



Preparing Liturgies for Confirmation

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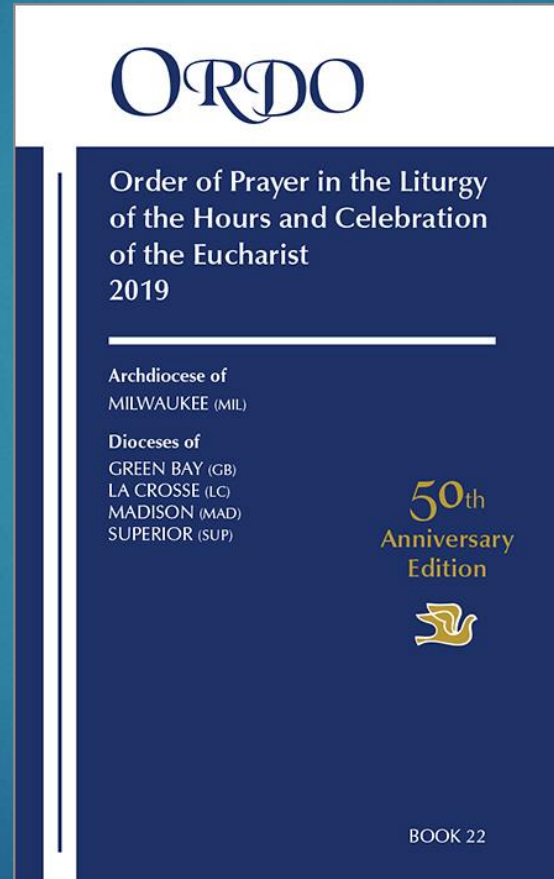
Confirmation season is upon us. Let's put together a well-prepared liturgy!

- ▶ Request a date and time with the Archbishop's or Auxiliary Bishops' Office.
 - ▶ Date and time requests for the 2020 Confirmation season are made by following the link below. The link is live until June 7, 2019.
 - ▶ <https://www.archmil.org/Confirmation-Scheduling.htm>
 - ▶ Once the dates are assigned, your parish will receive an email confirmation.

Once a date has been selected, locate the *Ordo* in your parish.

- ▶ The *Ordo* is a reference document prepared for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Dioceses of Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, and Superior, Wisconsin.
- ▶ It is a calendar containing the details of the liturgical year in accord with the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*.
- ▶ <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/upload/2019cal.pdf>

The *Ordo* looks like this:



Locate your confirmation date in the *Ordo*.

- ▶ If your parish's Confirmation date is Tuesday, May 28, 2019, you will see the following:

28 TUESDAY: EASTER WEEKDAY [6]

NOTE Wh V²R²

HOURS Pss II Seasonal wkdy

MASS Prop Easter Pf I-V

RDGS 292: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Paul and Silas are saved by the Lord (1, Ps) and strengthened by the Paraclete who is the witness of Jesus' presence (2).

What does all this mean?

- The first line contains the date.
 - [May] 28
 - Easter Weekday
 - 6th Week of Easter



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- The second line contains general notes about liturgy for that day.

- *Wh* is the color for the day: WHITE

- **V2 R2**

- A key to the symbols is found near the front of the book.

- On May 28, Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter, we find a **V2 R2**.

- **V2** means “Ritual Masses and Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions and Votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrant (GIRM, 376), permitted.”

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- **R2** means “R1 and Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial or the first anniversary (GIRM, 381) permitted.”

- Sometimes the liturgical rank will also be included in this line. (ex. S for Solemnity; F for Feast)

What does all this mean?

- The third line contains notes about the Liturgy of the Hours for that day.
 - For planning a confirmation liturgy, this will not be pertinent information
- The fourth line contains specific information about the MASS.
 - For this day, there is a Proper (**Prop**) text prescribed for the Mass.
 - Proper simply means “specific” or “special” in liturgy-speak.
 - That “specific” text is the Easter Preface I-V (**Easter Pf I-V**).
 - The preface is the opening lines of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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What does all this mean?

- The fifth line contains notes about the Lectionary Readings (**RDGS**).
 - The number, on this day #292, is the number of the readings in the Lectionary.
 - Next follows the scriptural citations for Lectionary #292.
 - First Reading: Acts 16:22-34
 - Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 138:1-3, 7c-8
 - Gospel: John 16:5-11
 - “Why is there no second reading?”
 - *Generally* weekdays do not have a second reading.

