- Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
- Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?

**Minister #2: Do I bring the love of God to the world?**

- Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?
- Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?
- Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?
- Do I purchase material goods that I don't really need?

**Minister #1: Will I accept the forgiveness of God and change my way of life?**

- Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?
- Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?
- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?
- Do I forgive others who have offended me?





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## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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### GENERAL CONFESSION OF SIN

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters,  
Let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father,  
and acknowledge our sins,  
so that we may receive his merciful forgiveness.

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### LITANY OF REPENTANCE

**Presider:** Christ our Lord was given up to death for our sins  
and rose again for our justification.  
Let us pray to him with confidence in his goodness.

**Presider:** You were sent with good news for the poor  
and healing for the contrite.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You came to call sinners, not the just.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You forgave the many sins of the woman who showed  
you great love.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery,  
but sent her away in peace.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You promised Paradise to the repentant thief.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You are the atonement for our sins and the sins of the world.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You became the source of salvation for all who obey you.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Presider:** Let us now pray to God our Father  
in the words our Savior gave us,  
and ask him for forgiveness and protection from all evil.

**All:** Our Father,...

#### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Presider:** Deliver us, Father, from every evil  
as we unite ourselves through penance  
with the saving Passion of your Son.  
Grant us a share in the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus  
who is Lord forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

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## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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*The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confessions should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.*

### PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

**Confessor:** God the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of His Son,  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and sent the Holy Spirit among us  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church,  
may God give you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father  
and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Penitent:** Amen.

### PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

*A psalm, hymn, or litany may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.*

Psalm 28: 6-7

Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 25-29

Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11

Psalm 145: 1-21

Psalm 54

Psalm 146:2-10

Psalm 66

Isaiah 61: 10-11

Psalm 95

Daniel 3:52-57

Psalm 98: 1-9

Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat)

Psalm 100: 1-5

Ephesians 1:3-10

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18

Revelation 15: 3-4

Psalm 119: 1, 10-16, 18, 33, 105, 169-170, 174-175

## CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Presider:** Lord God,  
creator and ruler of your kingdom of light,  
in your great love for this world,  
you gave your only Son for our salvation.  
His cross has redeemed us,  
his death has given us life,  
his resurrection has raised us to glory.  
Through him  
we ask you to be always present among your family.  
Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory;  
fill our hearts with faith,  
our days with good works,  
our lives with your love;  
may your truth be on our lips  
and your wisdom in all our actions,  
that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All :** Amen.

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## CONCLUDING RITE

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### BLESSING

**Presider:** May the Father bless us  
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Son show us his saving power,  
for he died and rose for us.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness  
and lead us by the right path,  
for he dwells in our hearts.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

### DISMISSAL

**Presider:** The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

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## READINGS

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### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 58: 4b-11**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Would that today you might fast  
so as to make your voice heard on high!  
Is this the manner of fasting I wish,  
of keeping a day of penance:  
That a man bow his head like a reed,  
and lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Do you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
This rather is the fasting that I wish:  
releasing those bound unjustly,  
untying the thongs of the yoke;  
Setting free the oppressed,  
breaking every yoke;  
Sharing your bread with the hungry,  
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;  
Clothing the naked when you see them,  
and not turning your back on your own.  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall quickly be healed.  
Your vindication shall go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call and the LORD will answer,  
you shall cry for help and he will say: Here I am!  
If you remove from your midst oppression,  
false accusation and malicious speech;  
If you bestow your bread on the hungry  
and satisfy the afflicted;  
Then the light shall rise for you in the darkness  
and the gloom shall become for you like midday;  
Then the LORD will guide you always  
and give you plenty even on the parched land.  
He will renew your strength  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring whose water never fails.

