

LECTIONARY FOR MASS SUPPLEMENT COMING APRIL 1, 2017



The new *Lectionary for Mass Supplement* will be available beginning April 1, 2017 and may be used immediately upon purchase. Three publishers have produced ritual editions:

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| ▪ Catholic Book Publishing | www.catholicbookpublishing.com | \$21.95 |
| ▪ The Liturgical Press | www.litpress.org | \$39.95 |
| ▪ Liturgy Training Publications | www.ltp.org | \$29.95 |

A Brief History

The first edition of the *Lectionary for Mass* was released soon after Vatican II (1969) and followed the Council's mandate to "open up the treasures of Sacred Scripture more lavishly so that a richer fare may be provided to the faithful at the table of God's word" (SC 51). New liturgical celebrations were added over the years both in the General Roman Calendar (GRC) and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. On December 18, 2001, after the promulgation of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed additional saints into the GRC and provided Mass formularies, Lectionary citations, and texts for the Liturgy of the Hours.

The publication of the current four-volume Lectionary (1998-2002) included all the Saints and Blesseds of the time. Even more names quickly followed. In 2015, the USCCB's Secretariat for Divine Worship began to compile all the updated additions and corrections. At its meeting in June 2015, the Committee for Divine Worship formally approved the publication of a supplement. Citations from the supplement will be appropriately incorporated into ordos and participation aids over the course of the next year.

What does the Supplement contain?

The readings for:

- Optional memorials for recently-added saints (for a complete list, see *BCDW Newsletter*, September 2016)
- Day of Prayer for the Legal protection of Unborn Children (Lectionary #516 A)
- Ritual Mass for Celebrating Marriage – Added the missing Ephesians 4:1-6 (802.5a)
- Masses for Various Needs and Occasions – consolidated the readings and psalms for the "Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (947 A to 947 E)
- Votive Masses – The Mercy of God (968A); Our Lady Queen of Apostles (1002-111); St. John the Baptist (1003A)

Emendations to existing Lectionary citations

- Twelve alterations (out of the 1,026 citations in the Four-volume Lectionary for Mass). Seven are technical adjustments, reflecting recent canonizations or transfer of date. The readings themselves are not altered.
- Three enhancements by reading suggestions offered by the Holy See
- Reading suggestions and change of title for St. Juan Diego (December 9)
- Pentecost Sunday: At the Vigil Mass – proper Psalms have been added; the our Old Testament readings given in order (62)
- Proper of Saints – updated citations account for canonizations since 2002, transfer of liturgical celebrations to new dates, and the additions of suggested readings

Please see the September 2016 issue of the *BCDW Newsletter* for details of the adjustments which will have to be made to the 2017 and 2018 editions of the *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States* (for January 22 and Pentecost Sunday). ■ RT