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Committee on Divine Worship Issues *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*

The publication of the *Ordo Lectionum Missæ, editio typica altera* in 1981 was an expansion of the 1969 first edition and helped better fulfill the Second Vatican Council's mandate: "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 51). Nonetheless, new liturgical celebrations continued to be added over the years, both in the General Roman Calendar and in the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America.

On December 18, 2001 – after the promulgation of the *Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia* during the Jubilee Year 2000 – the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments formally inscribed the names of additional saints into the General Roman Calendar and provided Mass formularies, Lectionary citations, and texts for the *Liturgy of the Hours* (Prot. n. 2492/01/L). The Mass formularies were included in the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, and a *Liturgy of the Hours Supplement* was approved by the USCCB in 2014 and awaits confirmation from the Holy See.

The publication of the current four-volume *Lectionary for Mass* between 1998 and 2002 included all saints and blessed at that time. The Congregation's decree of new saints, however, came only six months after final confirmation of the current Lectionary. With the passage of time, and another Lectionary update from the Congregation in 2015 (*Notitiae* 51 [2015], 349-360), the Secretariat of Divine Worship began to compile all the updated citations and other corrections into a supplemental volume of the *Lectionary for Mass*. This collection of readings was eventually augmented and developed into the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*. The Committee on Divine Worship formally approved the supplement's publication at its June 2015 meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. The supplement will bring the Lectionary up to date until a revised publication of the *Lectionary for Mass* sometime in the future.

In a preface to the new supplement, Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Committee Chairman, writes, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col 3:16). May the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement* be a valuable resource for parishes and liturgical ministers, so that the words of Saint Paul, first addressed to the Church in Colossae, may also encourage the Church in the United States to savor God's word more deeply and so to grow in holiness."

The Secretariat of Divine Worship is presently working with liturgical publishers with the hope of producing editions of the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement* by early next year. The supplement may be put into use as soon as it is published. Citations from

the supplement will be appropriately incorporated into participation aids and other liturgical ordos and manuscripts over the course of the next year.

Additions to the *Lectionary for Mass*

Twenty-six new citations are being added to the Lectionary, of which eighteen were prescribed at one time or another by the Holy See. The remainder reflect updates to the U.S. Proper Calendar.

Proper of Saints – Except for the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, all additions in this section are Optional Memorials. Thus the principle of *lectio continua* is maintained, whereby the Scripture readings of the day, even in the case of Obligatory or Optional Memorials, are proclaimed as a rule (see *Lectionary for Mass*, Introduction, no. 82):

- **510/1**: The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Jan. 3)
- **516A**: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Jan. 22)
- **517A**: Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin (Jan. 23)
- **529A**: Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (Feb. 8)
- **563A**: Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)
- **566A**: Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (May 21)
- **566B**: Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious (May 22)
- **596A**: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (July 9)
- **601A**: Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr (July 20)
- **604A**: Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest (July 24)
- **617A**: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr (Aug. 9)
- **636B**: The Most Holy Name of Mary (Sept. 12)
- **643A**: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Sept. 23)
- **651A**: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest (Oct. 5)
- **655A**: Saint John XXIII, Pope (Oct. 11)
- **663A**: Saint John Paul II, Pope (Oct. 22)
- **683C**: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr (Nov. 25)

Ritual Masses – In light of the recently published *Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Second Edition*, one New Testament reading is added to the available options for the celebration of Matrimony (vol. IV, no. 802); this option was mistakenly omitted from the Lectionary during its revision in the 1990s:

- **802-5A**: Ephesians 4:1-6

Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions – The readings and psalms for the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life are now consolidated in one location from their disparate places in the four-volume Lectionary. This collection of readings (3 Old Testament, 5 New Testament, 2 Psalms, 3 Gospel acclamations, and 7 Gospels) may be used on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22 or other occasions to draw attention to the dignity of human life:

- **947A-947E**: For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

Votive Masses – For the three Votive Masses added to the *Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia* and its vernacular translations, reading options are now accounted for:

- **968A**: The Mercy of God
- **1002-III**: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
- **1003A**: Saint John the Baptist