The word of the Lord.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)**

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits. R.**

**He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills,  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion. R.**

**The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of the oppressed.  
He has made known his ways to Moses,  
and his deeds to the children of Israel. R.**

**Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. R.**

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 13:8-10**

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.**

**Brothers and sisters:  
Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;  
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.  
The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery;  
you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,'  
and whatever other commandment there may be,  
are summed up in this saying, namely,  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
Love does no evil to the neighbor;  
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."**

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL VERSE**

**John 13:34**

**I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you.**

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 6:27-38**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**“To you who hear I say,  
love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.  
To the person who strikes you on one cheek,  
offer the other one as well,  
and from the person who takes your cloak,  
do not withhold even your tunic.  
Give to everyone who asks of you,  
and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.  
For if you love those who love you,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners love those who love them.  
And if you do good to those who do good to you,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners do the same.  
If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners lend to sinners,  
and get back the same amount.  
But rather, love your enemies and do good to them  
and lend expecting nothing back;  
then your reward will be great  
and you will be children of the Most High,  
for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.  
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**

**“Stop judging and you will not be judged.  
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.  
Forgive and you will be forgiven.  
Give and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing,  
will be poured into your lap.  
For the measure with which you measure  
will in return be measured out to you.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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## **SAMPLE PENANCES**

*Choose one of the following penances to atone for sins and accept God's mercy.*

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### **FOR ADULTS**

- **Think of someone you have been uncharitable towards and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. Plan a visit and bring a meal.**
- **During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of war.**
- **Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food pantry.**
- **Think of one thing that you are eating or drinking that is bad for your health. Eliminate it for one month and donate that money to a soup kitchen.**
- **Identify a person whom you have offended by your unkind words and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Act on one of them -- feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit those in prisons, bury the dead, or give alms to the poor.**
- **Reflect on one of the following Lenten readings from Year C:**

<b>Romans 10:8-13</b>	<b>Luke 4:1-13</b>
<b>Philippians 3:17-4:1</b>	<b>Luke 13:1-9</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</b>
<b>2 Corinthians 5:17-21</b>	<b>Philippians 3:8-14</b>

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### **FOR YOUTH**

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- **Eliminate TV for one night. Read from the Bible or your religion text.**
- **Reach out to a lonely person in class and encourage one other person to do the same. Have lunch with that person.**
- **Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.**
- **For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.**
- **Donate the money you would have spent on a fast food meal to your parish outreach ministry. Send it anonymously.**



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## MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2016

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### **HYMNODY**

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast	Scagnelli/ERHALT UNS HERR	GIA
Amazing Grace	Traditional American	Various
Ashes	Conry	various
Christians, Let Us Love One Another	Foltz/PICARDY	OCP
Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy	Hart/RESTORATION	various
Draw Near, O Lord	<i>Attende Domini</i> , chant	Various
<i>Escúchanos Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish	OCP
For the Healing of the Nations	ST. THOMAS/Picardy	Various
Forgive Our Sins	Herklots/DETROIT	various
From Deepest Need We Cry	Delores Duffner	GIA
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/RUSTINGTON	GIA
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Bonar/ KINGSFOLD	Various
Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace	Spannaus/BEATUS VIR	GIA
O Christ, Bright Son of Justice	Freeman Lewis	OCP
Our Father We Have Wandered	Hassler/ PASSION CHORALE	various
Out of Darkness	Walker	OCP
<i>Parce Domine/Spare Your People, Lord</i>	chant/ Ps 51	various
<i>Perdón Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish	OCP
<i>Perdonas Nuestras Culpas</i>	Madurga	OCP
Renew Your People	Welch/ Currie	GIA
The Master Came to Bring Good News	Mainz Gsnbg.	W3, RS, GC2
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber/ IN BABILONE	OCP
This Season Calls Us	chant	OCP
Turn to the Living God	Lori True	GIA
We Are God's Work of Art	Ephes. 2/ Haugen	GIA
We Are Your People	Wren/ WHITFIELD	W3, RS

### **LITANIES & CHANTS**

Two Litanies for Advent/Lent	Richard Proulx	WLP
Gather us in Mercy, Lord	Alonso	GIA
Hold us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany	Cooney/Daigle	GIA
Penitential Litany	Prendergast/Sullivan	OCP

