

# The Liturgical Year and the Calendar – Annotated Bibliography –

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## UNIVERSAL AND PARTICULAR DOCUMENTS

VATICAN COUNCIL II, **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy** *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 4 December 1963.

See CSL, nos. 102-111 for a basic summary of the liturgical year and the decrees of the council.

Available editions include:

- *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* [*Acts of the Apostolic See*] 56 (1964) 97-138.
- *Sacrosanctum Oecumenicum Concilium Vaticanum II: Constitutiones, Decreta, Declarationes* [*Second Vatican Ecumenical Council: Constitutions, Decrees, Declarations*] (Vatican Polyglot Press, 1966) 3-69.
- *Documents on the Liturgy, 1963-1979: Conciliar, Papal, and Curial Texts* © 1982, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press. ISBN: 0-8146-1281-4. ISBN-13: 978-0-8146-1281-1. [DOL 1, nos. 1-131]
- *The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource*, volume one. Fifth edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2012. ISBN-13: 978-1-61671-062-0.

SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES (Consilium), formerly the **General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar**, 21 March 1969.

Covers the rules for the year, the seasons, the days, the yearly cycle, and how days are entered in various calendars. Nos. 59-61 gives the Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence. It is also in the *Ceremonial of Bishops*, appendix II.

Available editions include:

- *Documents on the Liturgy, 1963-1979: Conciliar, Papal, and Curial Texts* © 1982, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press. ISBN: 0-8146-1281-4. ISBN-13: 978-0-8146-1281-1. [DOL 442, nos. 3767-3827]

◆ Now the **Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar**, following the new translation principles and a slightly modified table at No. 59.

- The current edition of the *Roman Missal*.
- Liturgy Documentary Series 14. *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal including Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America and Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*. Washington DC: USCCB Communications, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-60137-176-8.
- *The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource*, volume one. Fifth edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2012. ISBN-13: 978-1-61671-062-0.

SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES, **Roman Calendar**, 21 March 1969.

First published with GNLYC above. Periodically updated as new saints and blessed are added. This Roman Calendar is the basis for particular calendars of conferences, dioceses, and religious families.

Available editions include:

- *Roman Missal, third typical edition*. 2011.

CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP, **Ceremonial of Bishops**, 14 September 1984.

In addition to appendix II notes above, appendix III contains the Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, and Masses for the Dead.

Available edition:

- *Ceremonial of Bishops*. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1989. ISBN 0-8146-1818-9. ISBN-13: 978-0-8146-1818-9.

COMMITTEE ON THE LITURGY, **Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America**, annual publication.

This annual calendar is published for sale in the year prior to its use and then posted on the conference web site during the current year. This is also called the *Ordo* or the *Order of Prayer*.

Available editions include:

- *Liturgical Calendar*, noted above. [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- *American Ordo*. Priests of the Sacred Heart, PO Box 900, Hales Corners WI 53130. (414) 425-3383. [www.poshusa.org](http://www.poshusa.org) Monthly leaflet, mailed quarterly. Nominal gift.

The ordo is also published with particular notes for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Available editions include:

- *The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebrations of the Eucharist*, annual. Number 5, For the Diocese of Belleville, Peoria, and Springfield in Illinois. Mahwah NJ: Paulist Press Ordo, annual.
- *Liturgical Calendar for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois*. Annual. Included in the Monthly Mailing and posted on the web site: [www.dio.org/worship](http://www.dio.org/worship).

## BOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Secretariat, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Holy Days in the United States: History, Theology, Celebration*. Washington: United States Catholic Conference, 1984.

Treats the origins, meaning, liturgy, related customs, and pastoral suggestions for each solemnity. Discussion questions and suggested reading provided.

Secretariat, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *The Liturgical Year: Celebrating the Mystery of Christ and His Saints, Study Text 9*. Washington: United States Catholic Conference, 1985.

James Wilde. *At That Time: Cycles and Seasons in the Life of the Christian*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1989. ISBN; 0-930467-87-6.

Covers time, day and days in the year, the Christian week and year, the Christian life. An annotated Roman Calendar given in the appendix.

Mary Ellen Hynes. *Companion to the Calendar*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1993. ISBN: 1-56854-011-6. ISBN-13: 978-1-56854-011-5.

An easy to read and understand guide "for homes, schools and parishes: A daily and seasonal guide to the saints and mysteries that make up the calendar of Christians with additional notes on the calendars of Jews and Muslims and the national days of the United States and Canada.

Kathy Coffey, Donna M. Crilly, Mary G. Fox, Mary Ellen Hynes, Julie M. Krakora, Corinna Laughlin, and Robert C. Rabe. *Companion to the Calendar: A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, second edition*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-56854-260-7.

Eliot Kapitan. *The Liturgical Year*. 1999, 2011.

A one page summary of the year and an eight page handout describing the year and the seasons.

Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. *Spotlight on Liturgy*. CD-ROM. Dayton: Institute for Liturgical Ministry, 2004 and Washington: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions [FDLC], 2004. English: Item 44640. Web: <http://www.fdlc.org/Publications>; e-mail: [publications@fdlc.org](mailto:publications@fdlc.org); phone: 202-635-6990. Sample available on web site.

Easy-to-read handouts on the seasons and feasts of the liturgical year. As well as the liturgical seasons and feasts, reflections are offered for the major civil holidays. There is also a template for a

lesson plan for each occasion or for use with a faith sharing group. The files are in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format and come in a black and white version suitable for reproduction and also in a color version that could be posted on a parish or school notice board.

Thomas Dente. *Lent, Triduum, Easter*. Five bulletin inserts, 8.5 x 11. Washington: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions [FDLC], 2005. English: Item 44120LTE (paper), Item 44120LTE-Z (PDF). *Cuaresma Triduo Pascua*. Item 44130LTE (paper), Item 44130LTE-Z (PDF). Web: <http://www.fdlc.org/Publications>; e-mail: [publications@fdlc.org](mailto:publications@fdlc.org); phone: 202-635-6990. Sample available on web site.

Fr. Dente, Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark, offers a simple, readable guide to the liturgical seasons of Lent, Triduum, and Easter. Five parts (2 on Lent, 2 on the Triduum and 1 on Easter).

Thomas Dente. *The Liturgical Year*. One bulletin insert, 8.5 x 11. Washington: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions [FDLC], 2005. English: No. 44120 (paper); No. 44120-Z (PDF – Adobe Acrobat File). *El Año Litúrgico*. Spanish: No. 44130 (paper) No. 44130-Z (PDF – Adobe Acrobat File). Web: <http://www.fdlc.org/Publications>; e-mail: [publications@fdlc.org](mailto:publications@fdlc.org); phone: 202-635-6990. Sample available on web site.

From Sunday, the primordial feast day, “the flowing stream winding its way through the soul, week after week, until it has carved out a canyon of faith in the believer which is deep, complex and beautiful,” through the annual round of the liturgical year, which “unpacks for us the mysteries of Christ in a more readable, digestible form,” Fr. Dente’s reflections will help parishioners to a fuller and more conscious participation in the mysteries celebrated.

*The Year of Grace*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, annual.

The annual calendar in a circle format with art and commentary on the current liturgical year. Commentary on the seasons and week on the reverse. Poster (26x26) and notebook (11x17) formats. <http://www.ltp.org>.