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- 1) When a pastor or other priest is unable to celebrate Sunday Mass at a parish due to an emergency, the Pastor must take the following steps:
 - a. Do all he can to arrange for a substitute priest
 - b. Prior permission for a Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest must be granted by contacting the Bishop or the vicar General directly
- 2) The option of a Liturgy of the Word or Liturgy of the Hours as outlined in Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest is NOT to be used in non-emergency situations (ex: day off, substitute priest cancels, illness, etc.)
- 3) A Liturgical celebration (in place of a Mass) may only be conducted with permission from the Bishop or the Vicar General in regards to each specific instance.
 - a. The specific norms in “Gathered in Steadfast Faith” Bishop’s Committee on the liturgy, USCCB 1991 are to be followed along with the rubrics in Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest (revised 2007) and the updated translation of the Roman Missal Third Edition.

Weekday Communion Services

- 4) If a weekday Mass is scheduled and the priest is unable to celebrate the Mass due to an emergency situation, a weekday Communion Service may be held led by a Deacon or an approved and commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- 5) Weekday Communion Services led by a Deacon or an approved and commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be held when the priest is scheduled to be gone for an extended period of time, (ex. Retreat, study days, vacation, etc.)
 - a. The official ritual designated for a weekday communion service is the “Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass With the Celebration of the Word,” found in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass (updated with RM III translations).
 - b. Weekday Communion Services do not take the form in Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. The Pastoral Office of Worship has an outline of the Communion Service available at: <http://www.crookston.org/offices/worshipliturgy/liturgyresources>