### **PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY**

All You Nations	Deiss	WLP
Blest be the Lord (Ps 91)	Schutte	OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)	Green, Daw, Joncas	various
Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted	RENZEZ A DIEU	various
God is Here! As We His People	ABBOTT'S LEIGH	GIA
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/ RUSTINGTON	GIA
Great is Thy Faithfulness	Chisholm/Runyan	LMGM
His Love is Everlasting	Roberts	LMGM
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly	(WLP, 003679)
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young	(GIA, G-2896)
<i>La Alegría en el Perdón</i>	Gabaráin	OCP
Sing, My Tongue, The Song of Triumph	PICARDY	GIA
Thanks be to You	Haugen	GIA
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker	OCP, 7150

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## FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER TIME FOR EASTER VIGIL?**

A. On Saturday evening, March 26, 2016, the sun will set in our diocese at \_\_\_\_. The end of civil twilight (nightfall) will occur at \_\_\_\_. Ideally, the Easter Vigil celebration should not begin before \_\_\_\_.

“According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all holy vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation” (*Paschale Solemnitatis: Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, no. 77. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, [quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the *Ceremonial of Bishops*].

“The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday. This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses” (*Ibid*; no.78, quoting the Roman Missal).

### **Q. THERE ARE MORE THAN FORTY DAYS BETWEEN ASH WEDNESDAY AND EASTER. HOW DO WE COUNT THE “FORTY DAYS” OF LENT? WE DON’T COUNT SUNDAYS, RIGHT?**

A. Of course, we “count” the Sundays! These days and their accompanying readings are vitally important to our understanding and celebration of the season of Lent. Indeed, most of our celebrations for our Elect are reckoned around these days and readings. Perhaps you are confused by the ancient practice of not *fasting* on Sundays and solemnities (Tertullian; canon 1251).

First, the Sacred Triduum is not part of Lent. Lent ends on Holy Thursday afternoon. (Indeed, Holy Week is not a full “week” at all.) Second, Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday that follow it are traditionally called the “Porch of Lent.” The readings on these four days are training us to enter into the penitential season of Lent. They provide lessons on how to better pray, fast, and give alms. While Lent runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, this method of counting will make obvious the traditional “forty days.”

Lent is a preparation for Easter – both for the Elect, who are preparing for the sacraments of initiation, and for the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices (GNLYC 27).

### **Q. THE WORD “TRIDUUM” MEANS “THREE DAYS.” WHAT ARE THE THREE DAYS OF THE TRIDUUM?**

A. The three days of the Sacred Triduum are Sunday, Saturday, and Friday. Our most solemn celebrations (Triduum, Sundays, and solemnities) are measured from sunset the evening before. We begin our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday at the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

This seventy-two hour period is the most important celebration of our entire liturgical calendar; it begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday. The Sacred Triduum is actually ONE liturgy over three days. We may go home and come back again, but we do not actually “begin” and “end” our daily celebrations.

### **Q. WHEN DOES THE DEACON OR PRIEST USE THE DOUBLE ALLELUIA AT THE DISMISSAL?**

A. The “double alleluia” is sung (or recited) on the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday and all days during the Octave of Easter. It is used again at Pentecost (Vigil, Mass during the Day, and Vespers).

It is not used on the other Sundays and weekdays of the Fifty Days. On these days, a single alleluia is added to the dismissal rite at Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY  
FOR THE SEASONS OF LENT AND EASTER**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LITURGICAL DAY</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Wednesday	Feb 10	Ash Wednesday	2	Lect #219 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Feb 14	First Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #24; Rite of Election
Sunday	Feb 21	Second Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #27
Monday	Feb 22	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	7	Lect #535
Sunday	Feb 28	Third Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #30, Scrutiny I Option: Year A, Lect #28
Sunday	Mar 6	Fourth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #33, Scrutiny II Option: Year A, Lect #31
Sunday	Mar 13	Fifth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #36, Scrutiny III Option: Year A, Lect # 34
Saturday	Mar 19	St. Joseph, Husband of BVM	3	Funeral Mass permitted Lect #543 Gloria, Creed, Proper Preface Food – BB, Chapter 53
Sunday	Mar 20	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	2	Procession: Lect #37 – Gospel C Mass: Lect #38 – Gospel C
Monday	Mar 21	Monday of Holy Week	2	Lect #257
Tuesday	Mar 22	Tuesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #258
Wednesday	Mar 23	Wednesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #259
Thursday	Mar 24	Thursday of Holy Week (Day)	2	Funeral Mass not permitted
	Mar 24	Holy Thursday (Evening) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	1	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	Mar 25	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	1	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted
Saturday	Mar 26	Holy Saturday	1	BB, Chapter 54 RCIA 185-189 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
	Mar 26	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	1	Lect #41; Easter Vigil may not begin before nightfall; Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Mar 27	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	1	Lect #42; Funeral Mass not permitted
Monday	Mar 28	Monday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect # 261; Proper Preface
Tuesday	Mar 29	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #262
Wednesday	Mar 30	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #263
Thursday	Mar 31	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #264