Emendations to Existing Lectionary Citations

Of the 1,026 citations in the four-volume *Lectionary for Mass*, twelve are being altered in one way or another by the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*. Seven are technical adjustments only (reflecting recent canonizations or a transfer of date) and do not affect the existing options of readings for those celebrations. Three citations have been enhanced by readings suggestions offered by the Holy See, and one (St. Juan Diego on December 9) is

updated with both reading suggestions and the change in title from Blessed to Saint. Finally, the proper Psalms for the extended form of the Pentecost Vigil have been added, allowing that Mass to be more easily celebrated. *Proper of Time* – For the extended form of the Pentecost Vigil Mass (first suggested in 1988 and formally added to the *Missale Romanum* in 2008), the four Old Testament readings are given in order, with proper psalms between each reading:

- **62:** Pentecost Sunday: At the Vigil Mass

Proper of Saints – Updated citations account for canonizations since 2002, transfer of liturgical celebrations to new dates in both the General Roman Calendar and U.S. Proper Calendar, and the addition of suggested readings by the Holy See:

- **510C:** Saint André Bessette, Religious (Jan. 6) – canonized 2010
- **517:** Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr (Jan. 23) – former date Jan. 22
- **561A:** Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest (May 10) – canonized 2009
- **592A:** Saint Junípero Serra, Priest (July 1) – canonized 2015
- **594:** Saint Elizabeth of Portugal (July 5) – former date July 4
- **599A:** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (July 14) – canonized 2012
- **623A:** Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (Aug. 12) – former date Aug. 18
- **636A:** Saint Peter Claver, Priest (Sept. 9) – readings added 1995
- **645A:** Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs (Sept. 28) – readings added 2015
- **683B:** Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Nov. 24) – readings added 1988
- **689A:** Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (Dec. 9) – canonized 2002, readings added 2015

Finally, upon publication of the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, four adjustments will be necessary in the 2017 and 2018 editions of the *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America*:

January 2017

23 Mon USA: **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
 green/red/white/Mass: white or violet
[Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
*Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin]**
 Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30 (317) or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” nos. 947A-947E, or the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891

June 2017

4 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY red
Solemnity
 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62), or, for the Extended Vigil, Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (*Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, 62)
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63) Pss Prop

January 2018

22 Mon USA: **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
 green/red/white/Mass: white or violet
 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 (317) or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” nos. 947A-947E, or the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891

May 2018

20 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY red
Solemnity
 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62), or, for the Extended Vigil, Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (*Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, 62)
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63) Pss Prop

* One of the Optional Memorials for this day may be celebrated only within the Liturgy of the Hours.

Abbot Gregory J. Polan, OSB, Elected Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation



On September 10, 2016, the Congress of Abbots of the Order of Saint Benedict elected Abbot Gregory J. Polan, OSB, of Conception Abbey, Missouri as the tenth Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation, succeeding Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, OSB, who served three terms from 2000 to 2016. As Abbot Primate, Polan will serve as the representative and administrative leader of Benedictines around the world. With his election, he also becomes Abbot of Sant'Anselmo in Rome, where he will now reside.

Abbot Primate Polan has served as a consultant to the Committee on Divine Worship since 2013, and is the principal editor of the *Revised Grail Psalter*, confirmed in 2010 as the English liturgical psalter for the dioceses of the United States of America. He is also a skilled musician, linguist, and a scholar of Sacred Scripture. The members of the Committee and staff of the Secretariat of Divine

Worship offer their congratulations to the Abbot Primate and their prayers for a fruitful ministry in Rome and to all Benedictines. *Ad multos annos!*

Diocesan Celebrations for the Closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

On Sunday, November 13, 2016, the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, churches outside of Rome are invited to close their Holy Doors. The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy will continue for one more week until its solemn conclusion by Pope Francis with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

As local Churches prepare for the closing of the Holy Year, one resource that may be of assistance was published last year by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. It is available via free PDF download from Our Sunday Visitor: www.OSV.com/holydoor. The final part of the document describes options for a solemn closing Mass at the cathedral and other sites that contain a Holy Door of Mercy.



The Mass formulary and readings are ordinarily those of the regular Sunday liturgy, although the Diocesan Bishop may permit or order another formulary to be used, such as the Mass for Giving Thanks to God or the Votive Mass of the Mercy of God. The Holy Door itself may be closed during the Concluding Rites, or at a separate Evening Prayer service.

As the Jubilee draws to a close, may the concluding part of Holy Year's official prayer be an inspiration for all the Christian faithful to continue experiencing the profound and loving mercy of God, and to share that mercy with all men and women throughout the world:

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us
with his 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 of you, Lord Jesus,
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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