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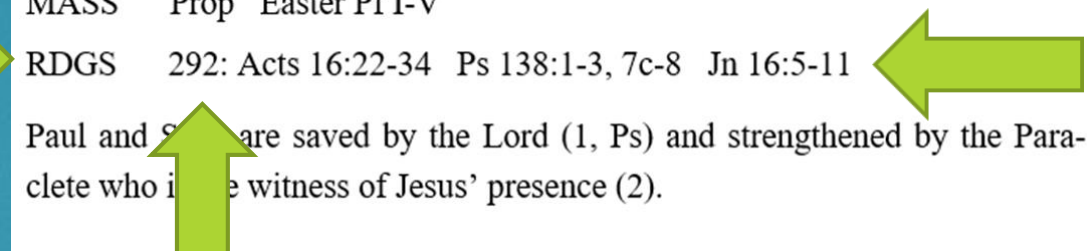
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What does all this mean?

- The remaining lines contain notes about the readings themselves.
 - In the First Reading and the Psalm (1, Ps), we hear how “Paul and Silas are saved by the Lord.”
 - In the Gospel, we hear about the Paraclete as the witness of Jesus’ presence. (2)



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How do I use this information?

1. Determine whether or not your parish wants to use a Ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation or the Mass of the Day with the Rite of Confirmation.
2. If you desire a Ritual Mass, you will notice from slide 7 that V2 R2 means you *may* use a ritual mass.
3. Ritual Masses are found in the back of the Roman Missal.
 - a. In the Roman Missal published by *Liturgical Training Publications*, the Ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation is found on **page 1130.****
 - b. In the Roman Missal published by *Catholic Book Publishing Corporation*, the Ritual Mass is **page 977.****

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***This is information on the Liturgical Planning Guide that is needed by the Office for Worship for the Opening Prayer and the Prayer after Communion.*

How do I use this information?

4. Your parish does not have to use a Ritual Mass. You may use the Mass of the Day – Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter.
5. If you choose the Mass of the Day, the readings are as they appear here.
6. If you choose a Ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation, then you must select readings because a Ritual Mass typically has its own readings.
 - a) The readings for a Ritual Mass are found in Volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass.
 - b) Lectionary #764-768

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Specifics regarding Ritual Masses

1. Most Ritual Masses sing a *Gloria*—yes, even in Advent and Lent.
2. In the example we've been studying, the *Gloria* is not sung when using the Mass of the day because it is a weekday.
3. Ritual Masses have their own proper readings.
 - a. Remember “proper” means “specific” or “special” in liturgy-speak!
 - b. Ritual Masses typically have three readings (First, Second, and Gospel), whereas a weekday Mass only has two (First and Gospel).

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Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter

- Confirmations taking place on a Sunday of Advent, Lent, or Easter must follow the readings and Mass texts (propers) of the day.
- You will notice there is no V# R# indicated for the First Sunday of Advent.
- It does NOT mean you cannot celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on this day, or at this Mass; however, it must be done within the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent, and the color will be Violet.

2 ❄️ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOTE Vi

HOURS* Pss I Seasonal prop

MASS Prop Cr Adv Pf I Sol Bl I

RDGS 3: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk
21:25-28, 34-36

We must be on guard (3) for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled (1). As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another (2), observing his covenant and decrees (Ps).

Solemnities of the Lord

- Confirmations taking place on a Solemnity of the Lord must follow the readings and Mass texts (propers) of the day.
- You will notice there is no V# indicated for the this Solemnity.
- The R1 means you may celebrate a Funeral Mass. Since there is no V#, you may not celebrate a Ritual Mass.
- It does NOT mean you cannot celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on this day, or at this Mass; however, it must be done within the Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

24 ✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

[34TH OR LAST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME]

NOTE S Wh R¹



HOURS* Seasonal prop

MASS Prop Gl Cr prop Pf


RDGS 162: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

In Hebron, David is hailed as king by all the tribes of Israel (1, Ps). Jesus is anointed king on the wood of his cross, a sign of paradox, of defeat yet final victory (3). Through his cross we have passed from darkness into the kingdom of light (2).