Friday	Apr 1	Friday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #265
Saturday	Apr 2	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #266
Sunday	Apr 3	Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)	2	Lect #45
Monday	Apr 4	The Annunciation of the Lord	3	Lect #545 Funeral Mass permitted Genuflect at "and by the Holy Spirit...became man"
Sunday	Apr 10	Third Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #48
Sunday	Apr 17	Fourth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #51
Sunday	Apr 24	Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #54
Monday	Apr 25	St. Mark, Evangelist	7	Lect #555
Sunday	May 1	Sixth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #57, may use second reading and gospel from Seventh Sunday of Easter
Tuesday	May 3	St. Philip and St. James, apostles	7	Lect #561
Thursday	May 5	The Ascension of the Lord (in some provinces) OR Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter	2 13	Lect #58; holy day of obligation OR Lect #294
Sunday	May 8	The Ascension of the Lord OR Seventh Sunday of Easter (in some provinces)	2 2	Lect #58 Lect #61
Saturday	May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	7	Lect #564
Sunday	May 15	Pentecost Sunday	2	Vigil: Lect #62C Day: Lect #63C



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## LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR C

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### Ash Wednesday, February 10

Joel 2:12-18	Rend your hearts, not your garments.
Psalms 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17	Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2	Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

### First Sunday of Lent, February 14

Deuteronomy 26:4-10	The confession of faith of the chosen people.
Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15	Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Romans 10:8-13	The confession of faith of all believers in Christ.
Luke 4:1-13	Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted.

### Second Sunday of Lent, February 21

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18	God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.
Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14	The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Philippians 3:17—4:1	Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.
Luke 9:28b-36	While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

### Third Sunday of Lent, February 28 *(or First Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #28)*

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15	"I AM" sent me to you.
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11	The Lord is kind and merciful.
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12	The life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down as a warning to us.
Luke 13:1-9	If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 6 *(or Second Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #31)*

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12	The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	God reconciled us to himself through Christ.
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32	Your brother was dead and has come to life again.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 13 *(or Third Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #34)*

Isaiah 43:16-21	See, I am doing something new and I give my people drink.
Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5	The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Philippians 3:8-14	Because of Christ, I consider everything as a loss, being conformed to his death.
John 8:1-11	Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

### Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, March 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.
Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29	The son of David will live for ever.
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22	Abraham believed, hoping against hope.
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.
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Luke 2:41-51a	Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.

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## HOLY WEEK READINGS

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### Psalm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 20 (C)

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14—23:56

OR Luke 23:1-49

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Monday of Holy Week, March 21

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

(ABC)

He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.

(First oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

### Tuesday of Holy Week, March 22

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

(ABC)

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

I will sing of your salvation.

One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

### Wednesday of Holy Week, March 23 (ABC)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

(Third oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the son of man is betrayed.

### Mass of Chrism, March 24 (or other) (ABC)

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27

Revelation 1:5-8

Luke 4:16-21

The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.



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## READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

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### **Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, March 24**

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14	The law regarding the Passover meal.
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18	Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26	For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.
John 13:1-15	Jesus loved them to the end.

### **Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion, March 25**

Isaiah 52:13 -53:12	He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25	Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.
John 18:1-19:42	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Easter Sunday - Mass in the Holy Night of Easter, March 26**

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 <i>or</i> 1:1, 26-31a	God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Genesis 22:1-18 <i>or</i> Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
Psalm 16:5, 8-9, 11	You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18	The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13	With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Isaiah 55:1-11	Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 -4:4 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11	Walk toward the splendor of the Lord. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4	I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart. Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.
Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Luke 24:1-12	Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

### **Easter Sunday: Mass During the Day, April 4**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43	We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (OR Alleluia)
Colossians 3:1-4	Seek what is above, where Christ is.
OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough.
John 20:1-9	He had to rise from the dead.
OR Luke 24: 1-12	[from the Easter Vigil] Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?
OR Luke 24:13-35	[at afternoon or evening Mass] Stay with us since it is almost evening



## THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

“Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary...” (RCIA 247).

