CALENDAR NOTES

JUN 5
Pentecost Sunday

- VIGIL – On June 4, the Vigil Mass of Pentecost must be celebrated. The Extended Form is optional, but a beautiful option if properly executed.
- SEQUENCE – the Sequence “Veni Sancte Spiritus” (NOT “Veni Creator Spiritus”) is obligatory and may not be omitted on Pentecost Sunday; however, it may be omitted at the Vigil Mass.
- DISMISSAL – the “Alleluia, Alleluia” is readded to the dismissal at the end of the Easter Season.

JUN 6
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and the Church

- The orations for this Mass are found in the Votive Masses (#10B), and a printout of the readings may be found online here.

JUN 7
Tuesday in the Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

JUN 12
The Most Holy Trinity

JUN 19
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi)

- SEQUENCE – The Sequence “Laud O Sion” is optional.
- FATHER’S DAY – A prayer over the people for Father’s Day can be found in the BB, #1729

JUN 23
The Nativity of John the Baptist

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THE PENITENTIAL ACT, PART III

In the previous issues, we've been examining the Penitential Act and its appropriate execution at the beginning of the Mass. As we noted in the previous article, there are three options. Option A, found in “The Order of Mass” #4, includes the use of the “Confiteor” or “I confess” formula. Option B, found in #5, uses a sort of responsory, “Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you,” etc., and finally Option C, found in #6, adapts the Kyrie eleison litany and adds Christological invocations or tropes. In this issue, we will examine Option B.

The responsory or dialogue of Option B is rather simple. As Roman Missal, “The Order of Mass,” #5 clearly states, the priest celebrant begins the responsory after the invitation (“Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins…”) by saying or chanting, “Have mercy on us, O Lord.” The response of the people is “For we have sinned against you.” This first part of the dialogue is taken directly from the prophet Baruch: “Hear, Lord, and have mercy, for you are a merciful God; have mercy on us, who have sinned against you” (Bar 3:2). Immediately after the people respond, the priest takes up the dialogue again, “Show us, O Lord, your mercy,” with the people responding, “And grant us your salvation.” As noted in a previous issue, this is taken directly from Psalm 85 (Ps 85:8) which is prayed as part of the prayers at the foot of the altar according to the Missale Romanum of 1962 and the preceding missals.

After the dialogue, the priest prays the “absolution” prayer as in the other options, which is followed by the Kyrie, eleison. It may seem repetitive in Option B to repeat “Lord, have mercy,” but nonetheless it must be prayed as an integral part of the introductory rites of the Mass separate from this form of the Penitential Act.

The dialogical character of this option is stereotypically liturgical. As such, the priest should take extra care to make the faithful aware of their role in making the appropriate responses to the invocations said by the priest-celebrant himself. He should avoid the temptation to make the responses for or with the people; although, that might be necessary if the option is used with a learning congregation.

This particular option lends itself well to chanting. The chants printed in the Roman Missal are simple and invite participation. However, unlike with Option C, the dialogue must take place between the priest and the people, and as such, the priest must intone the invocations.

Option B, as we have seen, is a relatively simple expression of the Penitential Act, and yet, it is arguably the least frequently exercised. In our next issue, we will look at Option C as we continue to investigate the Penitential Act of the Mass.

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This solemnity is transferred to Thursday, June 23 because of the solemnity on the following day. The Gloria and Creed are said.

**JUN 24**

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
- On this, the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, prayers for priestly holiness may be included in the Universal Prayers.

**JUN 27**

*Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OKC)*
- Permitted today in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is the Optional Memorial of our Primary Diocesan patroness. Any Mass from the Common of the BVM may be used, or, from Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary: #42, BVM, Help of Christians.

**JUN 29**

*Saints Peter and Paul*
- **VIGIL MASS** — This Solemnity has a proper Vigil Mass which may be celebrated at any time in the evening the day before.

**JUL 22**

*Saint Mary Magdalene*
- **FEAST** — This day was elevated to the liturgical rank of Feast in 2016. The Gloria is said. A proper preface was composed and may be found [here](#).

**JUL 28**

*Optional Memorial of Blessed Stanley Rother*
- The Collect and other texts for the Optional Memorial of Blessed Stanley Rother may be found [here](#). This may also be observed on the following weekend.

**JUL 29**

*Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*
- For more information including Mass formulary, the USCCB provides resources [here](#).

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**CALANDER NOTES, CONT’D**

- Please promote and join the **Eucharistic Revival** in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The three-year initiative kicks off with a Eucharistic Procession from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral on **JUNE 19** in the evening. All are invited to join in this beautiful expression of our faith in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. More information [here](#).

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**RESOURCES FROM OUR OFFICE**

- **Now and at the Hour of Our Death, Third Edition:** Instructions for My Medical Treatment, Finances, and Funeral
- Various authors, including Victoria M. Tifano
- Preparing for your own death removes a great burden from your loved ones who will be suffering deep sadness upon your death. Preparing ahead of time will let them grieve without worrying whether they are fulfilling your wishes, and it may prevent conflict among family members. This booklet is a hopeful, prayerful, and practical guide that will help you record your wishes for the end of your life and funeral. It provides space for recording information regarding DNRs, living wills, and finances. It will guide you through the consumer information for funerals, while also providing theological reflections on the Catholic funeral liturgy, so you can select the Scripture readings and music you would like to be offered at your own funeral. This booklet is grounded in Catholic teaching and will help you make arrangements that reflect your faith in Christ.

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