Holy Days of Obligation

- This slide is for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- In this case, we see **S** for **Solemnity** and **Wh** for **White** in the second line. There is no V# R#. This means that the **ONLY** Mass we can celebrate on this day is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- It does **NOT** mean you cannot celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on this day, or at this Mass; however, it must be done within the Mass for the Solemnity.

15 ✽ THURSDAY: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (USA)]



S Wh
HOURS* Sanctoral prop Common of BVM DP: prop antt compl
pss EP II of sol NP: Sun II final anthem: *Ave, Regina caelo-
rum*
MASS Prop (Day) Gl Cr Prop Pf *Sol Bl 15*
RDGS 622: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16 1 Cor
15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Days within the Octave of Easter

- In this slide, we are looking at Thursday, April 25.
- This day falls within the Octave of Easter. Because it's Easter, we celebrate the entire week as if it were Easter Sunday.
- The R1 means you may celebrate a Funeral Mass. Since there is no V#, you may not celebrate a Ritual Mass.
- It does NOT mean you cannot celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on this day, or at this Mass; however, it must be done within the Mass for the Thursday within the Octave of Easter. The color is White and the readings are from Lectionary #264.

25 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1]

NOTE Wh R¹

HOURS* Seasonal prop of day

MASS Prop Gl *Seq prop Roman Canon insert* Easter Pf I ("on this day") dismissal: alleluia, alleluia

RDGS 264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

Glorified God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (1), Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets (2). All things have been put under his power (Ps)

Unique Situation #1

- In this slide, we are looking at the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.
- Even though it is Sunday, you ARE permitted to use a Ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation as indicated by V1.
- You would also be permitted to celebrate a Funeral Mass on this day, if needed, but only after 4:00 p.m. according to Archdiocesan policy.
- If celebrating Confirmation at a regular parish Sunday Mass, consult with your pastor before making the decision to celebrate a Ritual Mass.



17 ✠ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE Gr V¹R¹ 

HOURS* Pss I Seasonal prop

MASS Prop Gl Cr Sun Pf I-VIII

RDGS 159: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

Jesus teaches that his disciples will be persecuted as a necessary prelude to the parousia. Through their perseverance (3), they will emerge victorious (1) when the Lord comes again (Ps). As we await the Day, let us conscientiously fulfill our Christian obligations (2).

Unique Situation #2

- In this slide, we are looking at Wednesday, August 21.
- “M” means it is a Memorial. We know from the first line that it is the Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope. If the M were in italics (*M*), it would mean it is an optional memorial. In this case, it is not optional.
- If you were to celebrate the Mass of the Day, there are proper texts (**Prop**) for August 21; in this case, these texts are found in the “Proper of Saints” section of the Roman Missal.
- The V2 R2 means you *may* celebrate Confirmation using a Ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation.

21 WEDNESDAY: SAINT PIUS X, POPE

NOTE M Wh V²R²

HOURS **Pss IV** Seasonal wkdy Sanctoral *Common of pastors: for a pope*

MASS Prop *Pf of Holy Pastors*

RDGS 421: Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16 *see 626: 1 Th 2:2b-8 Jn 21:15-17*

A fable ridicules those who select an unworthy person (1) as king (Ps). God’s love far exceeds human justice (2).

Pius X, † 20 August 1914; undertook liturgical and canonical reforms, especially communion for children and frequent communion for adults; condemned Modernism in *Lamentabili* and *Pascendi dominici gregis* (1907); wished “to renew all things in Christ”; patron of sick pilgrims.

Unique Situation #3

- In this slide, we are looking at Saturday, August 24.
- “F” means it is a Feast. We know from the first line, it is the Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle.
- If you were to celebrate the Mass of the Day, there are proper texts (**Prop**) for the August 24; in this case, these texts are found in the “Proper of Saints” section of the Roman Missal. Even though it is a Saturday, you *will* sing a *Gloria*, because it is a Feast. The *Gloria* is indicated by *Gl*.
- The V1 R1 means you *may* celebrate Confirmation using a Ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation.