### YEAR C

#### Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

More than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

(OR Alleluia)

I was dead, but now I am alive for ever and ever.

Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Psalms 20:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

We are witnesses of these words as is the Holy Spirit.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (OR Alleluia)

Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and riches.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner, the fish.

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalms 100:1-2m, 3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

We now turn to the Gentiles.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (OR Alleluia)

The lamb will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water.

I give my sheep eternal life.

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (OR Alleluia)

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.

O God, let all the nations praise you. (OR Alleluia)

The angel showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

#### Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

(on May 5 or 9)

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (OR Alleluia)

Christ has entered into heaven itself.

As he blessed them, he was taken up to heaven.



## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 (1a, 9a)  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20  
John 17:20-26

*(in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)*

I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God  
The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (OR Alleluia)  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
That they may be brought to perfection as one.

## **Pentecost (Vigil)**

Genesis 11:1-9

*or* Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
*or* Ezekiel 37:1-14  
*or* Joel 3:1-5

Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.  
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Rivers of living water will flow.

## **[Pentecost – Extended Vigil]**

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 33:10-15  
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
Daniel 3:52-56  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 107:2-9  
Joel 3:1-5  
Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 7:37-39

## **[optional]**

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. [cf. Lect #339]  
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.

Glory and praise forever! [cf. Lect #164]

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. [cf. Lect #423, Year II]

I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Rivers of living water will flow.

*\*Prayers following the readings may be chosen from among the Collects (Opening Prayers) of the ferial days of the Seventh Week of Easter.*

## **Pentecost (Day)**

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

OR Romans 8:8-17

John 20:19-23

OR John 14:15-16, 23b-26

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

(OR Alleluia)

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.





## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers in silence; red vestments, reverence altar  
Ministers lie prostrate or kneel for a time.

Prayer "Let us pray" is omitted

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12  
*(Fourth Servant Song) He was wounded for our sins*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
*Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.*

Chant Before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9  
*Christ became obedient unto death...*

Gospel John 18:1 - 19:42  
*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Homily

Silent Prayer

The Solemn Intercessions

For the Church, Pope, all orders and degrees of the faithful, catechumens, unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation.

Introduction

Kneel/Silent Prayer

Prayer

### **THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

The Showing of the Holy Cross

First Form

The deacon carries the Cross through the church to the sanctuary; the priest unveils it gradually

Second Form

The priest or deacon goes to the door of church, receives the unveiled Cross

Invitation

Priest: "Behold the wood of the Cross on which is hung the salvation of the world."

All: "Come, let us adore."

Procession

Antiphon or Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Adoration of the Holy Cross

a single Cross; candles on right and left; options for chants or music

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

[Covering of the Altar]

Ciborium to Altar

*by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles*

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

"Behold the Lamb of God..."

Distribution of Communion

Hymn(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer After Communion

Prayer Over the People

Departure

*All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross*



## EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

*A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. The priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the paschal candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.*

### **THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM**

#### The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

Sign of the Cross [new]

Greeting

Instruction

Blessing of the Fire

Preparation of the Candle

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

cross, Alpha and Omega, current year; grains of incense from the Easter Fire

#### Procession

Chant

Priest lights his candle

Lighting of Assembly's Candles

thurifer leads people with unlit candles

"Light of Christ" "Thanks be to God"

from the Paschal Candle

*(those persons already baptized)*

#### The Easter Proclamation/Exsultet

by a deacon, priest, or other person

Long Form or Short Form

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*see Lectionary #41 all should be read, at least three from OT, Exodus 14 is never omitted*

#### Introduction

#### Reading I

#### Responsorial Psalm

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR Genesis 1:1, 26-31a *Creation*

Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10,12,13-14,24,35

OR Psalm 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

#### Prayer

#### Reading II

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Prayer

Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 *Abraham and Isaac*

Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11

#### Reading III

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Prayer

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 *Parting of the Sea*

Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

#### Reading IV

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Prayer

Isaiah 54: 5-14

*Enduring love of the Lord*

Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6,11-12,13

#### Reading V

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Prayer

Isaiah 55: 1-11

*Come to me that you may have life*

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

#### Reading VI

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Prayer

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

*Walk by the light*

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

#### Reading VII

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ezekiel 36: 16-28

*I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.*

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4 OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Prayer

Gloria

Collect

Epistle

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel

Homily

Romans 6: 3-11

*Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.*

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23

Luke 24:1-12 *Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?*

### **BAPTISMAL LITURGY**

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism

Invitation to Prayer

Litany of the Saints

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Prayer

with hands extended... lowering paschal candle into water

Acclamation

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Renunciation of Sin

*see Roman Ritual [RCIA]*

Profession of Faith

Baptism

Clothing with a White Garment

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

By Assembly; [new] may also be done with the Elect (above)

Sprinkling with Baptismal Water

Celebration of Reception into Full Communion

Invitation

Profession of Faith

Act of Reception

Celebration of Confirmation

Invitation

Laying on of Hands

Anointing with Chrism

Universal Prayer

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings

*by the neophytes*

[Presentation Hymn]

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Preface I of Easter

Holy, holy, holy

Eucharistic Prayer

EP I with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Invitation to Communion

"Behold the Lamb of God..."

Distribution of Communion

Hymns: \_\_\_\_\_

Silence or Hymn of Thanksgiving

Prayer After Communion

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

Greeting

Solemn Blessing

see RM #68

Dismissal

see RM #69; Alleluia, alleluia

*Note: The "double alleluia" is sung at the dismissal on Easter Sunday (the Vigil and Mass of Easter Day), during the Octave of Easter, and on Pentecost (Vigil and Day). It is not used on the other days of the Easter season.*



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM: EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:  
THE MASS OF EASTER DAY**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Opening Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting \_\_\_\_\_

[Sprinkling Rite]

Glory to God

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Collect

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Sequence

*Victimae Paschali Laudes*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia; Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; ...

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel

John 20:1-9 OR Luke 24:1-2 (from the Easter Vigil)

OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

see Easter Vigil #55

Sprinkling with Blessed Water

Song \_\_\_\_\_

Creed

Omitted

Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayer

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar

Presentation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

I II III IV

Preface

Preface I of Easter: "The Paschal Mystery"

Eucharistic Prayer

proper forms of *Communicantes* and *hanc igitur* if EP I is used

Holy, holy, holy

Acclamations

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion Hymn(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Prayer After Communion

**CONCLUDING RITE**

[Announcements]

Greeting

Solemn Blessing

see Easter Vigil #68

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia

Closing Hymn \_\_\_\_\_



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM  
EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EVENING PRAYER**

*The Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the ambo.*

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

Introductory Verse

Presider: O God, ✠ come to my assistance.  
All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
All: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

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**PSALMODY**

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.  
Psalm Psalm 110:1-5, 7  
Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.  
Psalm Psalm 114  
Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;  
there they will see me, alleluia.

NT Canticle Revelation 19:1-17

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;  
there they will see me, alleluia.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Reading Hebrews 10:12-14

Silence

Antiphon This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered  
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and  
said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Canticle of Mary Luke 1: 46-55

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered  
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and  
said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

### Invitation

Presider: With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord, who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for us:  
All: Victorious King, hear our prayer.

### Intercessions

Presider: Light and salvation for all peoples,  
All: send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit as we proclaim your resurrection.

Presider: Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,  
All: and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory.

Presider: Keep us in the communion of your saints,  
All: and grant us rest from our labors in their company.

Presider: You have triumphed over death, your enemy;  
All: destroy in us the power of death, that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.

Presider: Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death,  
All: and were raised up to the right hand of the Father, in your goodness, welcome your brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

### Lord's Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
All: let us pray in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father,...

### Collect

*(first option)*

Presider: God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
Let our celebration today raise us up  
and renew our lives  
by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
All: Amen.

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



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