24 SATURDAY: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

NOTE F Rd V¹R¹

HOURS* Sanctoral prop Common of apostles MP: prop antt pss Sun
I DP: pss Sat IV EP I of Sun: begin Pss I

MASS Prop Gl Pf of Apostles I-II Sol Bl 17

RDGS 629: 9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Bartholomew acknowledges Jesus as Messiah and King (Ps, 2), the Lamb of the heavenly Jerusalem (1).

Symbols that may be helpful:

✠	Sunday, holy day of obligation, Mass for the People (<i>"pro populo"</i>)
S	Solemnity
F	Feast
M	obligatory Memorial
<i>m</i>	optional Memorial
*	Hymn of Praise (<i>Te Deum</i>) sung at OR
†	year or date of death
Pss I, etc.	respective week of the four week psalter
V ¹	Ritual Masses (see <i>General Instruction of the Roman Missal</i> [henceforth GIRM], 372) permitted. Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions as well as Votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the direction of the diocesan bishop or with his permission (GIRM, 374), allowed.

V ²	Ritual Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions and Votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrant (GIRM, 376), permitted.
V ³	Ritual Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions and Votive Masses chosen by the priest celebrant in favor of the devotion of the people (GIRM, 373 and 375) allowed.
R ¹	Funeral Mass (GIRM, 380) permitted.
R ²	R ¹ and Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial or the first anniversary (GIRM, 381) permitted.
R ³	R ¹ and R ² and Daily Mass for the Dead (GIRM, 381) allowed. When R ¹ and R ² are not permitted, neither is R ³ .
<i>Italics</i>	indicates whatever is optional

Abbreviations that may be helpful:

Adv: Advent
Ascen: Ascension
Christ: Christmas
Epiph: Epiphany
Gl: Gloria
Gr: Green
mem: Memorial
Ord Time: Ordinary Time
PT: Paschaltime
(Easter Season)
Pent: Pentecost
Pf: Preface
prop: Proper
Rd: Red
RDGS: Readings

Ps: Responsorial Psalm
Seq; Sequence
Sol (S): Solemnity
Sol Bl: Solemn Blessing
Sugg: Suggested
(USA): For the United States
Vi: Violet
Wh: White
Wkdy: Weekday

[] indicates week of the current liturgical season

(1, 2, 3, Ps) indicates respective reading and responsorial psalm


Table of Permissibility: Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, or Votive Masses
 according to the directives of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) (2010) and
General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar (GNLYC) (2010)

Type of Calendar Day	Ritual Masses Permitted? (e.g. Nuptial Mass, etc)	Masses for the Dead or Funeral Mass Permitted?	Masses for Various Needs Permitted?	Votive Masses Permitted?
1. Holy Day of Obligation (a.k.a Solemnity of Precept)	NO	NO	NO	NO
2. Sunday of Advent, Lent, & Easter Seasons	NO	NO	NO	NO
3. Easter Triduum (Triduum begins with Mass of Lord's Supper and ends after Easter Vigil)	NO	NO	NO	NO
4. Solemnities of the Lord, Our Lady, or the Saints; & All Souls' Day (a.k.a Solemnities not of precept)	NO	YES	NO	NO
5. Ash Wednesday & Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thursday of Holy Week	NO	YES	NO	NO
6. Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) in Easter Octave	NO	YES	NO	NO
7. Sundays of Christmas Season, & Sundays of the Year (a.k.a Sundays in Ordinary Time)	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
8. Feasts of the Lord, Our Lady, & the Saints	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY

Type of Calendar Day	Ritual Masses Permitted? (e.g. Nuptial Mass, etc)	Masses for the Dead or Funeral Mass Permitted?	Masses for Various Needs Permitted?	Votive Masses Permitted?
9. December 17-24	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
10. Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) in Christmas Octave	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
11. Weekdays of Lent (a.k.a Ferial days of Lent)	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
12. Obligatory Memorials of the Saints	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest
13. Weekdays of Advent (a.k.a Ferial days of Advent) through December 16	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest
14. Weekdays of Christmas Season after January 2	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest
15. Weekdays of the Easter Season	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest
16. Weekdays of the Year (Ordinary Time)	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage/devotion of people at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage/devotion of people at discretion of priest

What if I have more questions?

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kim Mandelkow, Director of the Office for Worship. She is always happy to help!



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Blessings on your parish celebration of Confirmation!